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PREAMBLE

Whereas, it was the sense of the Negro Baptists of the United States as ›resented in the several Baptist organizations convened in Atlanta, Ga., ‹ember 28, 1895, and known as the Baptist Foreign Mission Convenhitherto engaged in missionary work on the West Coast of Africa; tional Baptist Convention, which had been doing missionary work in nited States; the National Baptist Educational Convention, charged e educational interests of the Negro Baptists, that these organizaion.. ould unite into one organization for the purpose of putting into ffect the benevolent intentions of their constituents by eliciting, comining and directing the energies of the denomination: therefore, said rganizations did unite and agree upon certain fundamental principles and anic 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

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or convention, to one (1) messenger upon the payment of twenty-five dollars ($25.00); any district state 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,[1] 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 secretaries 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-committees 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 adopted by this Convention and with such other instructions as may be given 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 receipt 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

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 the 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.

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 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 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 do-

nations 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 encrouch 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 accomodate 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.

6. That 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 envelop 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 oficers 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.

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 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 investigation 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.

CITIES IN WHICH THE SESSIONS OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION HAVE BEEN HELD FROM ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1880 TO THE PRESENT

Yrs.	Cities	Presidents	Secretaries
1880	Montgomery, Ala.	Rev. W. H. McAlpine	Rev. J. M. Armstead
1881	Knoxville, Tenn.	Rev. W. H. McAlpine	Rev. J. M. Armstead
1882	Macon, Ga.	Rev. W. H. McAlpine	Rev. W. R. Pettiford
1883	Manchester, Va.	Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite	Prof. J. E. Jones
1884	Meridian, Miss.	Rev. J. A. Foster	Rev. H. B. Mitchell
1885	New Orleans, La.	Rev. W. A. Brinkley	Rev. S. T. Clanton, B. D.
*1886	St. Louis, Mo.	Rev. W. J. Simmons, D. D.	Rev. S. T. Clanton, B. D.
1887	Mobile, Ala.	Rev. W. J. Simmons, D. D.	Rev. S. T. Clanton, B. D.
1888	Nashville, Tenn.	Rev. W. J. Simmons, D. D.	Rev. J. L. Cohran
1889	Indianapolis, Ind.	Rev. W. J. Simmons, D. D.	Rev. J. L. Cohran
1890	Louisville, Ky.	Rev. W. J. Simmons, D. D.	Rev. J. L. Cohran
1891	Dallas, Texas	Rev. E. M. Brawley, D. D.	W. H. Steward
1892	Savannah, Ga.	Rev. M. Vann	W. H. Steward
1893	Washington, D. C.	Rev. M. Vann	W. H. Steward
1894	Montgomery, Ala.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	W. H. Steward
1895	Atlanta, Ga.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	W. H. Steward
1896	St. Louis, Mo.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	W. H. Steward
1897	Boston, Mass.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	W. H. Steward
1898	Kansas City, Mo.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	W. H. Steward
1899	Nashville, Tenn.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Cansler
1900	Richmond, Va.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Cansler
1901	Cincinnati, Ohio.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Cansler
1902	Birmingham, Ala.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Cansler
1903	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof W. L. Cansler
1904	Austin, Texas	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Cansler
1905	Chicago, Ill.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Cansler
1906	Memphis, Tenn.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Cansler
1907	Washington, D. C.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof W. L. Cansler
1908	Lexington, Ky.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1909	Columbus, Ohio.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1910	New Orleans, La.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1911	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1912	Houston, Texas	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1913	Nashville, Tenn.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1914	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1915	Chicago, Ill.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1916	Savannah, Ga.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1917	Muskogee, Okla.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1918	St. Louis, Mo.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1919	Newark, N. J.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1920	Indianapolis, Ind.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1921	Chicago, Ill.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1922	St. Louis, Mo.	Rev. W. G. Parks, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1923	Los Angeles, Cal.	Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1924	Nashville, Tenn.	Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1925	Baltimore, Md.	Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1926	Ft. Worth, Texas	Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1927	Detroit, Mich	Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson

*Call for a National Convention of Colored Baptists

Dear Brethren: April 5, 1886, an open letter to the Baptist clergy and laymen was issued by Rev. Wm. J. Simmons, in American Baptist, asking if we should have a National Convention to discuss questions of interest to our beloved denomination. At that time the following reasons were given:

1. To promote personal piety, sociability, and a better knowledge of each other.
2. To be able to have an understanding as to the great ends to be reached by the denomination.
3. To encourage our literary men and women, and promote the interests of Baptist literature.
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 hereunto affixed, the Call is hereby made by their advice and solicitations for said convention to meet in St. Louis, Mo., August 25, 1886, 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, 2609 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.

FOREIGN MISSION OR NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION

Yrs.	Cities	Presidents	Secretaries
1880	Memphis, Tenn.	Rev. J. A. Foster	Hon. J. J. Spelman
1887	Little Rock, Ark.	Rev. A. S. Jackson	Hon. J. J. Spelman
1888	Nashville, Tenn.	Rev. A. S. Jackson	Hon. J. J. Spelman
1889	Indianapolis, Ind.	Rev. E. K. Love, D. D.	Rev. S. D. Clanton, D. D.
1890	Louisville, Ky.	Rev. E. K. Love, D. D.	Rev. S. D. Clanton, D. D.
1891	Dallas, Texas	Rev. E. K. Love, D. D.	Rev. S. D. Clanton, D. D.
1892	Savannah, Ga.	Rev. A. R. Griggs, D. D.	Rev. S. D. Clanton, D. D.
1893	Washington, D. C.	Rev. E. K. Love, D. D.	Rev. S. D. Clanton, D. D.
1894	Montgomery, Ala.	Rev. A. R. Griggs, D. D.	W. H. Steward

There was no convention of such national scope as the National Baptist Convention, 1886. The Foreign Mission Convention, however, having been organized in 1850, the National Baptist Convention accepts that date as the starting point.

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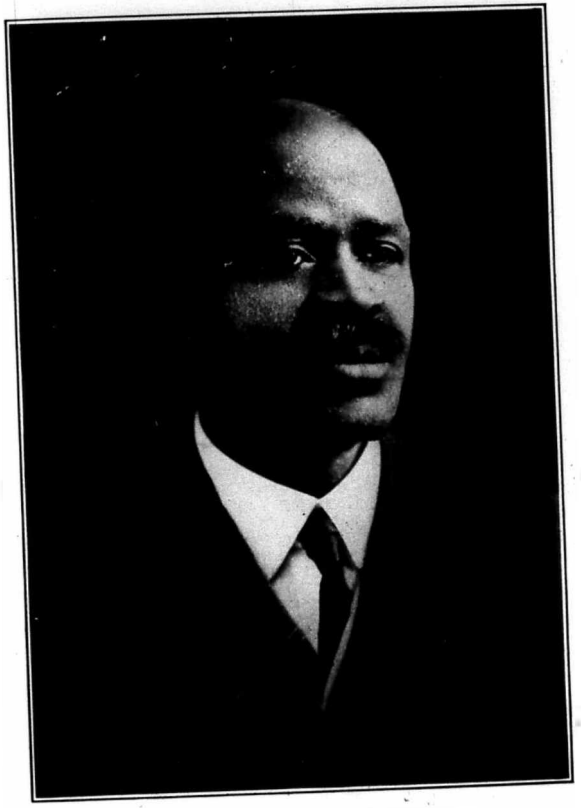

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President ----------Rev. F. K. Nicholson, Davenport
Secretary ----------Miss Genevieve Ashford, Garner
Meets third Wednesday in June.

State B. Y. P. U. Convention

President ——— Mrs. S. Bates, 1328 Stewart St., Des Moines
Secretary ——— Mrs. Irene Gibson, Des Moines

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Missionary State Convention

President ——— Rev. W. A. Bowren, D. D., 1016 B., Washington Blvd., Kansas City
Secretary ——— Rev. A. W. Ross, D. D., 821 Clay St., Topeka
Meets first week in October.

State Sunday School Convention

President ——— Rev. H. I. Monroe, D. D., 1156 Clay St., Topeka
Secretary ——— Miss Sadie Smith, Junction City
Meets 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
Meets Tuesday after the second Sunday in June.
Official Organ ——— "The Negro Star"
Editor ——— Mr. H. T. Sims, 1241 Wabash Ave., Wichita

MARYLAND

U. B. M. State Convention

President ——— Rev. D. G. Mack, D. D., 2123 Druid Hill, Baltimore
Secretary ——— Rev. D. Bryant, 1018 N. Stricken St., Baltimore
Meets Monday after the third Sunday in May.

MISSISSIPPI

E. M. State Convention

President ——— Rev. L. S. Lee, D. D., 1601 30th Ave., Meridian
Meets Thursday before the first Sunday in November.

State Sunday School Convention

President ——— Rev. J. J. Overstreet, 1923 10th Ave., Meridian
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Meets Thursday before third Sunday in May.

State B. Y. P. U. Convention

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State Convention

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Meets third week in July.

State Sunday School Convention

President ——— Rev. D. W. Higgins, Greenwood
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Meets Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in October.

State B. Y. P. U. Convention

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

M. B. and E. State Convention

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

State Sunday School Convention

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

State B. Y. P. U. Convention

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

MISSOURI

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

State Sunday School Convention

President ——— Mrs. O. C. Maxwell, 4345 W. Belle Pl., St. Louis
Meets during month of July.

State B. Y. P. U. Convention

President ——— Mrs. Rosa B. Gibson, Pleasant Hill
Secretary ——— Miss Nellie Raye
Meets 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. Botts, 2526 Grant Street, Omaha
Secretary ——— Rev. H. W. Botts, 920 S. 12th St., Lincoln
Meets first Tuesday in June.

State Sunday School Convention

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Secretary ..... Miss Bernice Fowler, 25th and Franklin St., Omaha
Meets first week in June.

State B. Y. P. U. Convention

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Secretary ..... Mrs. Anna Johnson, 2528 Worth St., Omaha

NEW JERSEY

State Convention

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Secretary ..... Rev. Wm. B. Scott, D. D., Roselle
Meets Thursday after first Sunday in October.

State Sunday School Convention

President ..... Mr. T. C. Woody, Roselle
Secretary ..... Mrs. E. L. Thomas, Jersey City
Meets 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
Meets fourth Thursday in May.

NEW YORK

State Convention

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Secretary ..... Rev. J. M. Levister, Mt. Vernon

State S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Convention

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Meets Thursday after the third Sunday in July.

OHIO

Ohio General Convention

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Secretary ..... Rev. N. S. Merritt, Ironton
Meets second Tuesday in October.

State S. S. Convention

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Secretary ..... Miss Roger Williams, 808 Pinewood Ave., Toledo
Meets during July.

State B. Y. P. U. Convention

President ..... Mr. Frank L. Reynolds, 1377 Hildreth Ave., Columbus
Secretary ..... Mrs. Clara Porter Nelson, 2636 Park Ave., Cincinnati
Meets during July.

Official Organ ..... "Ohio Baptist News"
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State Convention

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Secretary ..... Rev. N. L. Shaw, D. D., 1820 Home Ave., Dayton
Meets Monday after third Sunday in October.

State Sunday School Convention

President ..... Rev. E. Wm. Wright, D. D., 359 Springfield St., Dayton
Secretary ..... Mrs. J. H. Smiley, 2211 E. 31st St., Cleveland
Meets Monday after the third Sunday in October.

State B. Y. P. U. Convention

President ..... Rev. P. L. Herod, Box 630 Campbell
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OKLAHOMA

State Convention

President ..... Rev. E. W. Perry, D. D., 511 E. 3rd St., Oklahoma City
Secretary ..... Rev. S. A. Clarke, D. D., 1015 E. Grant, Guthrie
Meets third Thursday in October.

State Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Conventions

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Meets first Wednesday in June.

SOUTH CAROLINA

State Convention

President ..... Rev. J. S. Earle, Spartanburg
Secretary ..... Rev. H. Watkins, Belton
Meets first Wednesday in May.

State Sunday School Convention

President ..... Rev. J. C. White Columbia
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Meets third Wednesday in July.

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PROGRAM

MOTTO—"THE BAPTIST CHURCH"

FIRST DAY—Wednesday

Morning Session

9:30 Called to order, President L. K. Williams, D. D.
9:40 Devotions, Revs. P. H. Hughes, D. D., Pennsylvania; Timothy White, New York; R. F. Lee, Connecticut.
10:00 Address: "The Baptist Church at Worship," Rev. W. Abner, Brown, D. D., New York.
10:15 Welcome Addresses:
On Behalf of the City, Mayor John W. Smith.
On Behalf of the State, His Excellency Governor Fred Greene.
On Behalf of the A. M. E. Church, Bishop W. T. Vernon.
On Behalf of the Baptist Union, Dr. H. C. Gleiss.
On Behalf of Detroit Council of Churches, Dr. Ralph McAfee.
On Behalf of Ministry of Detroit, Dr. Joseph Gomez.
On Behalf of Baptists of the State, Dr. R. L. Bradby.
On Behalf of Laymen of the City, Mr. W. C. Osby.
11:20 Response to Welcome: Mr. P. D. Davis, Alabama.
11:45 Reading and Approving Program. Appointing Committees.
12:00 Convention Sermon, Rev. T. S. Boone, Texas; alternate, Rev. E. E. Burkhalter, D. D., Arizona. Foreign Mission Collection, Rev. J. E. East, D. D., Secretary Foreign Mission Board.
Benediction.

Afternoon Session

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION PERIOD

2:30 Devotions, Rev. W. P. Whitfield, Mississippi; J. W. Johnson, Oklahoma; G. W. Baldwin, Alabama.
3:00 Report of Enrollment Committee.
3:15 Presentation of the President, by Rev. O. C. Maxwell, D. D., Missouri.
Annual Address, President L. K. Williams.
4:15 Report of Secretary.
Report of Treasurer.
Election of Officers.

Evening Session

7:30 Devotions, Rev. I. V. Bryant, West Virginia; O. F. Dixon, New Mexico; R. W. Demas, Mississippi.
7:45 Address, "The Baptist Church and the Ordinances," Rev. Adams, D. D., Pennsylvania.
8:00 Educational Sermon, Rev. E. G. Thomas, D. D., Georgia; alternate, Rev. J. J. Olive, D. D., Illinois.
Education Offering, Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., Kentucky. Benediction.

SECOND DAY—Thursday

Morning Session

9:00 Devotions, Rev. C. H. Johnson, D. D., Indiana; W. A. Epps, D. D., New Jersey; L. W. Harris, Minnesota.
9:15 Address, "The Baptist Church at Work, World-Wide Missions," Rev. F. L. Sanders, D. D., Tennessee.
9:30 Reading Journal.

Benefit Board Hour—9:45-11:05

9:45 Summarization of Corresponding Secretary's Report.
9:55 Building of a Baptist Old Folk's Home, Rev. F. W. Penick, Wisconsin.
10:20 "The Need of a National Baptist Tuberculosis Sanitarium," Dr. Lambright, Ohio.
Dr. F. S. Hargrave, New Jersey.
10:50 "How to Build and Maintain an Annuity Fund for Retired Ministers," Mr. C. C. Spaulding, North Carolina.

Publishing House Hour—11:05-12:30

11:05 Summarization of Secretary's Report.
11:20 "How to Increase the Circulation of Our Literature and the Building Up of a Book Department," Rev. M. A. Talley, D. D., Pennsylvania.
11:45 Underwriting and Publishing House Rally—Appeal by Rev. E. J. Echols, D. D., New York.

Afternoon Session

2:15 Devotions, Revs. R. C. Calhoun, Georgia; L. A. Weaver, Illinois; W. C. Brown, Florida.

Historical Hour—2:45-3:20

2:45 Summarization of Secretary's Report.
3:00 "The Importance of a Negro Baptist Church History," Dr. Carter G. Woodson, Washington, D. C.

Home Mission Hour—3:20-5:15

3:20 Summarization of Secretary's Report.
3:35 "Our Present Home Mission Needs," Rev. W. F. Graham, D. D., Pennsylvania.
3:55 "The Rural Church Mission," Rev. G. P. McKinney, D. D., Florida.
4:15 "New Problems in City Missions," Rev. Gordon B. Hancock, Virginia.
4:30 "The Needs of Negro Baptists in the West," Rev. E. C. Dyer, D. D., Oregon.
4:45 Missionary Symposium and Introduction of Cooperative Missionaries and Evangelists, Rev. W. H. Moses, D. D., Tennessee.

B. Y. P. U. Hour—5:15-6:30

5:15 Summarization of Secretary's Report.
5:30 "Training for Church Activity," Rev. U. J. Robinson, D. D., Alabama.
5:45 "Aiding the Church in Missionary Endeavor," Rev. S. L. McDowell, D. D., North Carolina.
6:00 "Preserving and Inculcating Denominational Doctrines," Rev. W. L. Varnado, D. D., Tennessee.

6:15 "Making and Promoting Church Fellowship," Rev. J. K. Reynolds, D. D., Iowa.

Evening Session

7:30 Devotions, Revs. L. L. Worlds, D. D., Arkansas; W. D. Carter, D. D., California; J. J. Overstreet, D. D., Mississippi.

Foreign Mission Hour

7:45 Summarization of Secretary's Report.
8:00 Address, "Sacrifical Service," Miss M. M. Davis, Returned Missionary.
8:15 Missionary Address, "The Program of the Church," Dr. C. S. Morris, Virginia.
Collection.
Benediction.

THIRD DAY—Friday

Morning Session

9:00 Devotions, Revs. Junius Gray, D. D., Maryland; S. E. Hoard, Kentucky; Lee T. Clay, D. D., Michigan.
9:30 Address, "The Baptist Church, a Community Saving and Serving Agency," Rev. P. J. Watkins, D. D., Alabama.
9:45 Reading Journal.
10:00 The National Baptist Voice, Editor J. D. Crenshaw.
10:15 Report of Auditor and Efficiency Secretary, Prof. E. D. Pierson.

Educational Hour—11:00-1:00

11:00 "Christian Education, the Paramount Need of the Hour," Rev. T. O. Fuller, D. D., Tennessee.
11:20 "The American Baptist Theological Seminary," Rev. O. L. Hailey, D. D., Tennessee.
Dean W. T. Amiger, Tennessee.
11:45 "Importance of and How to Secure a Ministerial Scholarship Fund," Rev. R. C. Woods, D. D., Ohio.
12:00 "How Can the Convention Best Help Distinctive Negro Educational Institutions":
(a) Owned and Controlled by Negro Baptists, Rev. R. T. Pollard, D. D., Alabama; Rev. W. H. R. Powell, D. D., Virginia.
(b) American Baptist Home Mission Society, President John Hope, Georgia.
President Wm. J. Clark, Virginia.
12:30 Introduction of Presidents and Principals.

Afternoon Session

2:30 Devotions, Revs. D. M. Brown, Louisiana; Geo. W. Day, D. D., Nebraska; H. C. Anderson, South Carolina.
3:30 Pastor's Hour, Rev. W. A. Bowren, D. D., Kansas, Presiding.
Address, "Denominational Irregularities and How to Correct Them," Rev. J. Pius Barbour, D. D., Alabama.
4:00 Introduction of Visitors.

Laymen's Movement Hour

4:15 Laymen's Movement, Mr. John L. Webb, Presiding.

Evening Session

7:00 Moving Pictures of Activities of Sunday School Publishing Board, and Stereopticon Views—Presented by Prof. W. G. Hynes.
8:00 Introduction of Speaker, Rev. A. C. Williams, D. D., Michigan.
Address, Dr. R. R. Moton, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

FOURTH DAY—Saturday

Morning Session

9:00 Devotions, Revs. C. M. Johnson, Tennessee; H. E. Jones, Florida; J. S. Simmons, Texas.
9:15 Address, "The Baptist Church—Financing the Kingdom's Program," Rev. F. W. Jacobs, D. D., Alabama.
9:30 Reading Journal.
9:45 Completion of Organization of the Educational Board.

Denominational Press Hour—10:00-11:00

10:00 Editor W. H. Stewart, Presiding, Kentucky.
Introduction of Editors.
10:20 "The Negro Press and the Pulpit," Editor Robert L. Vann, Pennsylvania.
11:00 Conference State Presidents, Rev. D. V. Jemison, D. D., Alabama, Presiding.
Address, "How Presidents of the State Conventions Can Best Help in the Work of the National Baptist Convention," Rev. J. M. Nabritt, D. D., Georgia.
12:00 Report of Attorney, Hon. Chas. M. Roberson.

Afternoon Session

2:30 Devotions, Revs. B. J. Ashby, Oklahoma; F. W. Cooper, California; J. B. Eaton, West Virginia.
2:45 Consideration of Reports and Adoption of Same and Consideration of Unfinished Business.

Memorial Hour

3:30 Memorial Sermon, Rev. A. A. Cosey, D. D., Mississippi, Presiding; alternate, Rev. R. J. Madison, D. D., West Virginia.

Evening Session

6:00 Cradle Roll Hour, Mrs. R. T. Sims, Presiding.
7:30 Devotions, Revs. S. T. Eldridge, D. D., Connecticut; R. C. Canady, Georgia; I. M. Coggs, Iowa.
8:00 Evangelistic Period, Rev. B. J. F. Wesbrook, D. D., Presiding.
8:30 Evangelistic Sermon, Rev. R. B. Roberts, D. D., Tennessee; alternate, Rev. J. J. Bell, D. D., Mississippi.
Collection.
Benediction.

FIFTH DAY—Sunday

Morning Session

9:30 Sunday School Conducted by Sunday School Publishing Board, Rev. S. N. Vass, D. D., Presiding.
Rally by States, conducted by Rev. W. L. Petty, D. D., Illinois; assisted by Rev. J. A. Shields, Missouri, and Rev. W. A. Davis, Alabama.

11:00 Devotions by Revs. M. W. Withers, D. D., South Dakota; E. L. Randall, D. D., Illinois; B. W. Lockett, D. D., Kansas.
11:30 Annual Sermon, Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D., President; alternate, Rev. R. M. Caver, D. D., Arkansas.
Collection.
Benediction.

Afternoon Session

Missionary Mass Meeting

Rev. J. C. Austin, D. D., Chairman Foreign Mission Board, Presiding.
3:00 Devotions, Rev. E. L. Harrison, D. D., Texas; Rev. G. W. Sandefur, D. D., Tennessee.
3:30 Introduction and Remarks of Outgoing Missionaries: Trained Nurse, Ruth Occomy.
Surgeon-Dentist, A. F. I. DeWalt.
Physician, Pauline E. Dinkins.
3:45 Address, "Why All Should Help on Mission Program," Rev. J. E. East, D. D., Secretary Foreign Mission Board.
4:00 Demonstration of Our Missionary Endeavors Exhibited in Georgianna U. Parks.
4:30 Remarks, Dr. L. K. Williams, President National Baptist Convention.
Offering.

B. Y. P. U. Mass Meeting

Evening Session

7:30 Devotions, Revs. J. L. Burwell, Louisiana; T. S. Sandefur, Arkansas; L. A. Offutt, Kentucky.

7:45 Address "The Baptist Church and Its Ministry of Teaching," Rev. S. C. Doyle, D. D., Missouri.
8:00 Sermon, Rev. W. A. Taylor, D. D., Washington, D. C.; alternate, Rev. H. D. Parker, D. D., Alabama.
Collection.
Benediction.

SIXTH DAY—Monday

Morning Session

9:00 Devotions, Revs. J. H. Perkins, D. D., Louisiana; D. G. Mack, Maryland; A. L. Moore, D. D., Texas.
9:15 Address, "The Baptist Church and the Gospel of External Life," Rev. Joshua A. Minor, D. D., Texas.
9:30 Reading of Journal.
9:45 Report of Committees.
10:30 Report of Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. S. W. Layten; Miss Nannie H. Burroughs.
11:15 Report of S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Congress, Rev. W. H. Jernigan, D. D.

Afternoon Session

2:30 Devotions, Revs. L. T. Hughes, District of Columbia; A. C. Scott, Delaware; A. T. Allen, Indiana.
3:00 Report of Committee on Place of Next Meeting.
3:30 Report of Statistician, Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D.
4:00 Business Session.

Evening Session

7:30 Devotions, Revs. J. K. Parker, Missouri; C. A. Hamilton, D. D., Oklahoma; C. C. Summerville, Massachusetts.
8:00 Closing Sermon, Rev. J. W. Hayes, D. D., Kansas; alternate, Rev. H. M. Chapman, D. D., Delaware.
Final Adjournment.

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NOTE: Each state delegation is urged to meet as soon after arrival at Detroit 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:

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By order of the Board of Directors,

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

Proceedings

FIRST DAY—Wednesday

1. The National Baptist Convention was called to order by the President, Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D., at 10:00 a. m.

2. The chorus, under the direction of Chorister Edward H. Boatner, rendered devotional selections "I Shall Not Be Moved" and "Didn't I Shout?"

3. Introductory remarks were made by the president touching the weighty responsibilities and the importance of this session. Admonition to the vast concourse in a fatherly vein was given.

4. Rev. R. L. Bradby, Vice-President, Michigan, proceeded to conduct the exercises of devotion and welcome. The chorus sang "There is Joy in That Land." Rev. P. H. Hughes, D. D., Pennsylvania, led in singing the old standard, "Amazing Grace," and read for the opening Scripture lesson, Psalm 103. Rev. Timothy White, D. D., New York, offered prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit during the Convention. The chorus sang "Come Unto Me and I Will Give You Rest."

5. Rev. W. Abner Brown, D. D., New York, discussed the important topic, "The Baptist Church at Worship," to the delight and edification of the Convention. The address was Scriptural, orthodox, practical and spiritually helpful, covering all features of divine worship.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Honored President, Officers, Messengers, Friends of this Magic City, Detroit:

We are assembled here in our Forty-seventh Annual Session to discuss problems that confront us as a race, and as a denomination, to adjust matters concerning our interests, to gather inspiration, to explain our objectives and to encourage more teamwork. But the impression that we most desire to make on the messengers and the people of this community is, that you might have a clearer conception of the Baptist Church at Worship—for in times such as these, it is possible that we become so highly organized that the program of the church becomes a maze of soulless machinery, or we may become fascinated with a material program in which the Holy Spirit has no part.

But when we aim at the highest ideal in the Christian religion, that of bringing the soul of man into intimate fellowship with God through Jesus Christ, the Baptist church has then attained her highest mission in Christian development.

The Baptist church has a distinct program of worship regardless of what other systems may encourage. We stand and are willing to stand alone, if need be, to perpetuate the fundamental teaching of the New Testament.

When we speak of the Baptist church at worship we do not simply mean the Baptist church in action. Many Baptists are trying to be like others. There are indications of letting down the bars, and linking up with worldly institutions. Church buildings are used for every conceivable thing except worship, causing many to lose respect for the house of God.

For the Baptist church to truly be at worship we must have a place set apart where a body of baptized believers feel that they may come to approach God, and when they come they are standing before a living Being to whom all within is naked and open.

The Baptist church craves true worship—void of mere ceremonial ritualism, but rich because its grandeur rests in its simplicity.

We worship God, not the fine building, nor the preacher whatever his qualifications may be.

The Baptist church worship is democratic—no class distinction—all may worship. We feel that the blood of Calvary is the only remedy here for sin, and when the Lord's Day comes, rich and poor, the learned and unlearned turn their feet toward the house of the Lord with hungry souls, thirsting after truth—there we worship in songs of praise and thanksgiving, giving thanks to God for his many blessings, for his keeping power, his saving grace.

The veterans of the cross receive a spiritual thrill as they recount how the Lord has led them, and sing "Through many dangers toils and snares."

Those who come to worship burdened with the perplexities of life, sing with their souls "Father, I Stretch My Hands to Thee." They get new courage and go away singing "How Can I Sink With Such a Prop?" The Baptist church worships by preaching—not an address, essay, nor discourse on ancient philosophy—not a rhetorical display of information concerning Greek mythology, nor the latest findings in scientific research, but preaching by the preacher who has his lips touched with a live coal from the altar, preaching the unadulterated gospel of Jesus Christ for our edification, encouragement, and consolation.

The Baptist church worships by faith in love, unity and together. We worship with testimony and by service. And in obedience to the command of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we worship by baptism and we worship by carrying out his request to eat bread and drink wine as a memorial of his broken body and shed blood until he come again.

Then we worship in prayer. When we cannot come up to Zion, we can enjoy individual worship. The hour cometh, saith Jesus, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Jesus encouraged secret worship. "Enter into your closet, pray to your Father which is in secret. What a privilege prayer worship! No prayer book. Real prayer is not a language of the lips, but a language of the soul. Prayer is the soul's sincere desire. When the Baptist church is engaged in real worship we see results—souls are born into the kingdom.

As I take my seat I mention that we worship by giving. I mention this last because I wish to give you a concrete demonstration of what it means to worship by giving.

The great Metropolitan Baptist Church, of New York City, the Rev. Dr. W. W. Brown, pastor, cheerfully contributes each year $3,000 for mission and education. Dr. Brown, her honored pastor, who blazed the trail and became one of the pathfinders in supporting denominational enterprises sets an example to his church by taking the initiative and making a personal contribution to the Publishing House of $100.00. Then it is easy to interest the church, and the church sends another $100.00. And then Metropolitan worships by helping to spread the gospel to the heathen that they, too, may learn to worship the one true and living God.

Therefore I take pleasure in presenting to this Convention a check for $100.00 from the pastor for the Publishing House, and $100.00 from the Metropolitan Baptist Church for the Publishing House and for foreign missions $600.00, making a total of $800.00.

6. In the introductory remarks of His Honor, the Mayor, John W. Smith, told of the decoration of the City Hall of Detroit in honor of the Convention. Mayor Smith made a happy address, describing the magic city which within a decade has doubled its population and trebled its area.

ADDRESS OF MAYOR JOHN W. SMITH

Dr. Bradby, Distinguished Guests and my Fellow Countrymen:

I feel it a very pleasing and distinguished privilege indeed to be able to come here as a chosen representative of the city and bid this great Convention welcome.

It is quite fitting that this Convention should select this great wondrous city of the West to hold its deliberation, because in a past decade this city has begun a growth so phenomenal. We are happy to have you come here and to look at that growth. While we have been growing in factories and buildings of industry, your people have been coming from the Southland, and we have given them work to do.

We are glad to have you here, because this is a city that needs the inspiration that comes from this great Convention.

It is no hard task for me to say that you are welcome. You have already seen that well expressed in the faces of the citizens of Detroit. You will see and find it everywhere you go. I want you to feel that you are in the home of the very best friend that you have. Take off your coat, take off your shoes if you like. You are welcome everywhere except in court.

The address obtained a deep and favorable response.

7. A letter of welcome from the Governor, His Excellency, Fred Greene, was read.

8. Dr. H. C. Geiss, President of the Baptist Union, delivered a welcome for the Baptists. This was a full and free fraternal address to his brethren in Christ Jesus. The work of the Union was displayed in the housing of churches and caring for the migrants. Eighty colored and fifty-six white churches attest the miraculous growth of Baptists in Detroit.

ADDRESS OF DR. H. C. GEISS

Mr. President and all the Honorable Officers and Dear Brethren:

We welcome you as brethren in our Lord Jesus Christ. Recently I was at a luncheon and a lady at my left said, "How does it happen that you, who were born in the South, are a Northern Baptist?" I was happy to inform her that among Baptists there really are no such relations. We happen to have three great Conventions, the Southern Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Convention and the Northern Baptist Convention. We have three Conventions, not as a question of orthodoxy or lacking orthodoxy, not as a matter of superiority or inferiority, but purely as a question of convenience. Those who live in the South are members in the Southern Baptist Convention; those who live in the North and West are members of the Northern Baptist Convention; those who belong to the Negro race are members of the National Baptist Convention. Next year we shall go to the Baptist World Alliance in Toronto, and there will be no such distinction. We will all be plain Baptists whether we come from America, Europe, Asia, Africa or the Islands of the Sea.

We greet you as a great body of believers. More and more your leaders are able to take their stand alongside of all the other great religious leaders of the world. You have a great mission ahead of you. A few years ago the Y. M. C. A. had a world gathering in Stockholm, Sweden. There were many points of sharp difference between the representatives of Europe and America. One who was an attendant at that gathering told me that on several occasions it was the advice and influence of the natives of India and China who saved the day and preserved the harmony of that great gathering. Thus, that which some people would call the "Yellow Peril," or "Colored Races" of Asia, acted as the balance-wheel and the preservers of Christian unity. I see no reason why the representatives of the National Baptist Convention shall not in the Providence of God, at some moment of great stress, also rise to the occasion and render a similar service. But, to do that, you must be God's elect; you cannot just be braying around "I want my right." The same rule applies to the colored races as to the white races. He who serves most shall be greatest. We must emulate the spirit of Jesus our Christ, keeping him as our great exemplar. This is the crucial point in the whole matter.

We welcome you to our great and beautiful city as law-abiding citizens. There is your strength. Certain rich and powerful individuals and agencies seem to think that they can break the laws of God and of man with immunity. Whatever they may or may not be able to do, the common man and the race that has come up out of adversity, as you have, certainly cannot play at this dangerous game. For let it be well understood, no man can with impunity violate the laws of God and man. The all-seeing eye of God knows, and his day of reckoning is coming. Do not be disturbed, "the mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly accurate." If, as a Convention and a race, you will stand for these principals, you will receive high recommendation and you will be a tremendous power for good.

This morning we welcome you as a body of co-workers. We must come to the place where we shall destroy that great crime of "race prejudice." Not necessarily to obliterate race identity and substitute therefor an amalgamation or hybrid condition, which, very largely loses out for that which is best in any race, but that Christian culture, which will give us the grace to live together as the redeemed of the Lord, so that every one may have an equal opportunity. You will be greatly interested to know about the co-operative effort which the colored and the white churches have developed in Detroit. When, in 1916, a great host of your people came to our fair city, we were poorly equipped to receive them. A tremendously important service was rendered by the great Second Baptist Church, which is the largest Baptist church in the State of Michigan, and has one of the best churches, one of the best pastors, and a superb church organization, in showing the right spirit to those who were new comers among us, and by enabling them to become adjusted to the social conditions in their new surroundings. Let no one abuse the social application of the teachings of Jesus Christ. Social service cannot take the place of regeneration. On the other hand a professed new birth, which is lacking in an attempt at social justice, is far from the genuine article.

Twelve years ago we had in Detroit only one colored Baptist church. Today we have about seventy in the metropolitan area. The Second Baptist Church at that time was poorly housed. Its present church edifice and site is easily worth $500,000.00. In addition thereto many of the other churches have made noble progress. Through our cooperative effort known as the Advisory Council of the Detroit Baptist Union, which is composed one-half of Negro and one-half of white members, we have jointly assisted eighteen churches to acquire properties which, with that which is now under construction, will be more than one-half million dollars. Add to this the small churches which have bought property on land contracts, and you have church property, not all paid for, but purchased and occupied by these our Negro churches of more than $1,000,000.00. The membership has grown from about 1000 to more than 25,000. This is indeed a marvelous achievement. We trust you will find opportunity to see a number of these excellent buildings, some already occupied and others under construction. But, do not all of you decide to stay here, as we are already taxed beyond our capacity in providing church homes for those of our brethren now here.

I am happy to come to you this morning, representing particularly the fifty-six white Baptist churches and their membership of over 18,000, to bid you welcome as children of the Most High. We would bid you look to the future. You have made great progress in the past 75 years, but the best is yet ahead. With the start that you now have, you can do better than you have ever done before. The value of the meetings of your organization cannot be overestimated in considering the future progress of the Negro race. Your people must ever have God in their thinking. No people can make the right progress without God, much less can a people that has been oppressed make the desired progress by ignoring God. Therefore the work of the National Baptist Convention is second to no work done by any organization in America. We recognize that in your organization there is more potential power for good in facing up the future progress of the Negro race than in any other organization on earth. We therefore wish you God's richest blessing and the presence and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

9. On behalf of the ministry of Detroit, Rev. Joseph Gomez, D. D., extended welcome. His address was well received. It showed a wonderful grasp of comparative history and was a high tribute to the work of Baptists in all departments of human development, secular and religious.

ADDRESS BY REV. JOSEPH GOMEZ, D. D.

Presiding Officer and Members of the National Baptist Convention, and Friends:

I am sure that we are all very happy this morning to say welcome to this great body of Christian workers, and I am sure joy dwells in our hearts this morning. It seems to me that this time affords the highest opportunity for an inventory. In well regulated business they cease their activities once in a while to take an inventory of its achievements; and if those in command are wise they will seek in a like manner to see whether they have made progress commensurate to our opportunities—seek to know just what our strength is, and what our weaknesses; and having found them seek to make such legislature as might prove more noble in the future than in the past.

This is an age of competition. An age perhaps when they are giving more stress to the survival of the fittest. No church, no organization, no community, no body of men or women, have a right to existence in a community unless they serve humanity.

We welcome you to this city as first among cities, in the fact that American history reveals to us no finer body of people than the Baptists of America. Sometimes when I read of the fightings of these fine spirits who in the War of the Revolution headed by Roger Williams, it seems to me that it reads more like an epic than a record of denominational activity, but this is true, and to my mind is one of the most striking things in the history of the Baptist church in those early days of our American republic. And more significant that the Baptist American presented the most solid support that the Revolutionary cause had. On the list of royalist men supporting Great Britain there was not to be found in those days a single Baptist. The Baptists also led in that great and far reaching endeavor for the separation of church and state. And I stand here today to say that nowhere under God's heaven can we find anything in history so illuminating, so entrancing and so inspiring than the work of the Baptists in the early history of America. Read in history of the Baptists of this country, of the petitions they offered, the great fight they waged in Virginia, the tremendous movements they put over. Read of the great endeavors of the Baptist church, and that fine, fine spirit of those men,

who perhaps more than any other men fought for religious freedom.

I am happy today to welcome the sons and daughters of that splendid body of splendiil men. I stand here to take off my hat to you, to say that in missionary endeavors, the Baptist church has played a tremendous part. You have sought to stress the need of a Christian education, even from the early days of history. Then there is something so fine about the colleges of those early Baptists. I want to say that Detroit is growing rapidly in Baptists.

Fifteen years ago we had but fifteen Negro churches in Detroit. Today we have more than 100. I say this today, that there is not one iota of jealousy in our hearts—for after all your cause is ours. As one we have a joint task to perform, a common end to fight for, and a common enemy to fight. Not only have we got to fight, but we must find the proper fitting in this American polity for ourselves and aside from that, we have a duty to perform, and that duty is to keep alive the spirit of evangelism. I sound the alarm today that the churches of our race, as the churches of no other race, have an opportunity to lead the people who have wandered away from God back to his fold.

Here in Detroit, thank God, we have a splendid body of Baptist brothers. Detroit today is proud of the leadership and comradeship of Dr. Bradby. He not only preaches heaven to the people, but he preaches earth, also. We thank God today that we have men and women, and ministers who are grappling the great social and moral problems, and are telling men and women we cannot make fine men and fine women out of razor addicts and gun addicts.

You are welcome today to our churches, to our homes and all we possess.

10. An address on behalf of the laymen was presented by Mr. W. C. Osby. A timely and very appropriate welcome was extended by this distinguished layman.

ADDRESS BY MR. W. C. OSBY

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am sure that this time comes but once to the average citizen in a lifetime to be permitted to stand before you and extend words of welcome in behalf of the greatest city in America to one of the greatest bodies of Christian representatives in the world. It is altogether fitting and proper that you should come to this great State of Michigan, and City of Detroit; for in my opinion, friends, no other state in the Union has more historical setting than this great commonwealth of which we are a part.

Founded two hundred and six years ago it has been loyal to three flags. Founded by the French in 1601; in 1716 passed into the hands of the British and in 1796 passed into the hands of America, and in 1800 again fell into the hands of British. In 1813 it again passed back into the hands of America. There stands right over there at the foot of the square a monument at the base of which is the figure of a Negro woman placing flowers on the grave of sailors—black sailors—that sleep today over there in Lake Erie that this city might be possible. Just over there General Grant once lived. About five blocks from where I stand in 1859, Frederick Douglas and John Brown met in a house and made plans to charge Harper's Ferry. Then it is never to be forgotten that Detroit was the Union station of the underground railroad which transported the slaves just across the water to freedom. Today the history of Detroit is dotted with memorials of war heroes.

My message to you today is that our lives may be better because we have your lives. May you go back to your homes with a new vision and may God bless you and help you to carry out this programme.

11. Bishop W. T. Vernon, of the A. M. E. church, was presented and delivered the closing address of welcome. It moved the innumerable throng and stirred the deepest emotions of the thousands assembled for the Convention.

ADDRESS BY BISHOP W. T. VERNON

Dr. Bradby, President Williams, Distinguished Guests, Members of the National Baptist Convention and Friends:

I am very glad to be here this morning to speak to you out of my heart. I am very glad to be on this platform with your distinguished leaders. Very happy indeed to have heard the address of Dr. Gleiss. I am very glad to have heard the magnificent address that came from John W. Smith, the man who had the courage to be a brother to all men, and no secret organization can intimidate him. I feel very much at home with Dr. Bradby, who is my big brother, and a splendid Christian brother and gentleman. When he invited me here I so arranged my conference that was to meet this week, for next week, so that I might have this week off, and shake hands with friends and look in on this deliberation, and to let you know from the depths of my heart you are welcome.

I came to this town some fifteen years ago when he was a minister just beginning his career. I shall not forget how he went out of his way to be a brother and friend. I am here and I think I have a right to be here. I did not begin coming to National Conventions this morning. I was at the National Convention twenty years ago. I look over the audience and see some faces that are not here this morning. You had that great Dr. Gatby, and others. Those were wonderful men. I have not forgotten these men. And I have met great Baptist leaders in every part of the earth, and have been treated as a brother. In the hours of stress, in the hours that tried my soul, I have never appealed to the Baptist clergy that they have not heard. It was Baptist men who endorsed me for the Bishopric. When I had problems that I could not solve I went to one of the most blessed souls on earth, who has gone to his reward. I can hear him now in his dying hours singing:

"I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me."

I have a right to be here—I knew Dr. Morris—I knew all of your great leaders. I am happy to know the man, who to my mind is a fine type of a Christian gentleman, who takes his place with the best the race has produced—your President, Dr. L. K. Williams. When we talk of leadership we should get behind the men who are our leaders and back them up. If you look with me into history you will find the warriors, not of men who spilled their blood or the blood of others, but of men whose conquests were victories of the soul. I refer to Roger Williams. I have seen your great endeavors and seen you stretch out your hands to foreign mission.

When I was sailing to Africa several years ago one of your men came to me and said to me, "Dr East told me to tell you he is just back from Africa, and when you reach South Africa, you are likely to have trouble." Dr. East did not know how grateful I was to him for that. God is good, and when the British Government decided that I might not land, the American consul came down and freed me from this three days' imprisonment.

I tell you another thing I know about your work. One day there came to me in South Africa Dr. Malekebu and his young wife. They had been turned out from their country. There had been much trouble there. Black men and black women were whipped until they dropped in their tracks. But your Baptist converts, like Paul and Silas in prison, prayed and preached to their native brethren still. Dr. Malekebu came to me and said he had no money and no place to go and what should be do. I told him there was only one thing to do, and that was to come to my house and stay. Within 60 hours your great church cabled back passage for Dr. Malekebu and his wife and took them out of South Africa. I know something of your history and what you are doing. The church standing for such work as this is my church.

Oh, my brethren, the call is to lead the church—and what is the church? It is not the M. E. church, it is not the Congregational church it is not the C. M. E. church, it is not the Baptist church, but the church of Jesus Christ, that is the church this morning. Do you know I am proud to be a worker in the church of the Living God. Where is the church? Is it in the great cathedrals, is it in yonder mountains—NO. I have seen it in your great churches here, I have seen it in your work here, I have seen it down at the seashores. I have seen the church some thousand years ago when Jesus, walking by the shores of Galilee, called the fishermen to lay aside their nets and follow me and I will make you fishers of men. The church is the last word in heaven. The world has tried everything and all have failed.

I think of the commission. What is this commission? "GO." Don't take script nor purse. When men set out into great enterprises they are given stock, given money. Go out there and preach. Go to be abused and mistreated. Go out yonder to suffer. Go to be burned at the stake. "Go." Go unwept unhonored and unsung, but must go. Whether on the mountain with feet bruised and torn—Go, and I will be with you even unto the end of the age. Was there ever a commission like it? That is the spirit—Go my brothers—Go. Go in my name. And I tell you it must be one Lord, one faith and one baptism of the Holy Ghost.

My brothers that is our work to preach from the pulpit the gospel as it is. I have no patience with any pulpit which will not preach the whole gospel. I want to see the day when pulpits will speak out against lynching, that is the white pulpits. I want to see the day when the Negro pulpit will speak out for rights and against prejudice.

I am glad to be here, and I am with you in spirit and in heart. I believe in God, the maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ his Son. And the church must take this stand, if we do, we can say like John Irving when he was dying, they said to him, "John, have you anything to say this morning?" "Only this, is the light still burning?" That is all I want to ask, brethren. I will feel happy if when dying I am able to gasp his name with my last breath.

When in Zululand my wife and I rode a great distance back in the interior, and while camping there, from out of the darkness there came through the air—what do you suppose? I heard something like this—"Hum-hum." Those Zulu women with their babies strapped to their backs, barefooted, some with tiger teeth around their arms, their necks and legs, but in Zulu I heard them singing "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound."

12. The Convention chorus gave the refrain, "L. K.," as a salute to the president.

13. The response for the National Baptist Convention to the welcome addresses was delivered by Mr. P. D. Davis, Alabama. The address was replete with humor, pathos and information and measured up to the high ideals of the Convention.

RESPONSE BY MR. P. D. DAVIS

President Williams, Officers and Members of the National Baptist Convention, Citizens of Detroit, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I feel it a very great honor to be permitted to reply to these splendid welcome addresses delivered by the various citizens of Detroit. I was especially interested in what the Mayor said with regard to having decorated the City Hall, because of the coming of the National Baptist Convention. I fell like telling the Mayor it would be sufficient to decorate the City Hall if nobody but L. K. Williams, President of the National Baptist Convenion, was coming.

I am glad to hear the doctrine of brotherhood preached here today. I was glad to hear Dr. Gleiss who spoke of the spirit of cooperation as exists here in the City of Detroit. Do you know that the members of the National Baptist Convention have always believed in the spirit of cooperation?

We are glad to hear the doctrine of the survival of the fittest. That is what L. K. Williams, R. B. Hudson, and E. C. Morris taught for years. I remember a few years ago speaking to an audience and saying that the man best gifted with the art of jurisprudence would always win his case, and a fellow on the platform said, "That's right." I said to a preacher that a preacher who was most devout and entered into the heart and sympathy of the people would always get the best pastorate. He said, "Let's hope so."

We are glad to hear these other speakers, especially Bishop Vernon. Bishop, we are delighted to know that you have the history of the Baptists. You state that you have never appealed to the Baptist that they have not come to your rescue. Whenever you get ready to put on the whole armour and get ready to be baptized, I can guarantee the Baptist ministers will answer your appeal.

The only question the Negro has in mind today is "What is over the hill?"

We like to think of the progress of the Negro. We think of the time when captives by the rivers of Babylon. We sat down, we wept, yea, we wept. They also carried us away captive, required of us a song. Sing one of the songs of Zion. Then we cried, "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning, and my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

Let's rejoice in the fact that ever since Emancipation this race has made great progress, and what is more, it doth not yet appear what we shall be.

When our country celebrates the anniversary of our Independence, the Negro in common joins in singing "America," "Star Spangled Banner," and "Over There"; all strike a responsive chord in our heart. We like to honor the memory of George Washington, "First in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen." But my friends we not only rejoice in that, we rejoice in the memory of Abraham Lincoln who forged his way from log cabin to Presidency of the United States, and broke the shackles of slavery from more than four million Negroes. Then Negroes rejoice in more than that, they rejoice in that black boy Crispus Attucks who laid bare his breast and spilled the first blood for American independence. We like to think of those heroes of the Spanish-American War, who on that bright sunshiny morning with leaps and bounds marched up the hill of San Juan, and established their own National Anthem—"There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

I say all this to say this, the Negroes of the National Baptist Convention honor their heroes.

Just a word about human brotherhood. The brotherhood of man can not be denied. The brotherhood of man is a no less interesting part of our Christianity than the Fatherhood of God. To deny one is to deny the other. Jesus Christ died that shameful death that every race throughout the length and breadth of the universe might have a common interest in that land from whose bourne no traveler returns.

Do you know it is the chief aim of everyone to get happiness out of life—supreme happiness. Yet in this rapid transient age we must strive not for happiness at the cost of our fellow man.

We want to accept your welcome today in the spirit in which it is given, and if we had at our command art of skillful language it would be inadequate to express our sincere gratitude for these kind words of welcome.

14. Committees were appointed. The chorus sang, "Have You Got Good Religion."

15. Rev. J. L. Campbell, D. D., Tennessee, invoked the blessings of God upon the messenger, the message and the Convention as we prepared to hear the Convention sermon by Rev. T. S. Boone, Texas. Prof. W. M. Lewis sang, "Life Is Like a Mountain Railroad."

16. Rev. T. S. Boone, distinguished son of a very distinguished sire, was presented to the Convention by the president. The preacher selected for the lesson text, Genesis 1:1, and John 1:1-3. Subject, "Things Started, by Whom, When and How!" The message was an excellent treatment of this oft quoted and discussed theme. He gave another blow to all the forces against the divine order of creation demonstrating fully that the truths of God are safe in the hands of the young educated Negro minister and that they will be numbered among the most valiant and valued contenders of the faith once delivered to the saints.

17. The president led in singing feelingly, "I Am Nearer My Home."

18. An offering was taken for African missions, as the first offering of the session, by Dr. J. E. East, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

19. Rev. W. F. Graham made announcements concerning the Convention's Financial System.

20. The chorus rendered several selections: "Everybody Will Be Happy," and "I Am Going to Stand Right on That Shore," during the offering. "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was led by Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D. Announcements of State and Board meetings were made. Adjourned.

Afternoon Session

21. The Convention reassembled at 2:30 with Prof. E. W. D. Isaac conducting devotional singing. Rev. J. M. Nabritt, D. D., Georgia, called the Convention to order and presented Regional Vice-President, J. C. Jackson, D. D., Connecticut. Rev. G. W. Baldwin, Alabama, read the 24th Psalm for the Scripture lesson. "O for a Closer Walk With God" was sung, and prayer was offered by Rev. E. E. Edwards, Alabama. The chorus sang, "There Is Joy."

22. President Williams presented Dr. Giles, Chicago, President National Medical Association, who brought fraternal greetings.

Dr. Williams, Officers and Members of the National Baptist Convention:

It is indeed a privilege as well as a pleasure for me to meet the National Baptist Convention and bring you fraternal greetings. A few weeks ago I was wondering what I should say.

Several of the hospitals in the country for the first time in the history have opened their hospitals to us and turned the knife over to their black brothers. This is of very great significance.

We were addressed this morning by the Mayor, John W. Smith. He is a man that has the welfare of the people at heart. It is directly through his influence that we have the promise of within three years the erection of a large hospital maintained for colored people in this city. You are to be congratulated upon having a president who realizes a gospel of the body as well as a gospel of the soul. No man can do justice to the race unless they can take care of the body.

Did you know that our tuberculosis death rate is six times larger than that of the white race of this country? The average life of the white race is estimated at 64 years, and the average life of the colored person is averaged at 45 years.

There is only one colored physician to every 13,000 Negroes. Last year there were only 527 colored boys and girls studying medicine, and of that

number only 129 graduates. At the present time there are only 10 hospitals in this country recognized by the American Medical Association. The infant death rate among our race is also larger than that of any other race. Unfortunately it is true also that we are the only race that crucifies its leaders.

If you will look over the list of our dead, there is Booker T. Washington, Frederick Douglass and others, who all died in the prime of life before doing all the service within them to the race. It is for us to see that their lives are preserved.

We are, therefore, making this effort to meet groups, particularly religious groups. Therefore, if we are to help our race, if we are to preserve their lives, we must have more hospitals and larger hospitals. We are establishing missions in Africa. We are establishing great churches, but there is another thing we want to save; save those hundreds of lives that are thrown away each year.

Therefore, we ask at this session that the National Baptist Convention appoint a committee to meet by which we can establish a large hospital in the North and a large hospital in the South. It is for you to take care of yours, those who sicken, and those who have borne the burden in the heat of the day. If you do this you will have rendered a noble service to humanity, and blazed the trail for other organizations.

23. A motion prevailed that ushers who sell during the Convention be summarily dismissed without pay.

24. A Committee on New Organizations was appointed as follows: A. L. Boone, J. W. Whitehead, S. T. Eldridge, W. A. Taylor, W. B. Scott, A. M. Johnson, L. A. Weaver.

25. Rev. O. C. Maxwell, D. D., Missouri, in well chosen words like apples of gold in pictures of silver presented the illustrious leader of Negro Baptists, the organizer and leader, Rev. L. [redacted] Williams, D. D., Illinois, President, to deliver his annual message.

Brother President, Officers and Members of This Great Convention, Visitors Who Are Present Here, and Everybody Else:

It is customary when presenting a speaker to give or attempt to give an appraisal of the speaker. It is important that one give an adequate or fair and just appraisal of the speaker. However, it is impossible to give an adequate or fair and just appraisal of the present person whom I am to present to you, because of the inadequacy of human speech.

The States of Alabama and Texas gave to us this great character whom I am about to present to you. These states have been most profligate in the number of great men, great lawyers, great physicians, great statesmen and what not. One stands out preeminently; one stands out with rare distinction; and that one, is known not only to Baptist forces but to all the people of this proud land of our. His character is to be considered, his ability, the uplifted spiritual attainment of that character—all this when you think of the humble birth of this great character.

When they looked over the records from his birth to the schools and colleges of his training, the pulpits which he pastored, the cities where he labored and followed him to the church which he now pastors, every step of the way there stood out that untarnished, and unblemished character without spot or wrinkle which has been a great asset to this denomination of ours, the greatest asset which we have had. And not only his character but his ability has saved us. Some men can think more of ability than others.

His wonderful command of English and the wonderful manner in expressing himself all tend to serve as a wonderful asset to us.

You remember that is what changed the Union, the expression of Abraham Lincoln that the country could not exist half free and half slave. You remember that verse of 16 to 1, and the praise and honor that came to William Jennings Bryan.

But friends, listen to me, no verse brought this character to the presidency of the National Baptist Convention. He came to the presidency in '22, not by accident, but after having worked side by side with his brothers through suffering, and because of love of the people.

All hail to this character, all praise to this glorious president, the president of this Convention, Dr. L. K. Williams.

26. President Williams delivered an address that dealt strictly with the business of the Convention, and carried helpful and sane recommendations concerning all its Boards. It was an address that carried convictions at every step of the earnest, fearful, forceful, just and honorable chraacter of this God given leader. It would be foolish for Negro Baptists to pass unheeded the warning notes of this father in Israel. The necessity of a financial campaign was stressed. A glorious tribute in matchless eloquence was paid to the peerless Negro womanhood. An appeal for economic and united efforts on the part of the group was made. The right use of wealth and the ballot was urged. We were cautioned of the crucial period in Negro religion, when atheistic tendencies are being developed and literature is being published by Negroes breathing threats against God and the church.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

Once more it is my supreme pleasure and pleasant duty to appear before you and make another annual report.

Another year has just rolled into the silent recesses of an unknown eternity. It was a year pregnant with restlessness, unusual changes and many complex problems. You are graciously blessed to have survived its storms, floods, diseases and death. The year just passed has bequeathed to all coming years and to you a rich legacy and many unfinished duties. You represent the largest religious group of our race, and this is the day of your opportunity, your supreme hour. What you do or fail to do now will, I believe, affect the entire world, for weal or woe, more than any other similar group, and perhaps more than you yourselves realize. I wish I had the wisdom, the words, the eloquence and the logic to impress you with the weight, significance and the importance of this hour. This, rightly appreciated, would transform us and our every session here so that the light of heaven would shine upon us and the atmosphere of glory would blow upon and refresh our souls. I beseech you, my fellow-comrades, to struggle with me while here to make this session of our Convention and this great city the gates of heaven. And now it is my duty to submit to you a survey of our work, its needs, successes and accomplishments for the year, and to make such suggestions for the future and for the improvement of the Convention as in my judgment are required.

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

This year's session of the Congress was, according to my way of thinking, the best we ever had. The programs for the departmental meetings and the programs for the general meetings were well prepared and executed with great enthusiasm and many happy beneficial results. People attending the Congress this year went home singing its praise and worth, feeling that they had been amply compensated for all the sacrifices they had made to attend it. Our young people had an opportunity to see our new publishing house and departed from Nashville feeling happy that they

were Baptists. I heard many declare this in my presence, and that they had resolved in their hearts to make some liberal contributions to help free their denomination of all debts. The marked improvement in the Congress this year is a pledge and prophecy of what we shall have next year.

The Auditor

More and more we are appreciating the necessity and the wisdom of our present auditing system. Instead of all Boards having separate auditors appointed by and responsible to the Boards, we only have one auditor elected by and amenable to the entire denomination as represented by the Convention. This method is far more adequate and satisfactory, because it is not only the work of an auditor to manipulate accurately figures representing the business operations of an enterprise, unifying accounts of bookkeepers, etc., but it is his duty to ascertain the full strength and weakness of the business of the institutions which it is his duty to audit. He must be a business man, competent to analyze in an expert, transparent manner the entire business operations of the concern he assumes to audit. Again, he must be conversant with the spirit, customs, virtues and values of an enterprise before he can perform a satisfactory audit. This being true, if the Boards were permitted to make separate audits, with different auditors not acquainted with the usages and practices of our Convention and denomination, the results would not be uniform nor as complete as under our present system. For under our present system, our auditor working through all of our departments, can discover the individual and relative strength and weakness of the same, and make such suggestions as may be required to edify and properly articulate the several separate departments with the Convention. Then again, if we partition among the departments, the power to do their own auditing, the Convention will be weakening itself and courting a loss of power in some other things. We must never again do anything that could be construed to be even a gesture against majority rule for Board rule and Board power. Then, just a step further—to allow each Board to select its own auditor, in a sense, would not be very much unlike each one doing its own auditing. Considering all things, I cannot see the wisdom of changing from our present auditing system for any other. One thing is certain, the Convention will suffer a distinct loss if it permits any of its agents to stand in the way of the enforcement of its plain orders.

The Production and the Efficiency Department

Two years ago as per your vote, the Board of Directors set out to inaugurate and operate an efficiency department. I cannot now see that we made a mistake, for it is one thing to work and another thing to work efficiently. It is one thing to make money but another thing to do so economically. Then, another thing, this Convention in all of its departments, is conducting big enterprises, involving the expenditure of large sums and with many grave responsibilities. So weighty are these that waste and lax business methods must be guarded against. We will be doing the prudential and safe thing if we should remember that many of our shipwrecks in business are due largely to inexperience. Let the past in this matter be a guide and our most faithful monitor. The Convention, therefore,was doing the cautious, discreet thing when it set out to carefully guard against waste, and the perils that would bring it unnecessary losses. Above all, if we would unify the Convention and preserve its coherency, we must operate it in such a way as to stimulate and retain the confidence of its supporters. Clumsy, inefficient business methods will demoralize any institution. Many institutions honestly managed have collapsed because their practices were not transparent to their patrons. Many honest men have been misjudged and failed miserably because their operations did not conform to uniform, systematized business

rules. The efficiency department well set up and operated for all of our Boards will be one of the best aids to those actively leading them; for it will forestall any real or seeming grounds for unrest. This will also relieve the heads of our Boards of much of the work and worry incident to the operations of their purely commercial and business phases, and enable said heads to give themselves to the educational and spiritual features of their departments. So the thing now to be done is to see that this department is more thoroughly standardized and that every agency of the Convention be constrained to respect and follow out such requirements as it may make and recommend to them.

To those of us who have observed closely, the operations of this department, it is manifest that much good already has been accomplished. We are hoping the head of this department will make here some recommendations leading up to some needed reforms, reductions and retrenchments in our current expenses. We are not alarmed but we have an impulse that if we fail to be the best and wisest stewards of the Convention's business and finances, we shall lose the confidence of our constituents and consequently suffer other serious, irretrievable losses.

The Historical Department

Some years ago the value of collecting and putting into permanent form Negro Baptist history dawned upon this Convention. Dr. L. G. Jordan was elected to head this department. He has gone about this work with great care and diligence. He has been seeking Baptist history everywhere and has been able to discover some very valuable minutes of state conventions and associations, some of them dating back to a long time before our emancipation. He has also found many valuable manuscripts and other fragmentary documents, which he has used and succeeded in weaving into a historical volume ready for the press. In the time given him, he has done well. He refers to the forthcoming edition in the most modest manner when he says, "Some younger man will take what I have done and perhaps write a more scientific volume." In my opinion it would be a very helpful thing if every state convention would appoint a state historian, and observe historical periods in connection with their state meetings. Every association and every church should also have their respective historians. In this way, we would be able to preserve more completely the records of our progress.

The National Baptist Voice

This paper is our official organ. Without it, we could not have come to where we are and in the future we shall need it as we have in the past. It has ever been faithful and constant in its attachment to and always found battling for the success of the Convention in all of its affairs. It is our conviction that its success is rather surprising when we consider that the Convention has never furnished it an ample and a close managing machinery. It is too much to require one man to both edit and be the manager of this paper. I am therefore suggesting a separation of the two offices; and that the Voice be placed under the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the National Baptist Convention; and that it be empowered to conduct the paper in such a way as to increase its circulation and its usefulness.

Baptist Statistics

It is generally believed that we are not careful about preserving the figures and outstanding facts and accomplishments of our denomination. Twice or three times this year have your president and statistician been called to Washington by the United States Census Bureau for the purpose of aiding that department in solving the problems it discovered in its efforts to form a census report of Negro Baptists; and now after these

repeated trips and varied methods, we are yet far from our goal or anything like having complete statistics. I wish to publicly acknowledge the helpful services rendered by Dr. W. H. Jernagin in this matter. His living in Washington, D. C., and his wide acquaintance and influence qualified him to serve us in a charming helpful manner. I am convinced that we have made some progress in this matter under our present system. Under it, none could have done better than our present statistician. I fear it is not manifest to many of us what he has really done. But I am convinced if we are to chronicle and preserve the figures representing our growth and achievements we should appoint a man who will do nothing but this. The head quarters for such a man should be Washington, D. C. I wish to say to you that the Census Bureau has been unusually patient with and helpful to us in our efforts to properly make up our Census report. I am urging you to give in the future, what aid you can to bring this Census matter to a successful termination.

The World's Baptist Alliance

This is an organization made up of all Baptists throughout the world, and is formed for the purpose of demonstrating the "essential oneness of Baptists, to impart inspiration to the brotherhood, and to promote the spirit of fellowship, service and cooperation among them without interfering with the independence of churches." The above being true, the organization is an important one to us all.

The Fourth Baptist World Congress will be held in Toronto, Canada, June 23-29, 1928. I am calling your attention to this important meeting because this Convention is a member thereof and because I believe you should prepare for and attend it. It is close by and the expenses will not be much. Our Convention is requested to give one thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars on the budget of the Alliance and five hundred dollars on the Judson Memorial Window and pay the expenses of one returning foreign missionary. This matter was considered in our Board meeting in June and much of the total amount required pledged, some of which has been paid since. We must collect here all the unpaid pledges and make full provision for this obligation.

The Foreign Mission Board

I feel that I am safe and truthful when I say to you this Board has made tremendous progress this year. Its secretary has given the most careful consideration to the Board's needs. His years spent in Africa as a missionary have helped to equip him eminently for his present position. I feel certain that you will be glad to know that the hospital in Liberia is about completed. The Board has made fine and suitable arrangements for the operation and management of this institution. A competent corps of physicians, nurses and attendants has been secured for the work of the hospital. Along with this, some solid financial arrangements have been made that will help make this effort permanent and successful. Next to evangelism and religious education, comes the work of medical missions. The completion of this hospital is the satisfaction of a long felt missionary need. And now since it is about completed, let us give ourselves to the task of better equipping our schools in the foreign fields. Missionary work makes its best gains in its training of children. The African child is very responsive to the efforts of our missionaries and as we increase the number and competency of our schools, we shall likewise increase the good results of our missionary endeavors. The work of saving Africa is largely the task of the American Negroes. Others have gone there with gunpower, rum, firearms, and propaganda to exploit the African, but we must go there carrying an open Bible and the uplifted Christ. It is reported that the Firestone Company has about completed its plans to conduct a mammoth rubber enterprise in Liberia. Five thousand artisans

and workers will be required to operate this industry, many of them will be carried from America and other enlightened countries. If we, in wisdom, would prosecute our missionary work in Africa, we shall make this and all other legitimate efforts contribute to the religious and moral development of the natives rather than hinder them.

The Education Board

To operate this Board successfully has been one of the Convention's most difficult tasks. The fact that many or all of the denomination's schools were owned and operated by the states and that the National Baptist Convention had no schools, left this Board without any compelling objectives. Its work at first was to aid the several schools owned by the states and to cooperate with the American Baptist Home Mission Society in the promotion of its schools. This Convention believes that it owes a lasting debt of gratitude to this society for what it has done for us. Thus believing it has held our Education Board to the task of giving whatever aid it could to the said schools. While the Convention has thus believed and acted, it has also contended for and supported in a more definite manner, those struggling, needy educational institutions planted by and fostered in the states and known as distinctively Negro Baptist schools. A wise, grateful philosophy would suggest no other alternative. Later, it occurred to the Convention leaders that there was a dire need of a National Baptist Theological School. After years of planning and waiting, the Southern Baptist Convention agreed to work with us in establishing and operating a school. The enterprise is finished and exists today as the American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tennessee. It appears that our Education Board now has a persuasive, interesting task. But sad to say, we have not succeeded yet in properly relating our Education Board to the American Baptist Theological Seminary. One reason for the failure is the founding of the Seminary was transferred from the Education Board to a commission made up of representatives of the National Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention, and it has been a hard thing to bring the Seminary back to where it now properly should be. Another thing that has helped to make this task more complex and difficult, we have had no permanent corresponding secretary of the Education Board who would lead in discharging this and other duties of this Board. We cannot hope to care properly for this enterprise without having some permanent, competent corresponding secretary. I must urge you to tarry here and appoint some man who can do well this work. I want also to urge that we see to it before leaving here that this Education Board is properly set up and an adequate budget for the same and the Seminary is provided for. This year your president had to use his office and personal influence to provide funds for the expenses of the Seminary, and I am pleased to say to you that this has been, financially, the best year of the Seminary. We have paid some debts, much of the current expenses, and the teachers in full this year except for two weeks. This office has collected and turned over to the Seminary something like $5,000. Some of this came in the form of contributions and some as loans. I wish also to state that the Southern Baptist Convention has done well all that it promised and has been our very faithful sympathetic brother in this matter. Dr. Hailey has been retained on the field to work for the school with his salary paid by the Southern Baptist Convention. He has been a true, tried friend and a hard worker. The Seminary is progressing. It had a large enrollment, a fine body of students, and its first graduates this year. This school is a positive necessity and should be supported loyally by us all.

Last year, I called your attention to the need and the importance of a Ministerial Scholarship Fund. In response to that appeal, Dr. L. G. Jordan gave $500.00 which has been invested in bonds, the interest of which will be used to aid worthy, deserving ministerial students. An

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appeal will be made here to increase this fund and I am hoping God will open the hearts of many who will respond favorably and liberally to this call. Listen, I have some persons, a man and his wife, members of this Convention, who have decided to give for this fund, one dollar for every one you may give up to $1,000. I am hoping some others will make similar offers and that you will meet the challenges and lay the basis for this scholarship fund. I am thinking we should request the Southern Baptist Convention to aid us in this matter.

The Benefit Board

For years we have experimented with this Board without obtaining anything like the results we have desired. In our efforts to promote more rapidly its success, we authorized it to change its headquarters, and its modus operandi to the extent of suspending the writing of life insurance policies. Since our last session, it has transferred its headquarters from Helena, Arkansas to St. Louis, Missouri. This Board needs now some added new objectives and I, therefore, suggest that its future work be the construction and operation of the proposed Baptist Old People's Home, which we have desired and so long needed. This year, an offer of 160 acres of land and the nucleus of a tubercular sanitarium has been made to us. All of this is to be a free gift if we will accept it. The Board of Directors has sent two commissions to Colorado to investigate this offer. Their trips there and their study of this subject convinced them and your Board of Directors that there was not for our group, one well-equipped tubercular hospital in all the world. More people die from this dreaded plague than from many other combined diseases. Its ravages and effects upon us are more fatal and greater than upon any other race. As we faced this solemn situation, we concluded that Negro Baptists now completing a hospital in Africa, would do well to build and operate a tubercular sanitarium in America. We have now some other offers of locations which I think we should pass upon and authorize the Benefit Board to complete the plans for and erect this institution which is a sore and vital need. I believe that the work of planning and operating a Relief Fund for our retired ministers is important and a work that belongs logically to the Benefit Board. I am, therefore, recommending that these new features, that is, the Baptist Old People's Home, a Ministers' Relief Fund and the Tubercular Sanitarium be in the future, the main objectives of the Benefit Board. Just recently the Negro Medical Association met in this city. They desire to establish in Chicago a National Negro Hospital. They will have a commission here requesting that we endorse the plan and cooperate in maintaining it.

Home Missions

Missionary work and service are essentially vital and needful. The seeking and the saving passion is the living breath of the church. Christianity is a daring effort, an adventurous, a challenging endeavor. It is a living conquering energy, capable of wielding the destinies of all nations. For those nations entrenched in an ancient enervating faith, for the forces of ignorance and superstition, for the blight of a materialistic civilization; it is the savior and only conquering power. It makes its conquests through what it does to man. Christ's command to the church, to preach the gospel to every creature, has not been revoked by him and is as binding upon us as it was upon his disciples to whom he spoke personally. Beginning at Jerusalem, doing missionary work at home, is the divine order and program. Dr. Gambrell once said, "The true meaning of Home Missions is world missions and he who sees less is blind. If we fail at home, we sink into impotency the world over. A dollar given to this part of the work, is given almost or quite as much to Foreign Missions." This Convention will succeed in its missionary work just in proportion as it is able to enlist the active, hearty cooperation of the churches. These

must be taught the tremendous importance of this work. There are many reasons why this work of Home Missions must be pushed with increasing vigor and interest. Our rural church, the vital basis of our educational, civic, moral and religious heritages must be aided and perpetuated. There are destructive forces at work which are greatly handicapping them. These forces must be counteracted by intelligent, rural pastors, attractive churches and a social program designed to meet the needs of rural communities. Sometimes the economic conditions of such localities are so depressed that the people are not able to finance, unaided, their church work. If this is to be done, our stronger ministers and churches must be impressed anew with the importance giving more liberally to such a work. Our rural population is migrating to cities much because of the inadequate preparations and environments in matters of religion and worship existing in the country. Their entrance into our urban centers increases and adds to our missionary problems. It has been conservatively estimated that sixty per cent of the erstwhile, dependable Christians, living in the country, is a total loss to our churches, if not to organized Christianity, when they migrate from the rural to the urban centers. This sad and tragic loss emphasizes the urgent necessity of city missions. It would help very much if our city Baptist churches could see the wisdom of organizing and maintaining city mission boards in all of the cities. If not boards, then some other organizations that could cope with and solve missionary problems as they present themselves in the urban centers. But if such organizations are to function efficiently, they will need the cooperation of this body. Such cooperation to be best expressed in the substantial contributions which the Convention would make. And now we are back to the place from which we began—the great need of finances for the kingdom's program. Let us here gratefully acknowledge the value of cooperation that exists between this body and the Southern Baptist Convention. Up to a certain amount, it is giving in its territory, one dollar for every one we give for Home Missions. This cooperation has brought us much money, but its expressions of fellowship and sympathy are its most valuable aspects. One of the best ways to keep people from nursing their differences is to get them working together on a common, hard task. They will get in this way more progress than in making big, eloquent speeches or adopting finely worded resolutions. Let us send grateful greetings to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Our Home Mission Board has done this year, a good work under the leadership of its new Secretary, Dr. W. H. Moses. New emphasis has been given to evangelism, and the edification of the churches. I do so much wish it were possible for the Home Mission Board to plan here a nation-wide revival to be conducted in all of our churches simultaneously. I tell you now, if we are to solve our financial problems, and check the present reign of lawlessness and the rising tide of crime, and the love of ease and pleasure, we must call the people to prayer and to the old time religion. This country and this race of ours need now the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Before dismissing this subject, let me call your attention to the needs of those faithful churches that suffered untold losses from the recent floods. Our brethren living in those flood-smitten states are as faithful and loyal as any of the members of this Convention. Something tangible should be done to help them rebuild their wrecked church houses and re-establish their church worship. In June, the Board of Directors proposed a day to be observed as Flood Sufferers' Day and requested that our churches make thereupon some contributions to help repair and rebuild the church homes wrecked by the floods. The returns, I hear, are rather meager and unsatisfactory. I am therefore recommending that the fifth Sunday in October be designated as Flood Sufferers' Day. That a uniform program be prepared and that all of our churches be requested to execute it on said Sunday and give whatever they can to help relieve the distressed conditions of these faithful, needy churches.

The Sunday School Publishing Board

It was a wise foresight that led the promoters of this Convention to organize our Publishing Board. They declared in the beginning that the primary purpose of this Board was to publish and disseminate religious literature. The printed page ever has been and always shall be a tremendous force in shaping the character of any people. This Board had not existed long before it was discovered that a home for its operations was an inescapable need. After many years of anxious waiting, planning and working, our present plant, the E. C. Morris Memorial Building, was completed and is the pride of the race and the Baptists. It must, by all means be paid for. And let me declare here, if we will be diligent and loyal, the same God who enabled us to build it will help us pay the last penny we owe on it. Up to now, we have done well in reducing the original debts made to finish and finance this building. When you recall that when this house was finished, we owed many persons and institutions, then remember that some of these scattered debts have been paid in full and something paid on them all, you will see that while we yet owe much, that the enterprise is in a better fix now than it was a year ago. But keep in mind the fact that the Publishing Board at this time cannot meet its heavy current expenses and pay all the debts made to construct our new building without receiving some financial aid from this Convention. So I appeal to you to make your pledges and pay them to this Board. Let it be far from us to believe this Board is safe without these voluntary additional contributions. And then, we all agree, I know, that we must insist on a wise and economical, immediate management of the affairs of this and all of our enterprises. Without this, we will fail or be greatly hindered. And going further, we must increase the demands for our productions. To do this, we must emphasize the value of religious education, and be able to supply the best grade of all kinds of literature at the lowest cost. And, again, since we are in the printing business, our associations and state conventions could help us much by having some of your printing done by our house. And now my final word on this subject; as soon as it is practical, and that should not be so long, we must insist that all of the Convention's agencies, Boards, etc., must have their printing done by our Publishing Board. It is an illogical, and a wasteful, suicidal policy to do or permit to be done anything to the contrary. It is true that up to now, we could not make this demand of our Boards, and they have been free to make whatever printing arrangements they thought wise and needful. For this, they need not be censured, but your president is arguing now for the future, and if we mean what we have been saying, then every Board in its own place and to its own work with all aiding all, yet every one in everything responsive to the will of this Convention in everything. I am again recommending that the Publishing Board begin at once the operation of a Book Department. That a plan of cooperation be worked out by it and the B. Y. P. U. Board whereby Religious Education Directors will be planted in all of the states.

This Board will need $50,000 the first of January, 1928. If this amount is secured, then we will have passed to a place of more ease and safety in handling the debt made to build our Publishing House. More than $300,000 have been subscribed by you to meet this debt. I am urging all who pledged to remember the urgency of this matter and pay promptly their pledges before January 1st, when we must have the amount named above.

The B. Y. P. U. Board

This is not our strongest Board, but I think I am correct when I tell you none has shown itself to be more unselfish and loyal to all of the combined interests of this Convention. When we were trying to plan for and organize the American Baptist Theological Seminary, the Secretary

of the B. Y. P. U. Board gave as much service to this effort as he did to the immediate duties of the Board which he is chosen to serve first and in particular. This year it has been no easy task to properly finance and aid the Seminary. This Board has permitted its clerical force and other members of its staff to aid the Seminary work without stint or adequate compensation. It has granted the Convention no meager use of its financial credit and thus helped us at a most vital and needy point. When the finishing of our Publishing House was the agony and anxiety of your Building Committee, the titular head of the B. Y. P. U. Board was with them, forsaking his own first tasks and gave his time and means without reservation, or complaints. This Board has been prudent and patriotic enough always to defer to majority rule and the expressed will of this Convention. For instance, this Board's secretary has already expressed the desire to see the printing of all Boards, under rules that will preserve their integrity, usefulness and individuality, done by our own Publishing House. It acknowledges the logic and the economy of such a plan. Besides all of this, the B. Y. P. U. Board has wrought well in its own difficult field. The task of training and equipping religious workers and leaders is no easy one. This Board, however, has helped to infiltrate into our churches the desire for intelligence as a faithful companion of consecration and useful service. It has helped the young people to discover themselves, their powers and their possibilities. It has led many churches to know the worth of young, trained Christians in the churches, so by this time, there is scarcely a Baptist church that is not attempting to furnish a place for the active work of its young people. The B. Y. P. U. Board this year, has increased its efforts to extend and make more permanent this good work. It has improved its literature mechanically, in subject matter and force, and it can be relied upon for prompt delivery of orders.

The National Baptist Convention Laymen Movement

For a long time the work of the church was done largely by preachers, women and children, and the results were not satisfactory. Now preachers have learned that the task of saving the world is a heroic call to men of courage and power. Considering the past, it is strange to see that many of our congregations are made up of more men than women. This is a hopeful sign, showing that our church work shall take on in the future a new impetus and be more influential than ever. Realizing the need of enlisting our laymen, we have organized this Laymen Movement. Suppose each church would organize the men as its women are in missionary bands, societies and circles, what wonderful latent powers would we stir up and place under tribute to God and his church. Our National Baptist Convention Laymen Movement is yet young, but well directed and supported by a very loyal set. Last year it made substantial contributions to our Sunday School Publishing Board and the American Baptist Theological Seminary. This organization would sooner discover its powers and possibilities were it to make the education of young ministers one of its supreme endeavors. I therefore would suggest that it aid us in establishing the Ministerial Scholarship Fund to which we have made reference. I belive the Laymen Movement will help to solve our problems of financing the Kingdom's program. The men control the wealth and as they are taught their place in the Kingdom, they will respond to the financial needs of the same.

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention

This Convention is aiding in a very distinct manner every phase of our denominational work. Its best efforts, however, have been given to the establishment and maintenance of the National Training School for Women and Girls at Washington, D. C. This Convention's usefulness, growth and unity have been deeply affected in an adverse way because of the confused

thinking and varied opinions that exist in respect to the status of the National Training School. Nobody, it seems, will deny that the Woman's Convention established this school. All will agree also that this Convention has made constant, periodical, financial contributions to it. It is also to be remembered that because the National Baptist Convention has given this school its unqualified endorsement and good will, its constituents, churches, state conventions and the like have been the school's most liberal supporters. Again, all that are interested either way say the school is or should be unequivocably and without any doubts, according to civil and Baptist church laws, the property of the Woman's Convention. For a while, no real progress was made in our efforts to properly relate the National Training School to the Woman's Convention. But last year at Ft. Worth, upon request, a committee composed of representatives from both this and the Woman's Auxiliary Convention considered carefully and impartially this matter; decided what it thought best and recommended to this and the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, some vital things to be done by the trustees of the Training School. Both Conventions accepted this committee's report. It was thought by all that this committee's suggestions, if carried out, would settle all agitation and aid the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, the school and the entire denomination. We are hoping that the Board of Trustees of the National Training School has seen its way clear to respect the wishes of the majority expressed at Ft. Worth; if so, this question is rightly settled. Then let us all together set out anew to make the Training School the crown and pride of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention. If the Board of Trustees has carried out the will of the founders of the Training School, there are, therefore, now no questions about who own and who shall manage the school. If it has not and will not, and no redress is left the Woman's Convention, then the Board has the power, being clothed with civil authority, to thwart the rule of the Convention, and church rule with it is discretionary only and not final and obligatory. If the last is true, we have an anomalous situation—for Baptists have contended always for a separation of church and state and for the supremacy of church rule in the management of their affairs and their institutions. Institutions that can employ civil power or legal quirks to baffle and hinder ecclesiastical control are not truly and absolutely Baptist institutions. Nobody denies that the Woman's Auxiliary Convention has moral and denominational rights in this enterprise, but the question is, are their moral and religious rights safeguarded by statutory law? Or can statutory law be invoked to abrogate church rule and the supremacy of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention? If so, you have an erratic condition that will be provocative of unrest, disintegration and much loss just as long as it exists. It is possible in this country to set up religious institutions so that they will harmonize with state laws and at the same time be the embodiment and the creation of the churches founding and fostering them. This, I think, is fair and all the denomination is demanding of the Training School. I feel certain that if all passion and pride and wrong impressions are waived, this shall be brought to us. May we thus hope, work and pray.

Unifying Negro Baptists

When some of our brethren left us in 1915, I felt their going more deeply than many. At Savannah, Georgia, where we met in 1916, I prepared the first resolution looking forward to a reunited Baptist host. After I was elected president of this Convention, one of my first acts was to seek a peace and reunion conference with the Lott Carey Society. I feel now as I did then, the urge and need of Negro Baptists of the world being united organizationally in spirit and in sentiment. If we cannot do all of this at once, God knows we should seek to cooperate and prosecute our work in love and peace, exercising always due deference for each other. I think this Convention should make it known that it has no desire to subsidize any true Baptist interests, or pursue a course that would embroil

and divide Negro Baptists. And going a step further, let us agree to meet any and all of our brethren on good and level Baptist grounds for the purpose of building up and uniting all of our Baptist forces for an effective drive to save the world. I wish it were possible for all Baptists to meet next year at the same time and in the same city. This, I think, would be a step toward solidifying our divided forces. If we are right, as we say we are, and as we have been judged to be by all standardized Baptist bodies of the world, it is our duty to seek our Baptist brethren who may have departed in error or through misunderstanding from us.

The Negro Minister and the Progress of the Race

The first and early emancipation hours of the black man in America were fraught with unusual temptations and tragic perils. The change from a state of abject serfdom to one of legal freedom was an abrupt, sudden transition for which slavery was no adequate school of preparation. The best that slavery could do designedly for our forebears was to domesticate them. With this domestication came the naive belief in the true God and the final triumph of right. My father, a former slave, said to me once, "White ministers taught us slaves that God was the Father of all alike, and that gave us hope and a leaning toward Christianity. For we believed," said he, "that if God was Father of all he would treat all alike and finally give us our freedom." This being true, Christianity appealed to the slaves because of its utility and because they believed it would solve their problems and promote their emancipation. Hence, the Negro came out of slavery with a tender, hopeful spirit, with his soul, his songs and a simple trust in God. His state immediately after his freedom, was a pitiable, precarious one. But under the call and leadership of a group of sincere though not well-prepared preachers, they were heartened, gathered and organized for the keen competition of a free life and for all that the race has thus far accomplished. And judged by any fair standards of substantial race progress, even those of the white man, the Negro race is willing to abide and accept the results. The race has trusted and followed the leadership of its preachers with a devotion and constancy not paralleled in human history. Our banks, physicians, surgeons, lawyers, teachers, architects, engineers, life insurance companies and schools of art, and men of every laudable profession have had as their most faithful supporters, our churches, led on by our ministers. No one would dare say this leadership has been perfect at every step of the way, but none who knows well will charge that these men have not been earnest, sincere and devoted to the work of uplifting their people. Every known interest of the people like lead has lain upon their hearts. They have been our most faithful advocates and our never sleeping sentinels. Notwithstanding all of this, it is but fair and timely that we acknowledge the fact that there is now a disposition to challenge, if not discount or discredit, the general leadership of the preacher. There is an effort now, it seems, to restrict the minister's leadership to ecclesiastical matters—and even here with more limitations than in the past. I cannot now give up the belief that the minister's leadership should be as wide as and no more restricted than is the scope of the church, but I must confess that only his fitness will guarantee him this place. In the past, his position and not his individual fitness and personality has vouchsafed upon him his leadership, but in the future his leadership will be appreciated or depreciated in consequence of his ability and character. Then again, I am not certain that the future will require the leadership of the minister in purely secular affairs as did the past. Then it was a pioneeric work, but now as a result of the minister's tireless and varied activities, a fair number of competent specialists have been developed who with his sympathy and cooperation, can promote more rapidly the uplift of the people. In this way, Negro businesses and social life can be built up more rapidly and substantially. History affirms the fact that Negroes, considering the time element, have made

greater progress than any other race. This does not mean the race is fully grown or has reached its zenith, for we have a much longer distance to go than we have come, and any wise, fair historian must concede that the Negro preachers, more than all others, have furnished the stimulus and leadership for all of the race's progress and its achievements. A dark and dangerous hour will befall us when we attempt to build any department of race life without the aid and direction of competent preachers and the church.

The Negro Race Coming To Itself and Day

It is no reflection against nor any indictment of the race to say that it is not yet fully ripened. Races grow and mature as they have their years of freedom and its varied experiences. This being true, it is a bitter, cutting, untrue charge to brand the Negro race as a backward race or to demand it to produce results similar and equal to those produced by races having had centuries of freedom, amassed, uncounted wealth and educational opportunities. The progress of the American Negro is one of the most colorful pages in the history of America. The great question now is will he be able to maintain his present pace and pass through the crisis of the hour, preserving all the worth while things he has through bitter struggles accumulated. All must confess that this so-called civilization is a terrific test and a dangerous experiment for all. "The most civilized people are as near to barbarism as the most polished steel is to rust. Nations, like metals, have only superficial brilliancy."—Rivarol. Again, the same person said: "Beware that our boasted civilization does not lapse into barbarism." I am wondering if our race in its mad haste to appropriate much that is called progress will not seize some glittering superficialities rather than the true abiding values. Is there not the danger of snatching at shadows and not catching real things? If we can stand the test of the hour, we are certain to come to our own and reach our destiny; if not; the future will find us stranded and shipwrecked. It has been often asked can the Negro race survive the competition, the pressure and burdens of his day and time. We answer yes, a thousand times. But if we would plan wisely for the future, we must begin anew the stupendous task of building up the race from within. There are many things outside that hinder us, but these cannot keep us from reaching our true goal if the inner man is properly fashioned. In the first place, we must place a new emphasis on the gospel of good health. If the Negro is to find his place in American life, if he is to live, he must be able to make a living. Good health is therefore, of primary importance. It is said that 94 per cent of the Negro race has as its best economic asset its health. The question of infant mortality and morbidity is one of great concern. The death rate here has been abnormal and alarming, while the infant birth rate, especially in cities has diminished greatly. According to some recent statistics using the deaths as a basis and fixing that rate as 100, the city Negro rate is 104, while that of the country is 159. So that it can be seen that moving into town is decreasing Negro birth rate. Recently a Chicago baby specialist said nearly every Negro infant in that city had rickets. The death rate for consumption among Negroes is ten times as high as that of whites of the same age. The future and prospective mothers of the race must be emancipated from their present labor thraldom. Some recent statistics on Harlem show that 60 per cent of the women of the race were engaged in hard pressing, menial services. A recent survey in Chicago revealed the fact that about 62 per cent of our women were kept away from home working. This condition entails serious handicaps not only upon the women but also upon the children that they may give birth to. It is not that we say women should not labor but that prospective mothers should have sufficient leisure so that their offspring will not be sinned against before birth. It is estimated that nearly one half million Negroes are sick every day in the year with preventable diseases. Why this economic loss? What a tragedy! If this is true, the problem of Negro health is a serious one. Proper housing, sanitation and healthful industrial environments are vital subjects.

Next to preserving our health is the vital question of increasing the productive ability of the race. This can be done if equal industrial opportunities are given up and if we are able to supply an efficient, responsive dependable type of workers. To do this we must dignify all legitimate labor, bringing science and art into the most menial occupations. Let us impress our school youths of today with the importance of technical, vocational, industrial education as well as that of liberal literary training. The races that have a monopoly of the skilled pursuits have an advantage, and can easily carve their way to economic independency. Negroes are not making enough money, not even as much as persons of other races doing about the same class of work. This lack of sufficient wages is making its impact upon the entire life of the race. The home life, to secure an education, and to maintain our churches are not being adequately financed. With our productive powers increased and our wages raised would come the question of economy and thrift. We must call a halt to the people trying to out-strip each other in keeping up with the fads and fashions of the day. It is wrecking homes, disintegrating families, disorganizing churches and handicapping the growth of God's church in the world. The records this year show that one person out of every seven that marries gets a divorce. Much of this is brought about by people living above their means—speed and style fiends. Next to thrift and economy come wise and safe investments. I hope we have passed that period in the evolution of the race where we would suffer losses in the business world because of a lack of experience and business ability to wisely make investments. Negroes must learn the good sense to combine and control their investments so that they can be used to establish and maintain distinctive Negro trades, commercial, social, educational and religious enterprises. As our wealth is increased, we must learn the lesson of making larger contributions to our public institutions. Other people have been doing much of this for us but the future will demand that wealthy race men take the lead in financing the affairs of their race. I am glad to chronicle here some helpful beginnings: Negroes contribute $3,000,000 (three million) yearly to Negro education. They support 175 schools. In special drives, they have contributed $79,000 to Howard University and $52,000 to Meharry Medical School. One Negro in the East bequeathed $2,000,000 to education for both races. Prof. Pierson of North Carolina gave $25,000. The Masons have a $10,000 Scholarship Fund. The Elks have a $20,000 Scholarship Fund. Mr. Smiley, a Negro gave a scholarship to Chicago University. Many state organizations have Scholarship Funds as follows: Alpha Phi Alpha, ten scholarships of $250.00; Delta Phi (Sorority) $250.00 and the Alpha Kappa Alpha (Sorority) $250.00. The John Brown Memorial Association is to have scholarships in universities for both white and colored. Already in Chicago, a call has been sent out to Negro graduates of any and all schools requesting that all organize to help promote in a substantial way, Negro education. One lady is sponsoring the building of a home in Atlanta for poor country girls who cannot finance their own education. Mesdames Walker and Malone have each given $25,000 to promote the training of the race. In matters of civil government, the race should feel grateful to God for the franchise and use it to promote justice, the happiness and well-being of the human family. Negroes will never forget nor forsake persons and organizations that may have befriended them. But I believe the time has come when we should let the world know we are going to give our franchise only to those men and organizations that are willing to deal with us as they would any other group. Now is the time for Negroes to live down the odious charge of bartering their votes or using them to secure special favors and liberties not legally warranted. Christian men and women exhibit their insincerity when they pray "thy Kingdom come" and vote for unjust laws and the election of men who are the representatives of all of the forces that corrupt and destroy a people. It is to our credit that we have at all times been counted a patriotic group. We furnished the first, original labor unit of the new world. We were brought

here to answer the call of labor and the cupidity of commerce. Negroes with their brawn and brains have transformed forbidding wildernesses into charming productive fields and habitable centers. This new productive force helped to establish America's commerce, transportation and its proud economic standing. Without the Negro's labor, love and patriotism, tolerance and discretion, America would not be the world's foremost nation. Negroes cherish devotedly America's life, fair laws, helpful institutions, just practices and its industries. We furnish no recruits for those red-mouthed agitators who would apply the torch or throw bombs in their mad demonstration against organized government. We would not hoist or follow a red flag; for "Old Glory" is good enough for us. 'Twas good enough for Crispus Attucks and Peter Salem, good enough for the 10th Calvary and good enough for our boys on San Juan Hill; it was good enough for the 200,000 of our group who chose to follow its fortunes when this country was seized by the awful convulsions of the the Civil War. It was good enough for the 400,000 Negroes who willingly opened their bosoms to the shots, shells and smoke of the last World's War, and it is still good enough for us. Let others attempt to haul it down, let others anathematize it, and seek to substitute it with some red, glaring rag, but let us stand for order, organized government and justice. Let it be to the discredit of those who administer partially and unjustly the affairs of this government especially where Negroes are involved; let them disrespect and turn courts from their regular lawful processes, but great credit will be ours and our final permanent gains will rest in our being orderly, law-abiding, patriotic citizens. In coming to our own, we must build upon a well-constructed religious foundation. This is first and supreme. We live in a day of political uncertainties, economic restlessness and religious doubts and changes.

The Negro in his growth has reached a crisis in his religion. We live in a materialistic day. A day that evaluates things because of their tangible worth, their glare, glamor and glitter. A day when property rather than persons is more to be desired. It is, again, the case where men would rather preserve and spare their hogs instead of saving distressed, demon-possessed, devil-driven men. Beware, my brethren, lest we measure our churches by the cost of the houses in which we worship, our big memberships and organizations; and by the amounts of money collected, the number of gifts they make us and the amount of our salaries rather than by the power which churches should exercise in building up personal and ethical character. Is there not a danger that we are more concerned about methods than men, more about our own organizations than we are the Kingdom? No man is your best friend who would offer you brotherhood and its rights and at the same time deny the existence and Fatherhood of God. We cannot build an abiding social fabric by appealing to and building alone upon the tangible and the human. And with as much truth it can be said no man has the right to proclaim the Fatherhood of God and refuse to accept the brotherhood of man. The one way to check this rising tide of materialism is for the churches and the ministers themselves to be more spiritual, without underestimating human and materialistic things. Again, the crisis is on in religion. The young, educated Negro is restless, inquisitive and intellectual, and less emotional. And the primitive, crude expressions, the naive religious ideas of former days must be brought up to proper cultural, philosophical levels. Not less of the spiritual and the mystical, but more and a deeper appreciation of the moral and social values of religion. Again, not less of the spiritual, but less of the superstitious and the sensational, not less of heart religion, but more of the head, intelligently expressed according to proper social and moral requirements. We need no magic God, nor magic religion. It is not courting God to have him serve us, but sincerely seeking to serve him as we serve man. Not having God to wait on us, but instead we are to wait on him. This will make religion a potent, practical, moral, spiritual endeavor, and stimulate therein correct methods and expressions.

Again, one of our great problems will be the putting of correct business methods in our churches. So many churches have lapsed and lost the confidence of their constituents because of the loose, lax methods employed in their managements; then poor church architecture, inadequate, incomplete, dilapidated buildings that couldn't be finished because of poor financing, etc. In so many churches, we find no well established rules of order, no proper methods of handling the finances and accounting for the same, often no well kept church records, these things have provoked church dissensions and caused untold loss and misuse of church energy. It cannot be said that this transformation in church life can be made without great patience, discretion and divine guidance. Transitions in any people's religion are attended ever by great perils. There is the danger of losing more than is gained. Therefore, those who would work for good changes, must be wise analysts and competent skilled operators. Some of our people today are near the verge of an anti-religious period. There are those who want to see our religion expressed in a factual, cultural, intellectual way. Still there are others who would discount religion because it has not yet produced proper interracial relations. Often they have taken the conduct of opposite races in interracial matters and interpreted that as being the correct expressions of Christianity and thus they have become disappointed and tempted to give up all religious hope. Up until a short while ago we boasted that the Negro race had produced no sneering infidels, and no ranting agnostics. But listen—I have read within the last year at least forty articles written by intelligent Negroes against Christianity. Some noted Negro periodicals have been publishing recently anti-religion prize essays. This tendency must be dealt with in a positive, philosophic definite way. To deny or look with indifference upon it does not correct or save the situation. We must be able to prove beyond a doubt that Christianity is true to life and a cure for all of its ills. The trouble is, the people have not tried it. Oh! taste and see that the Lord is good. The Negro church in spite of its imperfections is the one institution that has fought our battles and sponsored everything worth while that we have today. It has been our champion—the mother of our business—promoter of education, race development, race expressions, race autonomy. If it loses its hold upon the masses, what other anchorage have we? What defense can we set up against the flood gates of passions, lusts and selfishness that almost now engulf us? What light could be set up to transform the dark moral state that would envelop us? To avert the approaching religious crisis, we must increase our number of competent ministers. They are the leaders yet of the race and our churches cannot rise higher than they. A colored business man in Chicago, when advancing one hundred thousand dollars to a Negro enterprise, said: "Men, if you want to make this organization go, give it prestige and power; do not frequent clubs and the like but go to church, get acquainted with the people there and they will help you put it over more than any other organization."

To restate it all, I will say the paramount need of the Negro race is religious education. To respond to the demands of the hour, he must have intellectual discipline, economic independency and good moral character. This will help to make practical his religion—bringing it into the deed and activities of life.

Such training will not minimize or work disaster to one's personal faith in a personal God through Christ and a heaven, but inspire faith in and proper respect for man, and invest this present life with dignity and great concern.

He shall ever need that training that will turn his heart to and sustain him in his belief in a just and righteous God and in the final overthrow of wrong and the victory of right and thus he will come to his own Day and Destiny.

Stony the road we trod.
Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee,
Shadowed beneath thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.

—James Weldon Johnson.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, 1927

Made to the National Baptist Convention at the Session Held at Detroit, Michigan

No. of miles traveled	11,527.3
No. of letters received	1,314
No. of letters sent	1,046
No. of telegrams received	340
No. of telegrams sent	280
No. of sermons and addresses	112
No. of regional meetings held	8
Amount of mileage donated	9,383.42

27. A motion of Rev. D. D. Crawford, D. D., Georgia, prevailed adopting the address as the sentiment of the Convention. A motion prevailed to furnish copies for publication to the religious press. The chorus sang, "There Is Joy in That Land."

28. A motion to defer the ceremony to be held by Dr. Boone until Thursday morning prevailed.

29. The Committee on Enrollment submitted through Secretary R. B. Hudson, a partial report showing 350 delegates and $2,970.00 collected. The report was adopted eliminating any new bodies that had not been before the Committee on Admission of New Bodies.

Benediction, Rev. G. W. Robinson, D. D., Iowa.

Evening Session

30. The Convention was called to order by Rev. J. F. Walker, D. D., Ohio. Devotions were led by Rev. J. J. Nickerson, West Virginia, Rev. O. F. Dixon, New Mexico, and Rev. R. W. Demas, Mississippi. Musical selections were rendered by the Conven-

gon chorus. The Scripture lesson was read by Rev. J. J. Olive, D. D., Illinois.

31. Dr. Walker introduced Rev. E. G. Thomas, D. D., Georgia, to deliver the Educational Sermon. He selected as a subject, "The Function of Light in the Development of the Race." Text, Gen 1:3, "Let there be light." The sermon was constructive and logical and gave evidence of careful and faithful study for the edification of the Convention. The sermon was the preacher's appeal for an advance along all lines by our group.

32. The chorus sang, "Hallelujia," "Done Found My Lost Sheep," led by Professor Boatner to the great delight of the audience that packed every available space.

33. Rev. C. C. Adams, D. D., Pennsylvania, read an excellent paper on "The Baptist Church and the Ordinances." This address was thoughtful, appropriate and well received.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH AND ORDINANCES

Brother President, Messengers, and Friends of the National Baptist Convention of America, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The subject assigned me for a fifteen minute discussion, The Baptist Church and Ordinances, is twofold in nature, and each so comprehensive in scope and inclusive in details of consuming importance, that it is useless to say, to an august body, such as this, that more than passing notice can be given details, as great as temptation otherwise may be.

The Baptist church is an inclusive term, embracing all those basic principles, crowning virtues, and surpassing excellencies revealed in the New Testament, and declared to be the way of life, life abundant, life eternal; pointed to by the prophets in types and shadows, made real and practical by Christ and amplified by the apostles.

Stated or viewed from any angle, religion, all forms of religion, true or false, fetishism, shamanism, Taoism, Brahmanism, Confucianism, Buddhism and Mohammedanism, and all the types of the darkest wanderings of the imagination that conjure up the wildest theories and systems of religious thought, to Christianity itself, is an attempt to arrive at and form a correct philosophy of human life, adaptable to the solution of life's problems, and an intelligent and spiritual understanding of the relations of causes and effects, and the requirements exacted by the Creator from the creatures.

Hence, Christianity has burdened itself with the task, and dedicated its unique offices to the holy proposition of giving to mankind the key to the philosophy of human life, that unlocks the mysteries in the drama of divine economy, whereby every problem may be solved, and all earth's relations readjusted to the order of divine harmony, when men will no longer pray, "Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven," but they may change the refrain and shout triumphantly, Thy will is being done on earth, as in heaven.

Therefore, any organization working under the head of a church of Jesus Christ to be entitled to the name, and to afford it dynamic force to revolutionize world conditions and make them conform to the gospel order, must have for the heart and blood of its life a full incorporation of the teachings of the New Testament. Hence, when the Baptist church is studied in the light of an impartial examination of the Scriptures, regarding the requirements of a New Testament church, those who have placed their salvation in her charge, need have no fears nor doubts, but that all is well, nor yet hesitate to invite others to join her heavenly ways.

The Baptist church has a history that is glorious to contemplate. Her head is hoary and crowned with the wisdom that makes wise unto salvation, her lips, all burdened with the words of life entrusted by Christ,

her spirit is rejuvenated by the renewing presence of him, who promised to be with her alway, her eyes are sparkling with expectancy of great things about to happen, and her purpose is as invincible as steel, and her hope as enduring as truth. She emerged from the fog of antiquity with a halo of light crowning the head, like a new day-star that proclaimed the passing of the night of uncertainty and the birth of a better day. Her journey has been a perilous one, mountains steep and difficult have been scaled, valleys dark and dismal passed through, fields wide and weird traversed, problems intricate and puzzling solved, and enemies numerous and deadly faced and vanquished. She has marked and baptized the path over which she came in her own blood, and through the ages has held the touch of liberty that discovered to anxious eyes the citadel of democracy, where dwell the eternal principle that all men are created free and equal and have certain inalienable and inviolable rights. Therefore, the past is glorious and redolent with the best of bygone centuries, the present is secure and satisfying and the future is hopeful and faced without doubt or hesitancy as to what the end shall be.

The principles that constitute the organic structure of the Baptist church are apostolic in authenticity and biblical in genuineness, and it makes little or no difference, whether or not there has been a continuity of the Baptist church, in its present form, from apostolic time till now, so long as the church believes, teaches and practices the things delivered by Christ and taught by the apostles. On the other hand, due to the democracy and independency of the local church and the non-transmittal of ecclesiastical power from one church to another, the only sense in which we can speak with propriety about continuity, or apostolic succession, is with reference to the spirit and degree that a church incorporates the teachings of the New Testament, and that without reference to time, or what may have intervened between the past and present.

However, it is a cause of great inspiration to know that all the ages, since Jesus, no matter how corrupt and careless others became, nor how unpopular or dangerous to maintain, have had legions who held most tenatiously to what Baptists teach and practice, counting them dearer than life, and esteeming it great honor to give up their lives rather than recant. The Donatists, Novatians, Montanists, Mennonites, Waldenses and Anabaptists are but some of the names from time to time given those who stood hard by New Testament Teachings as held forth in the Baptist church today. But in fairness to the truth it must be said, while these groups of Christians in the main incorporated the teachings of the New Testament, yet all of them to more or less degree had unscriptural practices attached, and it was left for the Baptist church as constituted today to extricate the New Testament Church from all unscriptural practices and present her anew to the world as she stood at the close of the first century.

In the wake of the path that the Baptist church has blazed, superstitions have given way to realities, ignorance to knowledge, intolerance to patience, tyranny to democracy. Unlike other systems her cause can best serve and be served in the true light of understanding and universal intelligence. The task of the church is to properly enlighten and harness the great Baptist host, and the task of harnessing them can only be accomplished in proportion as they are enlightened. Hence, in the fields of education and liberty the Baptist church has been the leader from time very remote, the emancipator of the mind from ignorance by broadcasting information, setting men free from sin, by opening before their eyes the liberty contained in the gospel, the champion of liberty of body, speech, conscience, and civic and religious freedom. As the world's truest model of democracy, she epitomizes in her ideals both what the church and society in general should be, and at the same time furnishes the material for the groundwork and superstructure of national and international understanding and social equity.

The Baptist church's uniqueness in the denominational field, and its differences from and peculiarities to all other denominations, have been greatly misunderstood and shamefully narrowed to the ordinances, baptism and

the Lord's Supper, when in fact the ordinances form but one of four great outstanding differences, rather than to compromise. Baptist heroes through centuries have poured their blood in an endless crimson stream. As great as the difference is on the part of the ordinances, it is still greater on three other points, namely a regenerated membership, independency of the local church and the separation of church and state.

Therefore, we submit to a thinking world, that in the light of the New Testament that the Baptist church is unique in the field of denominationalism by holding to its teachings from four angles, or with regard to four fundamentals that others have set aside or treat lightly.

First: we believe that the local church of Christ is democratic and independable and sovereign in all its acts, without dication as to what it shall do or practice, and with no court of appeal to review or set aside what may be done, but only bound by the Scripture as the final authority in all matters of faith, conduct, and practice, whether in religion, business or social relations, and accountable only to Christ the Head of the church.

Second: The Baptist church through the annals has contended for a membership, morally and spiritually regenerated, and who, upon the profession of their faith and on their own account, are baptized, and the only inclusive membership she knows are those regenerated and baptized, otherwise, all others must be excluded, notwithstanding a tendency to the contrary in some quarters.

Third: The Baptist church holds that there should always be such a separation between church and state, that there be no danger of legal and state attempt to interfere and dictate in matters of religion.

Fourth: The Baptist church holds that the ordinances should set forth the same thing and be observed in the same manner as in apostolic times, being emphatic in the position that there are only two Scriptural ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, and that the immersion of a believer in water on the profession of his faith and knowledge of saving grace, is Christian baptism: that there is no saving or regenerative power in water, but stresses baptism as an outward sign and the door to the church, and symbolic of much spiritual significance and made obligatory by the example and teaching of Christ, the Head of the church. With regard to the Lord's Supper, Baptists hold that only such as have been baptized, and leading Christlike lives have a right at the Lord's table, that it is a church festival, and not individual, to be carried from house to house, by any means, that being a provision of bread and wine they have no spiritual value or charm in themselves, to make one better, but are the emblems that Christ, in wisdom chose to represent himself as the bread and drink of eternal life, and they constitute a befitting outward expression to teach a lesson of the soul by faith feeding upon the spiritual life to the soul. There is nothing mystic about it, nothing transmitting about it, only a spiritual lesson taught through a symbol of natural means, to commemorate the suffering and death of Christ, and emphasize the purpose of that death, and point out the benefits derived and the blessed end achieved.

Finally, the Baptist church recognizes as her Head, Purchaser, Lord, Prophet, Priest and King, Jesus Christ the Son of God, Holy Ghost begotten, virgin birthed, divinely commissioned to reveal the way of life, crucified on a cross of shame, but by the perfect life he laid down on the inglorious background, stripped the cross of its shame and made it the token of life and the password in the kingdom of righteousness, risen, ascended, and at a time reserved in the mind of God will return to redeem every promise made. These beliefs and convictions are the bulwark of her defense, the assurances on which she goes forth to battle for the King of glory, without fear as to the outcome and confident that the coming years will add new laurels to her banner, and that her cause will triumph and witness the destruction of every foe that assayed to question or match forces with her.

Last: We submit that she is the old ship of Zion, sea worthy in every respect, with clearance papers from the port of divine authority, freighted with truths, principles and destinies of heaven's investment, captained by the Holy Spirit and upheld by the power of God, and therefore no waves of affliction, storms of doubt, rage of infidelity, nor submarines of hell shall be able to defeat the realization of the purpose that God has in her.

34. Announcements were made.

35. A telegram from the Booker children was read expressing best wishes for God's blessings upon the Convention.

36. Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., Kentucky, and Rev. J. W. Gibson, D. D., Kentucky, made an appeal for the American Baptist Theological Seminary. The chorus sang "None Else Can Deliver Us," very effectively while the offering was being taken.

Benediction, Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D.

SECOND DAY—Thursday

37. The Convention assembled for the second day's session at 8:00 a. m., President L. K. Williams, presiding. Devotional music under direction of Prof. E. H. Boatner, chorister, opened with "I Shall Not Be Moved," after which several selections were rendered. Prayer was offered for divine protection and leadership by Rev. G. W. Bailey, D. D., Pennsylvania. Rev. Geter was presented and made remarks. Prof. J. H. Smiley sang one of Zion's sweet songs.

38. A motion prevailed suspending all State meetings for the good of the Convention. "Amazing Grace" was sung by the Convention.

39. Rev. F. L. Sanders, Tennessee, was presented to address the Convention on the subject, "The Baptist Church, World-wide Missions." Dr. Sanders weaved is argument around the text found 1 Tim. 1:11. It was an excellent address, and the speaker showed himself thoroughly conversant with the doctrine of the church and sound in the faith worthy of being styled a missionary Baptist preacher. "Go Preach My Gospel" was sung as a further inspiration to missionary activities.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORK—WORLD-WIDE MISSIONS

"According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust."—1 Timothy 1:11.

Without doubt, the Baptist minister, representing a Baptist church, holds the greatest office of trust in all the world, that of preaching the glorious gospel of God which is committed to his trust. He is the depositary of this gospel.

Banking institutions are given our money, up into the billions, and they put forth large efforts to keep secure our deposits. They have every modern equipment against burglary and against absconders. They do this because they wish to assure the customers that what has been committed to them is under the best possible care and protection.

But there is no bank or set of banks that has such a sacred trust as the gospel minister. He is entrusted with the most precious treasure, the gospel of God. And let it be remembered, that it is not the preacher's gospel; it is not the people's gospel; it it not the gospel of angels, however high might be their station around the throne of God. It is emphatically, the

gospel of the kingdom of the blessed God. The gospel that is all sufficient for every human ill, let it be in the individual or in the whole group of the human family.

This gospel is represented by three R's and each R stands for a separate and distinct expression.

The first R stands for, "Ruined by the fall." Man was truly ruined by the fall. In the fall, he lost God's favour; he became alienated from God; he lost acceptance with God. These represent the most irreparable losses of all the ages. This brought man to the lowest stratum of society, which low estate called for one who was able to lift him from the depths to which he had fallen, and this one was found in Jesus who became flesh, and tabernacled among us, full of grace and truth.

The aftermath of the fall was most appalling. Man found that he was naked; the beasts of the field no longer crouched in tameness at his feet; the birds no longer sat evenly and without fear of him, as they sang their instinctive carols; he could no more accept as his chum, the adder; no more could he, without fear of hurt, place his hand on the hole of the cockatrice, for the age of innocence had passed. The world is full of sin and shame. It is overrun with hatred, and hostilities begin which nothing can subdue but the gospel of the kingdom of the blessed God.

Our historians have beautifully portrayed the conditions that have obtained since the fall of man in the Garden of Eden. They have given a full and accurate account of the fall of Egypt from her prosperous state, made so by her gallant leaders. Egypt became proud of her pyramidal buildings; and happy over her heiroglyphic system, but Egypt fell, and great was the fall. Babylon, the glory of the Chaldeans' excellency, and possessing her beautiful hanging gardens numbered among the "Seven wonders of the world," fell and the rumbling was heard and felt the world around.

Greece became the center of culture in her day, and specialized in the beautiful, but Greece fell to a depth from which she was never lifted. Rome, rejoicing in the daring exploits of her Caesars, and felicitous of her wonderful system of laws, was razed to the ground; Jerusalem, which had been exalted to heaven, was cast down to hell; none of these falls approximate the fall in the garden. Man was truly ruined by the fall, and the only remedy for his restoration was found in the glorious gospel which we preach, and which we cannot preach except we be sent of God. Day by day the gospel is reclaiming fallen man and purifying him that the world might be brought back to higher levels of love and brotherhood.

Our next R stands for "Redemption by Jesus Christ." Redemption grows out of the old slave system, when a man was sold from one master to another. Many times this change from one master to another brought the subject into very cruel hands, hands from which he soon became anxious for deliverance. Sin sold us into the hands of Satan. He ill treated us. He made us beautiful, but deceptive promises; promises which he was never able to carry out. In this state of things, man needed a redeemer. For centuries we appeased God by the blood of pigeons, doves, rams and bullocks, but presently, these could no longer atone. Finally, as a central figure of all time, in the midst of the brilliancy of the Augustan age, while Cicero, Sallust, Virgil and Horace were fresh in the memory of their still living friends, with Seneca in his childhood, and Livy in his prime, the empire at its best, and Rome, radiant in its glowing transformation from brick to marble, was born in an obscure Roman province the humble Babe whose name far outranks all these, and from whose nativity are dated all the centuries that have succeeded.

He came and snatched us from the hands of our cruel master, the Devil, wrought a year of Jubilee in our hearts, made us to be kings and priests unto God, and ever since we have been singing,

"Hallelujah! 'tis done,
I believe on the Son,
I am saved by the blood,
Of the crucified One."

Secretaries of the Convention

Our final R stands for "Regeneration by the Holy Spirit." No man is on the true road of life and happiness until he has been renewed in regeneration. It does not matter about his earthly attainments, he must be born from above or he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

It is said of Achilles, the hero of Homer's Iliad, son of Peleus and Thetis, and who was distinguished for his youthful beauty, strength, valor and chivalry, that early in life he was dipped, by his mother, into the River Styx that his body might be invulnerable to the arrows of the enemy. She failed to dip his heels, and when he met Paris in the Trojan War, an arrow from the bow of Paris pierced the undipped tendril of his heel and he died. Whenever I think of that story, I am reminded, that when the Holy Spirit, who represents the mother principle of God, dips us in the blood of the crucified Christ, we stand secure from all attacks from the enemy.

Paul, who gave the words of the text here in First Timothy, felt keenly the responsibility resting upon him as a gospel preacher, and was willing to go through every trial in its promulgation, and so he did. He was made a willing subject in gospel service immediately upon his experience on the Damascus highway.

The gospel of the blessed God is the only weapon for missionary Baptist churches. They would have none other. By it Paul preached before Festus until the proud ruler thought him mad. He so delivered it before Felix and his wife Drusilla that the ruler trembled as he reasoned to him of righteousness, and temperance and judgment to come. He hurled it in the face of Agrippa who declared, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." He carried this same gospel on Mars' Hill, there he delivered it before the Stoics and Epicureans. With this gospel, Judson stormed the camp of the devil in Burma, our own missionaries have evangelized a large portion of Africa; by it China has been made to open her gates to Christianity, and the peoples of all the earth are gradually finding it necessary to well ordered living, to welcome the glorious gospel of the blessed God. Yes, I repeat, the gospel is the sole need of our churches in evangelism. We do not need the improved guns in modern warfare nor any late warring outfit. We only need the gospel which is the panoply of God. By it we have our loins girt about with truth; by it the feet are shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; it is the breastplate of righteousness protecting every regenerate heart that it may not be broken into by the enemy and destroy our emotional passion for God; it is the shield of faith by which we conquer the fiery darts of the wicked; it is the helmet of salvation worn on every Christian head in order to keep out all false teaching about God and his doings; it is the sword of the Spirit with which we shall reap down all the powers of Satan, for this cause was Jesus made manifest, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Jesus, in the Great Commission given to the church, gave out—"Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you, and ye shall be my witnesses, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth." That is to say, those who bear the word of God should be willing to seal their testimony of him with their own blood.

No man is fit for gospel harness who thinks more of his own life than he does of the glorious gospel of the blessed God which is committed to his trust.

The gospel, therefore, gives every church a dynamic influence. Baptist churches will never do missionary work on the most expansive scale until her constituency is filled with the Holy Spirit. When thus equipped, we shall be able to go forth to war and win victories for the King that shall be more triumphant than the victories of all wars. More victorious than was Caesar who conquered the enemy so quickly in the plains of Pharsalia, and wrote home the laconic expression, "I came, I saw, I conquered." Our victories shall be greater than those of Alexander the Great, the hero from Thesally, and who, returning from his wars received the plaudits of all the world. Our victories shall be more glowing than was that of Lord Nelson at Trafalgar.

May the ambassadors of God carry his gospel into all the world that it might ennoble every life touched by it.

As it was in the days of Christ on earth, it is no less effective in our day. It is the gospel that heals the lepers and sends them before the priest with the understanding that he shall issue them state papers assuring their friends that they have been cured. It is the same glorious gospel that unstopped the ears of the deaf; the same gospel that made the lame walk, the gospel that caused the blind to see; the glorious gospel that forgave adultery, and stopped the issue of blood of twelve years' duration. Declared it as the bread from heaven of which if any eat he will hunger no more; the water of life from which he who drinks shall never thirst. Preach it as the glorious gospel that broke the manacles from the limbs of our fathers and brought them out singing, "Thank God Almighty, I am free at last."

If our Baptist churches would rise to the call of the hour in the field of missions, we would be able to make larger conquests both at home and abroad. We would thereby hasten the day as seen by the prophet of old, who looking through his telescope of prophecy, saw this great day of Baptist progress, and shouted, "But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious."

As Baptist churches at work in world-wide missions, we need a truer and deeper vision into the glorious promulgation of the gospel. For the promulgation of the gospel is glorious. As I said in the beginning of my address, the highest work on earth and among men is the promulgation of the glorious gospel of the blessed God. Men in the several professions are doing a great good. The physician and surgeon is a necessity in our social and health programs; the lawyer is a fine benefactor in our business economy; the teacher is a wonderful asset in our great system of learning; the artist is a special factor in meeting the needs of our great civilization; the whole line of professions helps us much, but none are so needful and helpful as the promulgators of the glorious gospel of the blessed God.

"How beauteous are their feet
Who stand on Zion's hill;
Who bring salvation on their tongues,
And words of peace reveal!

How charming is their voice!
How sweet their tidings are!
"Zion, behold thy Saviour King,
He reigns and triumphs here."

How happy are our ears,
That hear this joyful sound,
Which kings and prophets waited for,
And sought, but never found!

How blessed are our eyes,
That see this heav'nly light!
Prophets and kings desired it long,
But died without the sight.

The watchmen join their voice,
And tuneful notes employ;
Jerusalem breaks forth in songs,
And deserts learn the joy.

The Lord makes bare his arm
Through all the earth abroad;
Let ev'ry nation now behold
Their Saviour and their God."

Paul found it a glorious privilege to preach the gospel, and was happy in submitting to all the privations brought upon him in preaching it. In a very happy vein, he makes a beautiful catalogue of his experiences in the gospel. "Are they ministers? I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils by the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches."

If Baptist churches expect to be part and parcel in the spread of the gospel, and they are, there must spring up among us a few more men with the boldness of Paul, and with his willingness to suffer that the glorious gospel of the blessed God might be heard the world around.

May we say, All praise to those missionaries of our group and faith who have gone forth into the wilds of Africa with the Gospel of God. Some of these have fallen asleep, and others are among us here in this Convention hall. They have wrought well in spite of conditions, but there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed, and its possession awaits the coming of more and better Baptist missionaries.

Let us remember that ours is a world-wide mission, and as such, the call is made upon every church of ours for larger giving for missions. May pastors lay greater stress on missions from their pulpits. Not once a year, but let no sermon conclude until a word has been said on missions. In fact, there cannot be preached a real sermon unless it has in it a missionary ring.

As Baptists none can beat us in our great annual meetings, shouting, in our prayers, in our speeches and in our sermons, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism," but we so soon forget that there are millions who have never heard this triple declaration, but they stand ready and willing to receive it from the mouth of any Baptist promulgator. For this gospel must be preached in all the world, then shall the end come.

If I had the power and the right, I would take my stand at some strategic point on the peak of some mountain height and would summon around the foot of this mountain every Baptist preacher. I would call them up from the cotton belts of Mississippi, Georgia and Alabama; I would summon them from the flora gardens of Florida, and from the sugar bowls of Louisiana; I would call them from the Iron Mountains of Pennsylvania, and from the duck ponds of Maine; I would summon them from Massachusetts, the hub of learning, and from Tennessee, the mecca of Negro Baptists from everywhere; I would call them about me from all the Pacific slope and from the Atlantic Sea board; I would call them from the oil fields of Texas and Oklahoma, in fact from all the states, and now having summoned them from the ice bound seas of the frozen North to the sunlit waters of the tropics, I would raise my voice as some high powered megaphone, and implore every one of these preachers to go forth with this glorious gospel of the blessed God, and preach it. Preach it with power; preach it persuasively, preach it uncompromisingly. Preach peace on earth, good will towards men. Let men know that while they are all the time reaching up perpendicularly to God, they must also reach out horizontally to men.

I would order them preach this gospel until all nations submit, without reservations, to the program of disarmament, when nations would beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruninghooks, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, and neither shall they learn war any more.

I would urge, preach the gospel until the Sultan of Turkey would sign for peace and call in his army from fighting fields, until the Mikado of Japan shall call his troops home; until China shall become peaceful and call in the men of war of her rented dominions; until England shall cease to vie for the mistress of the sea and call in her army and navy. Until France, Germany and Russia shall send for their soldiers to come home and study war no more. Preach it until the United States shall grow tired of the war spirit, mob violence and the nocturnal visits of clandestine movements in the name of law and order. And then I would line this hymn while all the nations would join in its singing and without a discordant note:

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

For him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown his head;
His name, like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his Name.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen."

40. Election of officers was declared the order of the day. Rev. S. B. Butler, D. D., Indiana, was recognized, and presented the name of Dr. L. K. Williams for president of the Convention. Dr. Williams was unanimously elected. Rev. W. M. Taylor, D. D., Louisiana, was unanimously re-elected vice-president at large. Drs. R. M. Caver, Arkansas; J. C. Jackson, Connecticut, and W. H. Rozier, California, were re-elected as regional vice-presidents.

41. President L. K. Williams made remarks after a demonstration. A committee representing Bishop College, Marshall, Texas, conferred the degree of LL. D., upon Dr. L. K. Williams, with a very appropriate ceremony, Rev. A. L. Boone, D. D., presiding. Prof. E. D. Pierson, Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, D. D., and Rev. E. Arlington Wilson, D. D., made remarks. The diploma was presented by Rev. T. S. Boone. Dr. Williams in a happy vein responded.

42. Secretary R. B. Hudson submitted his annual report setting forth the doings of the Board of Directors during the year. The report was full, comprehensive and exact in detail. The report as read was adopted.

REPORT OF SECRETARY—1927 SESSION

Detroit, Michigan, September 7, 1927

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

Fully conscious of the responsibility which rests upon me as the secretary of this body in that the records not only of this organization must be kept accurate and intelligible, but the records of the Board of Directors, which acts and looks into all legal matters, bills and accounts in the absence of this Convention, must be kept so as to bear investigation and the scrutiny of legal talent if called for, and appreciating the honor and trust reposed in me during the years I have faithfully served you, I have the honor to submit herewith my twentieth annual report, which covers the action of several meetings of the Board of Directors, the receipts and disbursements of the 1926 session, the money received during the interim, with special contributions for Flood Sufferers and the Baptist World's Alliance.

Board Meetings

The records of the Board of Directors in September, 1926, during the session of the Convention are published in the last minute and it is only necessary that I refer you to them to note some of the acts passed at that time:

The securing of the $300.00 for the Morris Memorial Tomb was had thru the president and secretary advancing money. The salaries of the assistant secretaries were raised to $40.00 for three, and $50.00 for one. The ushers were ordered paid $2.00 per day for services, while the chairman of the ushers was voted a salary of $25.00; the auditor's salary was increased $400.00 per year; the chorister was ordered paid $300.00 and railroad fare to and from the Convention; the election of the secretaries of the several Boards of the Convention was confirmed and upon recommendation Rev. S. D. Ross, was elected corresponding secretary of the Educational Board at a salary of $3,600.00 per year. The receipts and disbursements of the Convention were passed upon and will be referred to later in this report.

Second Meeting

This meeting was held in Cincinnati, Ohio, January 17th. It was one of the most business-like and history making in the history of the Convention. Reports were had from the several secretaries of the Boards, which were fully discussed, and recommendations as to future operation of Boards were passed. The following order was passed with reference to the auditor and secretaries of the several Boards.

"The auditor is independent in his office and work and subject to no one of the secretaries and Boards.

"In the discharge of his duties he should have access to all records while auditing and should be given every possible facility and cooperation in the performance of his duties.

"As efficiency expert his duties are recommendatory. In such capacity his relations to the secretaries and Boards is concurrent, aside from the concurrent relation he has no authority over the secretaries and the Boards which they direct.

"The secretaries, Boards and other agencies of the Convention are instructed and directed to follow the recommendations made by him for the purpose of developing and operating successfully the Efficiency Department. Failure to follow such recommendations shall be reported to the Executive Committee or Executive Board."

The following order with reference to the Theological Seminary was passed.

"It is recommended that we have the constitutional limit of trustees 50, 35 of our Convention, instead of 24. That the additional nine be the following persons, who are already on the Educational Board and added to the following classes:

Class 1, 1927: J. W. Tutt, Iowa; W. H. R. Powell, Pennsylvania.
Class 2, 1928: L. T. Clay, Michigan, Alexander Gregory, W. Va.
Class 3, 1929: S. S. Reed, Indiana; H. M. Smith, New York.
Class 4, 1930: W. M. Poe, Florida; M. F. Washington, Ohio; W. A. Gray, District of Columbia.

"We recommend that the headquarters of the Educational Board be changed to Atlanta, Ga."

Rev. S. D. Ross, D. D., Cor. Secretary, Educational Board, tendered his resignation, which was accepted.

The policy of the National Baptist Voice was outlined as follows:

1. Each contributing editor shall sign his name to the article written by him. 2. Where the editor is in doubt as to the specific attitude of the denomination on any given subject the following rules shall obtain:

(a) Questions pertaining to Church Government and Policy shall be referred to the editor on Pastoral Theology.

(b) Questions on Orthodoxy shall be referred to the editor of the Doctrinal Department.

(c) Matters pertaining to Public Policy shall be referred to the general contributing editor.

3. We recommend that the paper be issued so as to reach the agents and subscribers by Saturday of each week.

4. Where the editor or contributing editors cannot agree, in case there are other questions in respect to the management of the paper, the matter shall be referred to the president of the Convention; If he cannot settle them they shall be referred to the Executive Committee and then to the Board of Directors.

Contributing editors: C. A. Ward, Doctrinal; R. A. Mayfield, Pastoral Theology; T. O. Fuller, Social Service.

The following order was passed with reference to the Benefit Board:

It was decided to hold the Benefit Board in tact, but to suspend its present plan of operation. The matter of retiring the present life policies and closing up other features of the Board's work was left with Executive Board and Attorney Roberson. It was decided to begin an Annuity Fund and to build homes for the aged preachers. The question of a sanitarium and of moving the Benefit Board Headquarters to Nashville was left to a committee to make recommendations.

This committee recommended; That for the good of the cause that the object of the Benefit Board be changed to that of a National Baptist Hospital or Sanitarium, with tubercular accommodations, or Home for the Aged. And, that the headquarters of the Benefit Board be changed from Helena, Arkansas, to St. Louis, Missouri."

After making arrangements for the salaries of the teachers of the Theological Seminary and transacting other items of business the Board adjourned to meet at Nashville in connection with the session of the S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Congress, to make program for the present session of the Convention and for transaction of such other business as may come before it.

Third Meeting

This session was held at Nashville, Tenn., June 22nd, when program for the present session of the Convention was prepared.

A proposition from the Foreign Mission Board asking permission to purchase adjoining property to present headquarters, Philadelphia, for $9,000, paying $3,000 cash and the balance deferred payments secured by mortgage on property, was granted.

A report from the Executive meeting of the Baptist World's Alliance was submitted, showing that at the meeting to be held in Toronto, Canada, June 22, 1928, the National Baptist Convention, the only Baptist organization in the Country receiving recognition, had been allowed the following persons on program: On Education, Dr. Jno. Hope; On Missions, Dr. J. E. East; On Women Workers, Mrs. S. W. Layten, and a preacher of one of the sermons, our president, Dr. L. K. Williams. In the matter of delegates to the Convention it was pointed out by the president that only those whose credentials were endorsed by the officials of the Convention would be recognized. The sum of $1,250 past due for this quadrennial was brought up for discussion when the following subscriptions were made to take care of it by August 1:

$100.00 each—Georgia, per Dr. J. M. Nabritt; Indiana, per Dr. B. J. F. Wesbrook; Oklahoma, per Dr. A. M. Johnson; Maryland, per Dr. S. Williamson; Missouri, per Dr. O. C. Maxwell; Alabama, per Dr. D. V. Jemison; Mississippi, per Dr. P. E. Frisby; Ohio, per Drs. J. F. Walker, and J. H. Burke; Kentucky, per Dr. J. W. Gibson; Penn., per Dr. M. A. Talley;

Michigan, per Dr. A. C. Williams; Calif., per Dr. W. H. Rozier; Illinois, per Dr. J. J. Olive; Arkansas, per Dr. J. F. Clark; Florida, per Dr. W. C. Brown; Tennessee, per Dr. R. B. Roberts; Louisiana, per Dr. L. Allen; Texas, per Dr. A. L. Boone.

$50.00 each—New Jersey, per Dr. G. T. Wilcher; Mississippi, per Dr. B. J. Perkins; Hopewell, Newark, per Dr. H. T. Borders; Kansas, per Rev. W. A. Bowren; Concord Church, Brooklyn, per Dr. J. B. Adams; Metropolitan Church, New York, per Dr. W. A. Brown.

$25.00—South Carolina, per Drs. H. C. Anderson and R. L. Robinson.

The flood situation was brought up and discussed and the 5th Sunday in July was set apart for churches to take a collection for the sufferers and report the same to the Convention.

After hearing a report on a site for a Tuberculosis Hospital at Delhi, about 150 miles south of Colorado Springs, and a statement from Attorney Roberson on the same, and an invitation for the winter Board meeting to be held at New York, Metropolitan Baptist Church, the Board stood adjourned.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

Ft. Worth Session:

From representation	$10,674 50	
From door receipts	422 61	
From visitor's badge	68 00	
From sale of reports, badges, etc.	53 29	
		$11,218 40

Since 1926 Session:

Loan Selma National Bank	$3500 00	
Donation from Laymen's Movement for S. S. Board and Seminary	200 00	
Cincinnati Board Meeting	1498 92	
Cincinnati Board Meeting per Dr. Isaac	113 01	
Representation	25 00	
		$5,336 93

Designated Collected at Convention:

Foreign Mission Board Sunday	$1106 25	
Theological Seminary	86 82	
	4172 68	
S. S. Publishing Board	205 30	
Foreign Mission Board	156 30	
B. Y. P. U. Board	417 61	
Educational Board	69 96	
Home Mission Board	58 00	
Benefit Board	406 79	
Cradle Roll Rally	500 00	
Dr. L. G. Jordan to Foreign Mission Bd.	5 00	
Public Collections	46 25	
For trip Dr. S. E. Griggs	40 18	
Pianists of Convention	17 27	
Miss Sarah Cook		
		$7,288 41
Total receipts for year		$25,843 74

Disbursements

Designated money at Convention	$7288 41
Paid by Finance Committee, taxi	7 50
Special Finance Committee	55 00
M. W. Johnson, Convention speaker	150 00
J. H. Branham, Transportation Commission	50 00
Peoples Bank & Trust Co., note	500 00
Peoples Bank & Trust Co., S. S. note	732 00
Douglass National Bk., Crenshaw note	100 00
J. D. Crenshaw, note	486 04
Selma National Bank, note	3000 00
R. B. Hudson, loan and advanced	1390 49
May's Printing Company, note	359 00
L. G. Jordan, on account	600 00
L. K. Williams, old account and expense	775 15
R. B. Hudson, refund raised note	50 00
J. W. Gayden, Church extension note	200 00
Bethel Baptist Church, church extension note	200 00
E. D. Pierson, Auditor, expense	263 02
Chas. M. Roberson, Atty., fee and expense	544 80
A. D. Williams, Treasurer, expense	163 45
Badges	637 55
E. M. Lawrence, on account	100 00
T. O. Fuller, Publicity Commission	100 00
W. M. Taylor, expense 1925-26	111 00
Convention office expense for August	534 00
R. B. Hudson, Secretary, salary	1000 00

Enrollment Committee:

W. M. Madison	$15 00	
W. L. Varnado	15 00	
U. J. Robinson	15 00	
G. W. Robinson	15 00	
J. S. Simmons	15 00	
W. H. Stewart	25 00	
O. C. Maxwell	15 00	
		$115 00
Edward H. Boatner, Chorister		150 00

Finance Committee:

M. F. Washington	$25 00	
C. A. Wallace	25 00	
W. A. Graham	25 00	
R. T. Sims	15 00	
S. A. Owen	15 00	
S. S. Odom	15 00	
C. H. Johnson	15 00	
M. L. Glenn	15 00	
		$140 00
Geo. McNeal, usher		25 00
Local Convention expense, taxi, etc.		29 46
E. A. Wilson, Assistant Secretary		40 00
T. O. Fuller, Assistant Secretary		40 00
J. M. Nabritt, Assistant Secretary		50 00
E. H. McDonald, Assistant Secretary		40 00
Convention office expense, July 31st		1139 76
J. W. Whitfield, usher		157 00
A. D. Williams, Treasurer, local expense		1 50
Total ordered paid at Convention		$21,317 69

Paid Out Since Convention:

Edw. S. Boatner, Chorister	$ 50 00	
A. D. Williams, exchange	4 25	
Selma National Bank, interest	140 00	
Peoples Bank and Trust Co., Interest	10 00	
Douglass National Bank, Interest	32 38	
Wm. Haynes, Treas., Theo. Seminary	100 00	
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A. M. Townsend, Secty. S. S. Pub. Board	100 00	
Peoples Bank and Trust Co., interest	10 00	
Douglass National Bank, interest	43 16	
Wm. Haynes, Trs. Theo. Seminary	900 00	
Federal Council of Churches	200 00	
Wm. Haynes, Trs. Theo. Seminary	400 00	
Peoples Bank and Trust Co., interest	4 08	
Peoples Bank and Trust Co., interest	10 00	
Douglass National Bank, interest	43 16	
Total paid out	$2497 03	
Total for year		$23,843 74

Notes and Debts of Convention

Notes:

Selma National Bank, general expense	$3500 00
Douglass National Bk., general expense	1850 00
Douglass National Bk., S. S. Pub. Board	8000 00
J. W. Gayden, Church Extension Board	900 00
Bethel Baptist Church, Ch. Extension Bd.	500 00
Rogers & Son, Morris Memorial	975 00
Peoples Bank and Trust Co., Educational Board	204 00
Peoples Bank and Trust Co., Seminary furniture	500 00
Peoples Bank and Trust Co., Isaac for Seminary	1000 00
Seminary note	5000 00

Debts:

Seminary Loans

Foreign Mission Board	$200 00	
$100.00 each: L. K. Williams, W. F. Graham, R. B. Hudson, J. E. East, W. F. Bledsoe, S. B. Butler, W. H. Young, W. M. Taylor	800 00	
C. A. Greer	25 00	
		$1025 00
E. A. Morris		15 00
S. N. Vass		805 00
L. G. Jordan		436 65
E. M. Lawrence		126 00
R. B. Hudson, loan Morris Memorial and interest on notes		294 08

RECEIPTS

Flood Relief Fund

New Hope Assn., per J. A. Pullins, New Jersey	$15 00
Zion Hill Bapt. Church, per J. A. Pullins, N. J.	21 28
King Solomon Bapt. Ch., per A. A. Cosey, Mississippi	10 00
Mt. Olive Bapt. Missionary Society, per Mrs. W. M. Robins, Ky.	5 00
First Bapt. Church, per T. O. Fuller, Tennessee	12 00
Total	$63 28

Baptist World's Alliance

Alabama Baptist State Convention, per D. V. Jemison	$100 00
Georgia Baptist State Convention, per D. D. Crawford	100 00
Kansas Baptist State Convention, per W. A. Bowren	20 16
Total	$220 16

Minutes

The manuscript went to the Publishing Board on time as usual, but because of the rush of work and no assured pay for the printing, the usual delay in delivery occurred. Efforts to have them ready for distribution at the S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Congress was to no avail. On their being received August 23rd many were sent out, although at this time the office was busy in sending out information about this session of our Convention.

The above represents in part the actions of the Board of Directors in legislation, in finance and in other matters, as well as the work carried on in the office of the secretary. In all of this the advice and approval of the president has been secured. For this advice and helpful cooperation from him and for the assistance and help of all the other officers, as well as letters of commendation and approval from the brotherhood throughout the country, I am deeply grateful, and to the president, officers and members, my deepest and sincerest thanks are hereby tendered to each individually, and to you as a whole.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

Yours to serve,
R. B. HUDSON, Secretary

43. Dr. Thos. S. Harten, New York, complimented very highly the work of the secretary and moved that he be re-elected. Secretary R. B. Hudson, Alabama, was unanimously re-elected.

44. Upon motion of Dr. P. James Bryant the assistant secretaries, Revs. J. M. Nabritt, D. D., Georgia; T. O. Fuller, D. D., Tennessee; E. Arlington Wilson, D. D., Texas, and E. H. McDonald, D. D., Nebraska, were unanimously re-elected.

45. The treasurer, Rev. A. D. Williams, D. D., Georgia, submitted his annual report. A motion prevailed to approve and adopt the report after discussion and questions for information. A motion prevailed referring all unpaid notes to the Board of Directors for adjustment.

REPORT OF TREASURER

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.

OFFICE OF TREASURER

Rev. A. D. Williams

383 Auburn Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

Receipts

At the Convention, September 7-13, 1926

Cash forwarded 1925-1926		$ 35 11
Received from secretary, general	$11,167 55	
Received from secretary, sale of badges, etc.	53 29	
Received from secretary, Laymen Movement contribution	200 00	
		$11,420 84

Since the Convention :

Notes Payable—

Selma National Bank	$3500 00	
L. K. Williams	89 61	
		$ 3589 61

Representation Fee:

Rev. C. T. Stumps	$ 10 00	
Rev. W. F. Graham	10 00	
		$ 20 00
Cincinnati Board Meeting		1611 93
		$ 5221 54

Total	$16,677 49
Less "returned" checks	120 00
Net Cash Receipts	$16,557 49

Disbursements:

Administrative:

Operative—

President L. K. Williams, Balance 1926 expense bill		$ 775 15
Secretary R. B. Hudson, Salary 1926	$1000 00	
Unpaid expense previous year (N. V.)	1390 49	
Office expense current year	1139 76	
Office expense August curren year	534 00	
Badges current year	637 55	
"Raised" bill ($10.00-$50.00)	50 00	
"Local expense"	29 46	
"Special Finance Committee"	55 00	
		$ 4836 26
Auditor, E. D. Pierson, Convention allocated expense		$ 263 02
Treasurer, A. D. Willams, travelling expense		164 95
Attorney, Chas. M. Roberson, service and expense		544 80
T. O. Fuller, publicity		100 00
E. H. S. Boatner, Chorister		200 00

Assistant Secretaries:

J. A. Nabritt	$ 50 00	
E. A. Wilson	40 00	
E. H. McDonald	40 00	
		$ 130 00
Special Address, Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson		150 00
Committees		437 00
American Baptist Theological Seminary		1850 00
Notes Payable		5018 04
Interest Payable		446 86
Old accounts		1259 00
Donation		50 00
Miscellaneous		217 37

Total disbursements	$16,442 45
Cash Balance, July 1, 1927	115 04
	$16,557 49

E. D. PIERSON, Auditor

46. Treasurer A. D. Williams was unanimously re-elected. Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., Kentucky, was re-elected statistician; Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., Kentucky, was re-elected historian; Prof. J. D. Crenshaw, Tennessee, was re-elected editor of the Voice; Prof E. D. Pierson was re-elected auditor, and Hon. C. M. Roberson was re-elected attorney.

Adjourned.

Afternoon Session

47. State Vice President L. Allen, Louisiana, called the Convention to order at 2:30. Rev. J. E. Evans, D. D., Florida, read the 23rd Psalm for a Scripture lesson, and led in singing "Amazing Grace." Rev. S. H. James offered prayer. Rev. R. C. Calhoun, Georgia, led in singing "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say."

48. The secretary of the Benefit Board submitted the report of the Board. Action upon the report was deferred until Monday. The chorus sang, "I Shall Not Be Moved."

49. The Sunday School Publishing Board submitted its report through its Corresponding Secretary, Dr. A. M. Townsend. The chorus rendered preparatory to the reading of the report, "Lift Him Up." Secretary Townsend carefully related the comparative progress of the S. S. Publishing Board. It was an eye opener, and a complete refutation of the malicious report published in some quarters. A detail free report was given to the delegation. Action was deferred until Monday.

50. Rev. M. A. Talley, D. D., Pennsylvania, delivered an excellent address upon "Increasing Our Circulation and Building Up a Book Concern."

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

I am asked to speak to you from the subject: How To Increase the Circulation of Our Literature and the Building of a Book Department.—

The question before us is fundamentally an economic one, a question of production and consumption. Production is largely dependent upon demand; demand is the market value of any commodity. Demand is therefore dependent upon want or desire. Want or desire is dependent upon the education, taste, and ambition of the patrons of the enterprise in process of production. In other words, the increase of the circulation of our literature is dependent upon the wants and the desires of our people; and their wants and desires are dependent upon their education, taste, and ambition.

We have a publishing concern of almost unlimited capacity to satisfy the literary demands of our Baptist family, but as aforestated, the output of our plant is dependent upon the desires of our Baptist family. If our desires are great, then great will be our output; if on the other hand, our demands are small, then small will be our output. It can be seen, therefore, that the increase of the circulation of our literature is dependent upon an educational process to that end among our people which is to be operated by the men who hold the positions of leadership in our denomination, namely: The pastors and superintendents of our Sunday schools. No other publishing concern can produce a literature that will represent the standards, the aspirations, the ideals and the struggles of our National Baptist constituency, but that of our own publishing house, which was conceived and brought into existence through many eras of great tribulation for this express purpose, and the quicker the Negro BAPTISTS of AMERICA begin to recognize this fact, the quicker will all parties concerned become beneficiaries of this great and potent institution.

One of the greatest handicaps, we have suffered as a group in this great nation, is the lack of literary expression of Negro thought and character in channels of American sentiment. It is true that to some degree we have had an expression, but its force and power have been largely negligible because of the lack of backing from some organized effort. As the Warwicks of England were the sentiment makers, which made and uncrowned kings and even altered the channels of British thought, so the printed page is the sentiment making progress in our American life. What the newspapers publish in this country becomes law and order. It is, therefore, from the printed page that most forceful sentiment is reflected favoring our ideals and promising welfare and hope for the future of our people in this country.

Let us note that it was the power of Uncle Tom's Cabin and other powers of the printed page which fomented public sentiment into the dynamic force which brought on the Civil War and the subsequent abolition of slavery. And that by the introduction of a similar process, the Southern Confederacy introduced a new state of warfare, which has engaged the greatest geniuses of their group, who with pen and playwright have created the greatest literary dynamics in modern history. They have reversed the verdict of the Civil War, undone the victory won at Appomattox, nullified the Acts of the United States Congress in the 14th and 15th Amendments and established their pre-war ideals of Negro inferiority and of white supremacy throughout the world. In this act we see the tremendous power of the literature of a people that may be employed either to destroy or to defend the thought and aspirations of that people. The Negroes of America need the coruage and the conviction of their own self-defense in the manner that the South has had in reversing world-thought on their once lost cause. And this cannot be done unless the Negroes have a literary producing concern to market their thought.

The Negro, through his literary genius and with a publishing concern capable of marketing his thought and publishing his aspirations can create a sentiment that will change the present thought of the world, respecting his race, and invalidate the opinions that race difference is fundamental and inescapable. The future battle of the Negro in this country is not to be fought by printed pages of sympathetic literature produced by white people but only by our own people who must make their impression upon American thought by producing a literature expressive of our own ideals, virtues, and ambitions. The time has come that the Negroes of America through the omnipotence of their literary expressions should tell the world what we want, what we will stand for, and what America must do for the Twelve Million Group of our citizenship. Note, if you please, how, that the general welfare of our people is affected by the fact that fifty times as much space is given in our daily newspapers to report the blunders and mistakes of the Negro race as is given in making reports of the progress and achievements of that race. Through this medium, public opinion is held in an unfavorable attitude toward the Negro and we are rendered irreparable injury and disadvantage. Our race is not only painted black in physical features but is blackened in character, for the onlooking gaze of the coming generation of the approaching ages. As never before in history, Negro Baptists, which represent at least fifty per cent of the Negro thought of the world should dedicate themselves to the task of producing a literature that will defend the race from all the aspersions and calumnies made against our group by the literature producing agencies of other groups. We might as well concede that a war has been declared upon our group and its campaigns are not being waged by shot and shell but by literary dynamics of most powerful force. The Negro is thus challenged to meet this action by an opposite and equal reaction or else be crushed in the conflict. Our publishing house presents the Negro with the opportunity never before afforded in history, for this reactionary process which the race must have, or be doomed.

Again we must confess that in the ascending strides of our Negro life and in the midst of the conflicts with which we are plied as a denomination, there is a demand for a distinctive Baptist literature, emphasizing

orthodox interpretations of the New Testament and expressive of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man in the face of prejudicial interpretations and damaging and misleading heresies of modern times. Baptists are commanded to baptize every creature and this command ought to be obeyed in the printed word as well as in the preached word. The world should be flooded with a Baptist literature for the revolutionizing of world thought in favor of the doctrines as taught by our Lord and the Baptists, who are his direct successors.

Only recently, the illustrious Editor Crenshaw of the National Baptist Voice, had the following to say along this particular line: "Paramount to and dominating every other thing now OUGHT TO BE, not should be, the financial obligation involving the denomination's PUBLISHING HOUSE. Years of practical experience and close contact with men and things and an intimate knowledge of the efforts of the denomination, through its leader to write and make a literature all its own, inspire this commentarial urgency to make good our venture—the Publishing House with its publication plant. JUST ONE THING—this Publishing House obligation—ought to bend us all up to the sticking point, in order that no sort of miscarriage and disaster overtake what has been done, and sink us into the mire and humiliation of failure. Events, major and minor, which have occurred since the late Dr. E. K. Love, many years ago in Convention assembled, delivered his immortal inspirational epic, a message divinely inspired, on Negro Baptists creating a literature of their own in every way, have been events epochal in their significance and bearing during these formative years in the developmnt of Negro Baptist literature through their own self-direction. Dr. Love is dead and his body rests in dust, that element from which it sprang, but his soul message on that eventful day, in the long ago, aroused his compatriots, and in after years they have turned that message-vision into a world-admiring reality—the now completed PUBLISHING HOUSE."

But Baptists cannot produce a Baptist literature peculiarly all their own and save our magnificent publishing house until pastors and superintendents of the National Baptist Convention shall cease to secure literature from other publishing concerns and give that patronage to their own publishing house in the present financial crisis through which we are struggling. The non-sectarian publishing houses fail to promulgate a whole gospel as taught in the New Testament and as set forth in Baptist doctrine. Therefore such literature cannot be truthfully said to be as good as that published by our own publishing house, which presents full and unbiased interpretations of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus once delivered to the saints. Furthermore, a discriminating and biased race with prejudicial traditions and emotions is incapable of making truthful interpretations in favor of the peculiar struggles of our Negro group. It is a fact that they fail to make note of distinctively Ethiopian or Negro characters found in sacred Scriptures. This droll process is ever making implications in favor of the white group and neglectful of other groups. Yet, we have some Negro leaders who claim that such literature is better for their Sunday schools than ours, and many such leaders are asking favors and honors from the National Baptist Convention, and are not willing to honor this Convention with the support of its publication plant. A friend in need is a friend indeed, and those who claim to be friends of the National Baptist Convention should prove it at this time by securing their literature from our publishing house under the superintendency of DOCTOR A. M. TOWNSEND.

Our book needs, as a denomination are innumerable. The need of a Negro National Baptist Church Directory is imperative. You can prove anything on earth in church law either pro or con by Hiscox's Directory. There has not been at any time a greater demand upon us for the progress of our institutions and for the peace of our constituents than is at present for a Church Directory suitable to the peculiar tastes and ideals of our people.

Recently the Pennsylvania Baptist State Sunday School Convention wanted to recommend a Negro Baptist History for the study of its teachers. After investigation, it was found that no such history as was desired was published. This is a challenge of the young people, to the leaders, and to the fathers to give them the records of the struggles and achievements of the denomination for their inspiration as well as for their information. Who can dispute that our young people are weak in denominational courage and pride because we have failed to place in their reach such a competent history of the dramatic story of our struggles and attainments?

Equally as insistent are the demands upon us for doctrinal statements and restatements to save our people from the present whirlpool of agnosticism and loss of faith in a supernatural Christ. The Nordics are endeavoring to flatten out Jesus into a definite nonentity. It likewise seems that they have fallen with the Cross, having stumbled over their visionary superiority complex. It is thus the Negro's day in history to make his master contribution to Christ and to the world by wielding the omnipotence of his pen, to magnify and glorify the name of Christ as the only begotten Son of God and his Cross as the ineffable symbol of salvation from sin.

51. Following the address an offering was taken for the Publishing House, conducted by Rev. E. J. Echols, D. D., New York. In the course of his effective remarks he urged men to be converted. A converted man will give more to the cause than to railroads. From the words of Mordecai to Esther, "How knoweth thou, but that thou art come into the kingdom for such a time as this?" Dwelling upon divine selection for service, the speaker drove home in a convincing way the responsibility of called leaders. Treasurer Miller of Benevolent Circle, Shiloh Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., after telling how it was raised, turned over $500.00 to begin the rally.

52. The journal of the preceding day was read and unanimously adopted.

Benediction by Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., Kentucky.

Evening Session

53. Devotional singing was led by the chorus.

54. Prof. Carter G. Woodson, Historian, was presented and delivered a very interesting address, on "Importance of Negro Baptist History." It was shown that history is the greatest avenue for disseminating propaganda either for or against this people. The address, while historical, was not narrative but rather a vivid portrayal of the glorious achievement in song, painting and military science.

55. The chorus sang "Lead Us" and captivated the vast audience. It then sang "Done Found My Lost Sheep."

56. The chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, Rev. J. C. Austin, was presented to preside during the Missionary program. In well chosen words he presented Rev. J. E. East, D. D., Secretary of the Board, to submit the report. As usual the report showed the progress made and the advanced movement in hospital missions, combining both the salvation of body and soul. It was a splendid tribute to the loyalty of Negro Baptists to the great commission, "Go ye therefore into all the world," and is an omen of the future growth of the spirit of the missionary service.

57. An offering was taken after prayer by Rev. J. C. Austin, D. D., Illinois. The chorus sang sweetly several selections.

58. Rev. R. L. Bradby, D. D., Michigan, made announcements in reference to the Dr. Moton meeting.

59. "Come Unto Me" was sung as plates were passed for a collection.

60. Little Georgia U. Parks, a native African, was presented, as was Miss M. M. Davis, a returned missionary. Both made brief remarks.

61. Dr. Charles Satchell Morris, Virginia, was presented to deliver the Missionary Address. An orator of the first magnitude, with a subject that challenged all his masterly powers of eloquence, "African Missions," the speaker told the glorious story of the gospel of missions in Africa with vivid word pictures that thrilled the Convention and gripped the dullest imagination with the tragedy of neglect.

62. Rev. A. C. Williams, D. D., Michigan, made announcement of preaching service.

63. The Foreign Mission collection was announced to be $445.45. "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was sung as the closing number.

Benediction, Rev. R. B. Roberts, D. D., Tennessee.

THIRD DAY—Friday

64. Devotional singing, led by Chorister Boatner, opened with "This Is My Story" was followed by concert of prayers. Death messages were read from the Second Baptist Church. The president requested the appointing of more ushers to cope with the situation.

65. Prof. Cox, U. S. Census Bureau, Department of Religious Statistics, was presented and state presidents were requested to confer with him.

66. The father of Chorister Boatner was presented. The president stated he had no knowledge of being robbed. The Convention joined in singing, "Plant My Feet on Higher Ground."

67. Rev. P. J. Watkins, D. D., Alabama, was presented to deliver the Devotional Address, "The Baptist Church, a Community Saving and Serving Center."

THE BAPTIST CHURCH, A COMMUNITY SAVING AND SERVING CENTER

In discussing the subject before me, I do not propose to reiterate the history of the Baptist church as a whole, or that of any of its various auxiliaries; nor do I wish to extol our denomination as the only worth while means of extending Christ's kingdom on earth. Such an attitude would betray narrowness, if not ignorance of certain historical facts. But I do contend that the Baptist church is, and ought to be, one of the chief agencies in elevating the members of the community to a higher standard of living and a better understanding of religious truths. In fact, there has been no time in the history of the church in which the Baptists did not consider salvation and service some of their principal aims.

No lengthy arguments are required to prove this contention. For centuries the Baptist church has striven to save those who without the gospel would have been lost. It is an undeniable fact that the Baptists were the

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rs in the field of missions, of saving and serving, and have been honored o plant churches in Africa, Asia, Bahamas, Panama, and the West Indies. lore than that no mission band has arisen in any denomination without he past century, surpassing the agents of the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, in ardent zeal, patient perseverance, and invincible fortitude, in arrying out the Lord's command to preach the gospel to every creature.

The names of Bowie, Lott Carey, Jordan, Delaney, East, and others will e held in grateful remembrance by all generations, and thank God today, heir footsteps are now being trod by a long list of missionaries emulating heir bright example, the messenger of the church and the glory of Christ.

But it is not only by way of missions that the Baptist church is endeavoring to save and to serve, for our institutions likewise show willingness to dispel ignorance and enthrone Christian morality in the hearts of the young. In fact our schools of learning are inferior to none for training young men of piety for pastoral duties, presided over by men of great ability, and the history of our colleges, dating back as far as the sixties, when Selma University, Simmons University and Arkansas Baptist College, Union University, as well as their subsequent development are ample proof that we have not been dormant in serving the people of our nation.

In order to further illustrate our activities along the line just stated, I might also refer to our constantly growing church membership which now numbers, 3,379,914, or 100,000, more than last year.

We should, however, grossly err, were we to make past achievements the sole criterion of usefulness. To be sure, we have good reasons to feel elated, but we cannot stop where we are; the past and the present call on us to advance and to undertake still greater things for the glory of the Master.

Both expansion and activity should be our watchwords, for it is only in proportion as we promote Christ's kingdom on earth that we shall increase our usefulness among men.

But it is right here that we enter on much disputed ground. In our efforts to save and serve, we center our activities on large cities or medium sized towns, and thereby often forget the rural church and its people.

When we think that 75 per cent of our churches are rural, and only 25 per cent of the rural population are in the church, and 40 per cent of this membership are non-resident, and inactive, and that four out of every six persons in the rural districts are out of the church, and that one million renters move every year in these districts, it should challenge our interest and cause us to inquire what we, as a denomination, are doing for the salvation of these unfortunate people.

There are several community churches in America today which is a hopeful sign, but how about the thousands of rural churches in the United States that are doing nothing? Where are the trained leaders, without whom the rural church is doomed?

I am aware that these conditions are general, and that if any blame is to be attached to lack of religious activities, the church as a whole, and not any particular denomination, is worthy of censure. Yet notwithstanding this truth, the Baptist church, as well as any other denomination, will have to admit that its influence in rural districts is not as strong as it used to be. If we propose to save and serve, we must look after the population of both country and city. This may not always be an easy task; yet it has to be done if we wish to carry out the great commission.

Perhaps we could somewhat lighten the execution of this apparently impossible task, were we to stress "the other man religion" instead of "other world religion." Make the church the center of the community and adjust its program to present day needs, with a resident pastor, his support looked after by the church boards; or let some rich city church support some country parish.

And too, our colleges and seminaries should assist in training leaders for rural work. Then these young preachers won't use the rural charge as a stepping-stone to something else. For longer pastorates will certainly help the situation.

Buildings should be designed to meet the needs of the community. With proper leadership the cost will not be too much if there is first a "wil-

ing hand" and a determination to make the effort and the sacrifice the kingdom task demands.

On the other hand, while we are making wonderful strides in the cities there is still a possibility that the church may be mistaken as to the nature of the service rendered. In order to save and serve the community the church must, first of all, be truly efficient. But what is an efficient church?

So far as material equipment is concerned, and other things that can be noted, the efficient church must have a building worth while, either in fact or in prospect, must have a location that is advantageous, must have a membership, and must have a certain spirit of warmth and evangelistic fervor. These may be called accidents, yet they are so near essentials that they may be included as absolutely necessary. Some congregations may have the most of these elements, and yet not be efficient; but they cannot be efficient without them. In addition to them and back of them, there must be devoted life, consecrated talent, service at the command of the Lord, money in purse or bank subject to the Lord's draft. It takes the spirit to make these external things valuable. Whether a church has such a spirit is not for any one particular person to determine. If it has the spirit of Jesus Christ, it will be efficient; but its efficiency will work out through an adequate church building, properly located, comfortably filled with worshipers, and these displaying the right kind of spirit toward one another and toward the stranger. And while efficiency starts in the heart, it works out through the head and the hand and the foot.

The efficient church is the one that worships God, that keeps itself unspotted from the world, that takes care of the widow and the orphan, and extends the kingdom according to the great commission.

On the front page of a leading homiletical magazine, some time ago, was an article written by a professor in Amherst College, entitled "What Is the Church for?" These four things were mentioned: To furnish institutional religion; to create and maintain worship; to create personal character, and to maintain and direct public morals.

More might be cited to indicate the present trend of the right on this point. The emphasis is being put on religion rather than on Christianity. Religion is something born in man in the process of regeneration.

The Baptist church is to assist in developing that, being in the world for one purpose, and one purpose only, with just one thing to do. If we would give more time to the one and less to the ninety-nine others, we would accomplish still more for God. The moment we turn aside from our central task, we lose our power with God and our attractiveness and effectiveness with man.

The task God has assigned to the Baptist church is the preaching of the gospel of a crucified, risen, and returning Savior to a lost world. Through that gospel we are to save and serve men; hence, our great business is the soul-saving business; all else is secondary. Now how can the men of the community be saved? Not by reformation, not by law, not by new environment nor higher education—no, Jesus could not save men that way. He had to go to the cross to provide a way back to God. And if we are to save and serve this old world, and bring it to the sunlight of heaven's benediction, we must carry it back by the way of the same cross.

How, then, can the Baptist church best accomplish this task in the twentieth century? First, the church needs to declare her allegiance to the gospel of Jesus Christ in its entirety and to preach it fearlessly. The modern tendency is to tone down the gospel. But the logic of modernism leads to an emasculated Christ and a powerless Christianity having the name but shorn of the glory. It is important that the Baptist church have a doctrine and hold to IT. For, as we cut the doctrine we mar the Christ. Second, the Baptist church needs to emphasize the fact her strength lies not in material prosperity but in spiritual power; not in worldly accomplishments but in heavenly obedience.

Third, the Baptist church must arm herself for a warfare against sin and evil in every form.

One of the greatest dangers that has beset the church in the past, and will beset it in the future, is when it adopts a worldly attitude in moral matters, and lose its sensitiveness to evil, and look with a degree of tolerance upon moral relapses.

The Baptist church of the twentieth century is challenged on every side. She must face the world of her day, a world egotistically self-satisfied, a world doubtful of things religious, a world held in the grip of materialism. May she stand true to her Lord, true to her gospel, and true to her task. Then will the words of Christ, "the gates of hell shall not prevail against her," come to pass.

The speaker delivered an address equal to the occasion, handling his subject with ease and power.

68. The chorus sang "Just Over in the Glory Land." President Williams presented Dr. George E. Haynes, of the Federal Council of Churches. Dr. Haynes declared the building of the Publishing House was an epoch making event in race history. He discussed the work of the Federal Council in battling against the reign of prejudice in America. The recital was interesting and helpful. The address was a valuable contribution to the edifying program of the session. All delegates were urged to enroll.

69. Corresponding Secretary, Rev. W. H. Moses, D. D., of the Home Mission Board, submitted his report in the form of a missionary address. The report was in a pamphlet form for church use, the financial part being left for the auditor to make. It was a splendid appeal for a return to God.

70. Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., Historian, submitted his report. Having preached 33 years, he felt that his 31st year of reporting ought to give him a large place in the hearts of the the Baptists. The report was condensed, practical and very suggestive. Flowers were presented Dr. Jordan at the close of his address. The chorus sang "I Shall Not Be Moved."

71. The committee to meet Dr. R. R. Moton was announced.

72. The Educational Hour was introduced by President L. K. Williams with prefatory remarks.

73. Rev. R. T. Pollard, D. D., Alabama, was presented to preside during the session.

Rev. T. O. Fuller, D. D., addressed the Convention on the subject, "Christian Education, the Paramount Need of the Hour." The address was documentary evidence sufficient to convince the most skeptical of the paramount need of Christian education.

Brother President and Members of the National Baptist Convention of U. S. A:

It has fallen to my lot to discuss the subject just announced, "Christian Education the Paramount Need of the Hour." The subject is not limited in its application to country, to race, or to nationality. It is limited only to the hour in which we live, and includes, therefore, all people everywhere. Agencies of commerce, of invention and discovery as well as of religion have brought the people of the world into close contact and relationship. Communications are bringing distant countries and their inhabitants into one common family and into one big neighborhood, so that a new map of the world is rapidly forming which shall hold within its limits one great civilization.

The world is looking forward to the coming of one great universal language which shall be used in common in the marts of trade, in the forums of the law and the courts by authors and by scholars, by the classes, and by the masses, giving an unified speech by which the needs and ideals of mankind may be expressed. Standing at the dawn of this happy an-

ticipation the question may well be asked, What is the paramount need of the civilization of the hour?

Those who take the time to survey the matchless resources of the industrial world found in forest and in mine, in quarry and in mineral and oil well, and to note the progress of science in discovery, utility of things passed by for centuries as worthless but today are adding to the wealth and happiness of the world; those who have taken the time to consider these things would doubtless suggest that inventive genius, financial prowess and economic development are the paramount needs of the hour.

Others who watch the activities of the nations in their efforts and strivings for the mastery through their representatives sitting in Peace and Armament Conferences might suggest diplomacy and statesmanship as the paramount need of the hour.

Others who have followed the trend of secular education, seen the great institutions erected by private foundations and by public taxation, and how compulsory attendance has filled to overflow the public schools with their superior equipment and ability to meet the most rigid requirements of standardization, I say there are those perhaps who would suggest secular public school education as the paramount need of the hour.

It must be admitted that the progress of science has been remarkable and wonderful, that the resources of the material world are unfolding with the march of human progress and need. Financial geniuses have extended their activities to the earth, the sea and the air, but they have not yet convinced the world of their ability to solve the vexing problems and guarantee or perpetuate an ideal civilization.

Statesmen and diplomats have charted the way for the civic and political progress of the nations. In legislative halls, in national and international conferences and by agreements, gentlemen and otherwise, by international codes, have sought to maintain peace and cooperation and remove the things that disturbed the world's comity, but the great policies of statesmen of all time have followed each other in discord while the ghosts of international and interracial strife refuse to down at their bidding.

Secular education has played an important part in the progress of man. It has drawn out the powers of his mind, to think, to compare and to please. It has enabled man to understand himself better and to better adjust himself to his environments. Education has broadened man's horizon and enabled him to live in other ages and other hemispheres through books and literature in which the thought of the world has been embalmed and transmitted. Public education is the outgrowth of the spirit of democracy and is the agency of the state to awaken citizenship consciousness, through which the state hopes to get increased moral and financial support.

A population, with its difference in race, nationality and civic and moral ideals needs the public school to fix a common ideal and standard, regarded as very essential to the maintenance of orderly government. Public school education is used to teach the masses that there is no absolute freedom of the individual; that man's liberty might be forfeited by the commission of crime for the good of society. It also teaches the masses that there is no absolute ownership of property. That property may be taken for debts and by the right of the community, for highways and for public buildings.

Public education has also taught the right of private property and has also given man valuable help in his efforts to get along with his fellow man and to live usefully and happily in society. But public education, as helpful as it has been, and as valuable as it is in the commerical, social and political world, is too limited and restricted in its application to the whole life of man to be acknowledged as the paramount need of the hour.

If asked to suggest the paramount need of the hour, I would unhesitatingly name Christian education as the paramount need of the hour. Our civilization seems on the slippery incline. It needs a moral and spiritual corrective. It needs an anchor to hold it steady and safe amid the storms of moral, social and political corruption that are sweeping the earth. The world is money mad. Graft and other forms of dishonesty are threatening

the stability of the home and the state and are even dragging their treacherous forms through the sacred precincts of our religious institutions.

Unconsecrated learning is storming the citadel of our religious faith with hope of making uncertain and debatable some of the great fundamental truths that have been our proud heritage for centuries.

Christian education is the paramount need of the hour. It has Jesus Christ as its central character and the Golden Rule as the test of man's treatment of his brother. Christian education accounts for the existence of the world from the standpoint of divine creation and guarantees the stability of the universe by the doctrine of divine providence.

Christian education teaches the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. It seeks to consecrate learning and convince man that he is a part, a great plan older than creation, and absolutely subject to the will and purposes of God. Christian education would substitute the will and purpose of God for blind fate and chance. It stands for thoroughness in its literary features, giving the mind the fullest development of its powers and possibilities but directed in its loyalty to God by the power of the Holy Ghost.

Christian education would correctly interpret Christ and apply his teachings and his ideals to human conduct. With this man will know his duty to himself, to his neighbor and to his God. Christ's teachings would become the basis for understandings between nations and races and the strife of the world would cease. It is the task of Christian education to pave the way for man's happiness both here and hereafter. It should dominate the thought of the world. It would cleanse and clear up the field out of which thought rises. It would purify human character, thereby giving us a purer social atmosphere. It would raise the ideal of citizenship, quicken the civic conscience, spread the gospel of human brotherhood, destroy the false doctrine of race prejudice and the inherent superiority of race and make the Golden Rule the ideal principle of international law, thereby guaranteeing the peace of the world.

Christian education is the paramount need of the hour. With Christian education given its rightful place, Jesus Christ would become the ideal of life and the model of the world's leadership. What think ye of Christ, and the proper answer to this important question would constitute the test of acceptability for those who aspired to lead in the affairs of the nations.

Our churches today must contend for the ascendency and supremacy of Christian education, without which our pulpits will be filled with skeptics and those untrue to God and the Bible, which will paralyze our religious institutions.

The interpretation of Christ must be done by those who know him by soul contact and who accept his divinity and teachings without debate and without question. Christian education instead of accounting for the universe by the theory evolution, would see the hand of God in the beauty of the flowers and of the sunlight, in the grain of the sand and in the massive rocks, in the dewdrop and in the expansive ocean. They would hear God in the roar of the lion, the whistling of the winds and in the voice of the thunder, and so charmed would the world become when it has given the proper credit for the creation and maintenance of the universe, under the sublime influences of Christian education, man everywhere would be heard to say, "I would speak to the Almighty, I desire to reason with God. Christian education is the paramount need of the hour.

74. Dr. O. L. Hailey, Tennessee, spoke feelingly and helpfully about the American Baptist Theological Seminary.

75. Rev. R. C. Woods, D. D., Ohio, discussed in his usual eloquent manner the important subject, "The Importance of a Ministerial Fund and How To Raise It.

76. Dean W. T. Amiger, of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, was presented and made a sane and edifying address.

77. Rev. John Hope, D. D., delivered a very striking address on American Baptist Home Mission Society in Negro Education. It was a real tribute to the worth and need of schools such as those conducted under its auspices.

78. Rev. R. T. Pollard, Alabama, spoke on the distinctive Negro Schools, Founded and Controlled by Negroes, How To Help Them. The address was well received.

79. Dr. Wm. J. Clark, Virginia, was presented and talked of the work of the schools of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, giving a tribute to the founders and to men like the late Dr. H. L. Morehouse, who were unusually wise in strategically locating these schools.

80. Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., made a brief address upon Simmons University, Louisville, Ky., in particular, and the Christian school in general.

81. The program marked a new era in the National Baptist Convention and its relation to Christian schools and colleges. The good will and influence of the Convention and its Board are thus pledged to these institutions.

82. A quartet from the Second Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, rendered two selections. Mrs. Beasley, California, press representative was introduced.

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was sung.

Benediction, Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., Kentucky.

Afternoon Session

83. The Convention reassembled at 2:30. "We Are Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," was sung. Rev. D. M. Brown, Louisiana, read a part of the 37th Psalm for the Scripture lesson. Rev. H. C. Anderson, D. D., South Carolina, offered prayer for the work and workers of the Convention. "Lift Him Up" was sung as the invitation was extended to new members. Rev. J. A. Brown, New Jersey, made an interesting talk.

84. Telegram announcing the condition of Rev. E. H. McDonald, D. D., Assistant Secretary, and Rev. E. Z. McGhee, D. D., Nebraska, who were injured on their way to the Convention, was read.

85. Rev. C. L. Ovesby, New Jersey, made remarks. Mr. A. D. Greenlea, Michigan, effectively sang "An Appeal to Mother."

86. Space for an offering for the historical department was given, and a collection lifted to defray expenses of this worth while effort amounted to $15.19.

87. A solo was rendered by Mrs. Florence Cooper Shumake, Michigan, to the delight of all.

88. "Am I a Soldier of the Cross" was sung. Prof. E. D. Pierson, Auditor, was presented to submit his report. This report covered the doings of the Convention, executive and operative.

89. A motion by Rev. I. A. Thomas, D. D., Illinois, referred recommendations to the Committee on Resolutions, was passed.

90. The report was exhaustive and thoroughly explained in detail the fiscal standing of the Convention.

91. Chairman P. J. Bryant, of the B. Y. P. U. Board, was presented, and after preliminary remarks introduced Corresponding Secretary, E. W. D. Isaac, to present the report of the Board. The Nestor of the secretaries and the sage of the Convention plunged into the address as of old and swept through to a dramatic close carrying the audience as none other than Dr. Isaac can do. The report showed progressive, constructive and permanent growth. Rev. U. J. Robinson delivered a forceful address on Training for Church Activities.

The great commission of Christ to his disciples, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," has in it the entire program of the church life.

In it we have the preaching or evangelizing unit, the teaching or training unit.

The Baptist denomination has outstripped all other denominations in carrying out the first part of this commission, evangelization. We have the numbers, and in many of our churches they have been well organized for financial purposes, but we have paid too little attention, I am afraid, to the teaching or training unit of the commission, which is just as important as the preaching and evangelizing unit.

It is encouraging to note from the tone of the religious paper that the churches everywhere are awaking to their great task of not only evangelizing, but Christianizing and training their constituency for service.

Every member in the church can be, and should be trained to do something definite in the program of the church.

The church should see to it that they are trained to do what they are best fitted to do.

The U. S. Army is made up of civilians taken from everyday life. Untrained in army tactics, they are sent from the recruiting station to a training station, to be taught the tactics of war. Each one is classified and place in the unit best fitted, and then follows the long months of training for army service.

Experience has taught us that the government that spends the most money, time and patience in training its soldiers, has the most efficient army; and the most efficient army will accomplish most on the battle field.

So it is with the church, she must classify and train her constituency for the great task of the Master. And the church that spends the most time, money and patience in classifying and training its workers, will have the most efficient church.

We must realize it is not the big membership alone that counts but it is what can they do, and what are they doing.

The church is the biggest institution on earth, it is the most important army the world has, and her warriors should be the best trained. As Christian ministers and leaders, we cannot afford to neglect the training unit of the church.

The B. Y. P. U. is one of the most important organizations within the church.

There are great possibilities in the B. Y. P. U. While it is an auxiliary of the church, it is more than an auxiliary, it is a training and classification school, where every member should be enlisted for training for service.

It furnishes a place for social, missionary, Bible and spiritual training, all of which will be found to be of great importance in the activities of the church.

The church must and should meet the needs of the age, it should help in every endeavor of humanity. And in order to serve its great purpose, it must be wide awake, with clear vision and program for the training of its members.

The B. Y. P. U. has a place in the church that no other organization can fill. The great Aim of the organization must be realized and its importance utilized.

The church needs that thing called in the automobile "Pep." In order to get "Pep" and speed, the quality of gas and oil counts. So it is with the church, in order to get "pep" and speed the quality and efficiency of the constituency count.

If we want the church to move off in the execution of the great program of the Master, we must not neglect training.

Paul said in his letter to the Ephesians, the 4th chapter, "But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. . . . And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

The church is a school for heaven and earth. True and full unity of the faith is then found, when all thoroughly know Christ, the object of faith alike, and that in his highest dignity as the Son of God.

The B. Y. P. U. has for its main object to teach the young as well as the old the Word of God.

Among all the gifts of God, the gift of his Holy Word is the most excellent, and, if we take away the word, what do we else but take away the Son out of the world? For what is the world without the Word? but chaos.

The Word alone brings life and comfort to the soul, peace and quietness to the conscience: which alone keepeth us in the favor of God: without which there is no religion, and so no God. For without the Word and Christ, the world could not stand.

The B. Y. P. U. not only teaches the Bible, but it teaches how to teach the Bible, thus it trains Bible teachers for the church.

I want to suggest that the letter "Y" in B. Y. P. U. be cut out, and B. P. U. used instead, Baptist People's Union. That would eliminate the mistaken idea that it is a young folk affair and thus set aside by most of our churches as such. When, in fact, it is a Training Camp for Baptist Membership, where all train for the activity of church life best fitted.

The Christian church must undertake to carry forward a comprehensive program of religious training for service. That program must be thorough and complete. There must be organization for this purpose. A religious life is one in which homely daily activities of life are carried on under religious influence and ideals.

I repeat, the Bible provides the best solution in carrying on these activities under the control of religious ideals.

The outlook for religious training is bright, and with a well trained corps of workers, the philosophy of Christian training will find its full meaning in that verse used by Jesus, which says: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me."

92. The deeds to a new lot were read and received from the B. Y. P. U. Board.

93. President Jno. L. Webb, of the Laymen Movement, made an important announcement.

94. An offering was lifted to pay for painting the Seminary, amount $55.00.

Adjourned.

Evening Session

95. Moving pictures of the Publishing House and of various leaders and churches throughout the country were shown.

96. "Great and Marvellous Are Thy Works" was sung to the pleasure of all by the chorus under direction of Prof. Boatner. Rev. J. H. Garnett, American Baptist Theological Seminary offered a fervent prayer. Miss Jones, of Chicago, favored the Convention with a violin solo.

97. Rev. Geo. E. Stevens, D. D., Missouri, read a resolution as an address to the country.

The same was referred to Committee on Resolutions. Remarks were made by Rev. A. F. Owens, D. D., Alabama, and Rev. W. W. Brown, D. D., New York. Miss Lowe, of Tennessee, rendered a piano solo. Representing the State of Illinois, Mme. Anita Patti Brown sang. Her encore number was "Comin' Thru the Rye."

98. Rev. A. C. Williams, D. D., Michigan, in well chosen and eloquent words presented Dr. R. R. Moton, Principal Tuskegee Institute, as the speaker of the evening. The graduates of Tuskegee sang "Tuskegee," as Dr. Moton arose to deliver an address that was epochal and far reaching. He paid a glowing tribute to his lamented predecessor, Dr. Booker T. Washington, and the progress of Tuskegee under his guidance. Among the many things said was, "It is better to live now than at some other period of the world's history. This is an age of changing minds and hearts and challenging leadership and thinking of one's self. An age is upon us when the Christian church is on trial and western civilization is being questioned. A religion that preaches universal brotherhood and practices something entirely different ought to be questioned." The speaker after other happy introductory remarks selected as a subject for his matchless address, "Christian Cooperation, one Shepherd, one Fold, Unity." This address included the two texts: "And the angels sang, Peace on earth, where there is good will, and, Love God with all thy heart, soul, mind and strength, and thy neighbor as thyself." The speaker closed in a blaze of glory.

99. Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., Kentucky, read a resolution on appointing a commission of seven on Union. It was referred to the Committee on Resolution.

100. The chorus sang "There's None Else to Deliver Us," "Done Found My Sheep" and "Journeying to Zion. Mrs. Catherine Williams, Cleveland, Ohio, sang a selection by request.

101. A vote of thanks was given Dr. Moton for the Jerome Gates Scholarship and he was made a life member of the Convention by unanimous vote. A motion prevailed to extend a rising vote of whooping thanks for his address.

"God Be With You" was sung.

Benediction, President L. K. Williams.

FOURTH DAY—Saturday

102. The Convention was called to order by President L. K. Williams. "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," was sung, being led by Prof. E. H. Boatner. Several inspiring selections were sung and several sentence prayers were offered. "Twill Be Glory" was sung by the chorus.

103. Mr. G. H. Cox, of the U. S. Census Bureau, was presented by President Williams and emphasis was placed upon the importance of turning in reliable statistics so as to make the proper

showing in the forthcoming report. Mr. Cox mentioned the fact that Minister W. T. Francis, to Liberia, is a Baptist. Prof. J. H. Smiley, gospel singer, sang to the delight of the Convention, "The Old-fashioned Way."

104. Rev. J. R. Jamison, Arkansas, presented Hon. John L. Webb, president of the Laymen Movement. Mr. Webb stated the main objectives of the laymen as follows: The paying for the Publishing House, the support of the American Baptist Theological Seminary and hearty support of the general Convention program.

I want to thank the President of the National Baptist Convention, and Dr. Hudson for the splendid place given the Laymen's Movement. I want to thank the speaker for the splendid introduction. I want to thank all persons throughout the U. S. for what you have contributed to the Laymen's Movement. Lest I forget, I want to bring you greetings this morning from the only state recorded in Holy Writ—my state.

As great as Louisiana is, as great as the forty-six other States of the Union are, they are unlike this state, they are not recorded in this Book of books. The only state you will find is my state. By reading the Bible you will find these words—"And Noah looked out of the ark and saw."

There are many preachers who go through the world saving souls, and thinking the work cannot go on unless they are here to carry it on. But I want to remind you that when the Master calls you someone else will carry on the work. If you are going to heaven, don't get homesick. Come to Hot Springs and take the baths and get well.

We have had a splendid meeting. Some of the pastors came to the Laymen's meeting and enrolled from four to five deacons. I hope that every person here whose church has not enrolled will go up and give your name or the name of some good deacon.

This great movement has as their aim the supporting of the Theological Seminary at Nashville, helping to liquidate the debt on the great Publishing House, and fostering the work of this great Convention. Their support is divided into three parts—supporting the Seminary, for the Publishing House, and for the general Convention.

It is encouraging to see on the platform men like C. C. Spaulding, who is first vice president of the great Insurance Co., the greatest insurance company known to our group. He is the first vice president of the Laymen's Movement. When I tell you Attorney Roberson of Louisiana is vice president at large you will feel happy. It was a joy to look on the platform the other day and be able to count the wealthy laymen on that platform worth more than five million dollars. What does this mean? It means that any big enterprise that we, as the National Baptist Convention, might want to put over, could easily be underwritten by this great Convention in a day.

There was an old barber once who sent his children to school. The daughter finished college and came home educated up to the place where she used big words. While they were seated around the fireside the father said, "Annie you used to tell some beautiful tales, tell us one." The daughter said, "Father don't say tales that is vulgar." The father wanted to know what should he say, and the daughter replied always say narrative. Later on the sister came into the room with a lamp, and the mother was superstitious about two lamps in the same room, so she told her to put that light out. The daughter said, "You should never say put out, say extinguish." The old man kept repeating the words until he had gotten them down. Soon afterwards the dog began to fight with the cat, and the old man said to the boy—"Son take that dog by his narrative and extinguish him."

If there are any of you who have the slightest idea that the Laymen's Movement will not go over and be the greatest factor in the National Baptist Convention, I want you to take that thought by its narrative and extinguish it.

I am now going to present to you one, who for seven years has been pastor at the Roanoke Baptist Church. I don't know what you pay your pastors, but I do know that the laymen stand first and always for a well paid pastor. We pay this servant of the Master at Roanoke $4000 a year, and give him his vacation. They paid him $3200 for six week's service at one place he served. It is a peculiar pleasure I have to introduce at this time that character I refer to, Dr. Joseph T. Hill, Pastor at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

105. In well chosen words President Webb presented his pastor, Rev. Joseph T. Hill, D. D., for an address on the Work of the Laymen. The great preacher addressed himself to that beautiful passage in Songs of Solomon, 'Ye shall be as teeth even, white, like a flock of sheep just come up from the washing." From this he discussed the beauty of cleanliness, unity and position, saying, "The church can be injured in its organization by the "stickouts" or those who are displaying all the time their importance. The choir, officers and ministers should be in harmony and uniformity. No place for false teeth when real work is done. It was one of the wisest and most constructive addresses ever delivered to the Convention.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I want to thank my superintendent and chairman of various boards for his very kind invitation. I fear I will have some competition. Some of the men might want to apply for the pastorate.

I was here on yesterday, and I felt I had the spirit to speak at that time. When asked by Mr. Webb to fill this place I said yes with reluctance for I had been in the balcony and seen some of our very best men hissed and hooted at. Mr. Webb informed me, however, that the laymen were different from the ministers, and I would get a cordial welcome.

It was said once that a hen had a brood, and there was in that crowd one rooster. After the chickens had been out they would run to mother and tell what had happened during the day. That night the little pullet said "Oh, mama, mama, the minister came to dinner today, and brother was killed, and the minister ate him up." So the mother said, "I am glad brother went to the ministry, for he would never have made a laymen."

I just decided that I would say a word from the Songs of Solomon 6:6—"Thy teeth are as a flock of sheep which go up from the washing." I believe the ministers will be interested, I believe the laymen will find profit in what I have to say.

This song applies to the church. Some of our modern writers do not agree with that. Solomon, however, has symbolized the church with a beautiful woman.

We have all kinds of teeth. We have canine, and molars, etc. Physicians find that many diseases of the human body can be traced to the teeth. Very much care is given the teeth. Now my application is when the church is not functioning properly the community suffers. The text that I am using says, "Thy teeth are as a flock of sheep which go up from the washing." It is splendid, that first suggestion, that the teeth must be clean. I do not know of anything more loathsome than a foul mouth. Nothing more detestable than a person when he begins to talk you find he has not a clean mouth. There is nothing we can think of that is more objectionable than an institution connected with Jesus Christ and yet those running that institution not clean. I am bringing this to the laymen because I think the laymen more than the preachers are responsibile for much of the foulness in the church. We must see today that our churches are as a flock of sheep fresh from the washing. Some people have said like preacher, like people, but I feel that it is like people like preacher.

So many of our preachers have found out the trend of the people and instead of leading them into the right line, they follow the trend of the

people. I hope you will not think this is incloquent. There was a man once who had a dog, and the dog would go on in front and lead him until he came to a crossroad, he would wait until the man caught up, not knowing which way the man was going, and when he found out, he would take the lead again. So many of us are dog leaders. We find out just which way the crowd wants to go then we lead them. I am asking the laymen to see that the minister will stand up. If he tries to lead from behind, lead him right, and give him a hint. The ministry is largely a reflection upon you and upon your own good judgment.

When you call a man whom you know has a soiled and tainted reputation the reflection is upon you. The man who has to preach to your wife, who has to counsel your daughter, the man who has to be at your bedside, you ought to see to it that he is a clean man. When he comes to your place clean, the reflection is all on you. If he goes from now on it is left with you.

The minister who is successful must be wiser than just to see that that is set before him. He must see other things. John Webb holds several positions in my church, it is because I have looked and seen that my little knowledge of man tells me that I can place him here or there.

When a young man, there was a very beautiful girl in my community, and I thought very much of her, but instead of her canines being pruned down, they stuck out as tusks, and spoiled the symmetry of her facial beauty.

This can apply to the church. There are times when we have splendid members in our church, but they spoil the symmetry and uniformity of the church by trying to stick out too much. Every time you go into the church you don't see anybody but Brother Peter of Brother John. They are stick outs. I know you are big men in your community, I know you stand out, but these canines when sticking out like that don't do any chewing, all the chewing is done by the molars and pre-molars hid behind the lips.

Then there are incisors. But incisors are used by animals to get their food. We don't use them, we use knives and forks. Nothing is harder to look at than to see a person with all his teeth out in front. Sometimes when I marry a woman and she has never been married before and doesn't mind kissing, I will kiss her. I remember marrying a girl one Chirstmas. She had two teeth out in front, otherwise she was a very beautiful girl, so I said to the chairman of my Trustee Board who was present, "Brother Chairman, you kiss her."

In your church life the incisors represent the church choir, the Deacon Board, and the Trustee Board. I will not allow a man to sit in front of my church dressed in red tie, and green socks and any sort of foolish apparel. We should be careful of those in front who stand out prominently. If you are a member of the choir, don't let any one see anything wrong. Every man who sits in front of my pulpit must be garbed right. It doesn't look well, and does not add dignity to the church if men are dressed in any sort of way. I keep my choir always uniform. I robe it, I want all that are in the front to look alike. Go home and see that the incisors, those that represent showing part of the church are all right.

One day a middle aged gentleman was dining at my home, and when he began to eat he reached in his mouth and pulled out his teeth. We thought he had a very splendid set, and I looked at him and smiled, and he said, "You need not laugh, these are all right to look at, but when I have real work to do I take these things out and gum it." We have some that look like the genuine article so far as outward appearance go, but when there is genuine work to do we cannot depend upon these.

Get the desire to be true. "To thine ownself be true, and it must follow as the night succeeds the day thou canst be false to no man."

It was the Apostle Paul who was inspired to write, "Whatsoever things are true." If a man is true he is able to know himself.

One time a white fellow came to our school selling a tooth paste guaranteed to make the teeth white in a day. Several of the fellows purchased the paste, and next morning they hurried to remove the past to see what effect it had, they found their teeth perfectly white, but the paste had

eaten great big holes in their teeth and they were spoiled for life. The moral is, we had better not take to so many of these newfangled ideas. We had better cling to the old, and ordinary paste. Leave these isms alone. Cling to the Bible for instruction and righteousness, it is a forerunner of all things. It is inspiration to philosophy.

I listend attentively to your singing. You have here one of the best choristers in the country. I like his gyrations. He simply brings the music out. I don't want us to forget that sacred poetry as it is. Please let us have some books with some weight to them. I want our young people to know the great songs of Zion. Yes, in my Sunday school the Baptist Hymnal is used; in my B. Y. P. U., we use the Baptist Hymnal, in my prayer service the Baptist Hymnal is used.

Why there is nothing sweeter to me than when I can sing "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone," There is nothing sweeter to me than when I can sing songs that were sung by my father and mother—"Nearer, my God to thee," "Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to thy bosm, fly," and "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!" It is all right to have these newfangled songs, but they don't mean anything. And laymen this is largely in your hands. A young man said to me, If we don't have modern things they will call us old fogies.

Let us all say my hymns shall be the hymns of the church, I will pray and know that God will hear, I will walk by faith for he is the one Saviour whom the world can depend upon for all things.

106. The enrollment cards were passed while, "I'm Going Through" was sung by Miss Mabel DeVaugh, Alabama.

107. President Williams took charge as the regular program was resumed and the chorister led, "I Shall not Be Moved."

108. Prof. Wm. H. Stewart, 52 years secretary of State Convention of Kentucky, 52 years a trustee of Simmons University and 50 years editor of the American Baptist, and 80 years of age, was presented and after preliminary remarks, presented Editor Robert L. Vann, Pennsylvania, to speak upon the subject "The Negro Press and the Pulpit." "Love, fear, hate," declared the speaker, "are the controlling factors in leadership." It was a splendid address that reached and gripped and thrilled.

Mr. President, Officers and Members of the Convention:

I hope you will indulge me long enough to hear at least the first part of my address, and if you hear the first part I assure you you will wait and listen to the second part.

First of all, I want to introduce myself. I want you to know to whom you are listening, and then I want you to listen to what I am going to say. There are some characteristics that belong to the Baptists, and nobody else has been able to assume these characteristics. We come by this naturally, and one of these characteristics of the Baptists is that he is first, last and always a Baptist.

I was born in the State of North Carolina, in 1879, and I am therefore [illegible] years old. I was educated in a Baptist school and from there I went to Virginia University, and to the University of Pennsylvania in Pittsburgh and graduated from the law department in 1909. I was baptized by a Baptist pastor in a creek in North Carolina, when I was 13 years of age. And I am proud to say I am still a Baptist, and there is no reason in the world why I should be anything else but a Baptist. I don't have any desire to be anything else, and have no intention of ever being anything else. I consider my denomination an asset to whatever success I have, and not a liability, and if I have succeeded at all it is because I have been a Baptist and refused to be anything else but a Baptist.

I want to tell you that I got married once, and I have been married ever since. I was joined in matrimony by Dr. W. W. Brown a Baptist minister of New York City. He did that favor for me in 1910, and went off and left

us, and is now pastoring successfully in New York, but I am still married, the same Baptist in Pittsburgh, Pa.

I have tried to do a few things in my life, and do them well, thoroughly, ably and manfully, and one of the things I have tried to do is to advertise my people. If there is anything I want to tell you it is this, that we have a power like which there is none other in the world. The Baptist power stands out preeminently, friends, as the most dynamic single force in the world. You do not know anything about it. You do not know what your numerical strength is. If there is any member in the audience who can tell me the exact figures of the National Baptist Convention I will pause long enough to hear him. You cannot tell to save your life. Why you have never been interested in the numerical strength, the numerical value, and without your knowledge the Baptist church multiplies so rapidly you cannot keep track of the figures if you tried.

There is nothing else in the world that can lay claim to three hundred and forty-five million members. What a wonderful power, what a strength, what a force, and yet we are sleeping on that force. Literally sleeping on our own power, and it is because we have not been advertised.

Now get what I mean. Not outdoor signs telling you where the best barbecue can be bought. I mean advertising the world over as a Christian power, as a dynamic moving force. Advertise by comparison, if you please, with any other living dynamic force under God.

When I stop to think how other forces rush to the front with their great purposes, their great objectives, I wonder what in the world three million Baptists are thinking about that they don't rush forth with their great force, their great power, and say to the world you have left out the greatest dynamic force under God when you leave out the three million Negro Baptists in this country.

Then let's begin to know each other, let's begin to advertise our power, not for the sake of publicity, but for the sake of conviction. Let us take it outside the family as well as inside the family. Let me illustrate. There may come tonight in some form or other embarrassment to us. Something that our son or daughter went out and did, and he or she comes home and tells it to mother and father. The greatest struggle is to keep it in the family. It is not an embarrassment as long as we keep it in the bosom of mother and father, but if it gets out, then it becomes a disgrace. There is absolutely no reason and no sense in having power and not advertising it.

We have the strength, we have the prestige, we have no need of them, if we are going to keep them in the family. Let it get out. Let the world know there are three million of us. Let the world know we have an objective. Let the Presbyterian and Episcopalian know we have objectives, economically, and politically, and that we are using them under God. From now on I am using my paper to advertise my people, the Baptist people, as the biggest and greatest organization under God.

109. The following editors of the Negro press were presented. Dr. J. C. Jackson, Christian Index; Robt. L. Vann., The Pittsburgh Courier; T. R. McDowell, Kansas, The Record Searchlight; R. N. Hall, Alabama, The Baptist Leader; D. D. Crawford, Georgia, The Georgia Baptist; J. E. East, Pennsylvania, The Mission Herald; B. J. Brawley, North Carolina, The Home Mission College Review; E. W. D. Isaac, Tennessee, The Clarion; W. B. Brownlee, Arkansas, The Vanguard.

110. Partial report of Finance Committee was submitted as follows: General $11,293.91, door receipts $739.48, total $12,032.29.

111. Attorney Chas. M. Roberson was presented and submitted his annual report upon all legal matters affecting the Convention and its Boards. It was a clear, comprehensive review of this part of the work. Action on the report was deferred.

To the President, Officers, and Delegates of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Greetings:

Again I am permitted to submit another report as attorney, for, what I consider, the grandest institution in the world.

One can but feel proud to have the honor of handling the legal affairs of this institution, that is composed and made up of citizens of that theocratic government, whose Chief and Ruler is God. The mere privilege of handling the legal affairs of the ambassador of Jesus Christ is in my opinion an honor that words cannot express.

The National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., has in my opinion set a standard for collective efficiency. One would only have to look about himself and see the many business achievements, consider the business operations of our several Boards, and then look to that gigantic accomplishment, the Morris Memorial Building, all of which has been brought about by the business genius of the men composing this grand old Convention. I am sure that you will agree with me when I say that this is the grandest institution on earth, not only because its members are representatives of Jesus Christ, but because of their business ability and the good that it is doing in a business way in stabilizing the members of our racial groups along business lines.

As your attorney, I have endeavored to keep abreast with all of your affairs in a legal way and have given strict attention to all matters referred to me by the president of the Convention, or by any of our Boards, and as I see it, all of the legal affairs of this Convention are safeguarded from a legal point of view.

Matters Handled

The first matter referred to me since the close of our Convention was a matter of acquiring the property that was supposed to have been owned by the Elpinons Sanitorium Company, located in Colorado. This matter was referred from the Cincinnati Board meeting, to look into the legal status of same, and to report my findings and recommendation as to the advisability of the Convention acquiring and operating this institution.

I made a thorough investigation in this matter by correspondence, and my findings were as follows: I found that the Elpinons Sanitorium Company had been duly incorporated under the laws of Colorado, and had sold some of the shares of stock at a par value of one dollar ($1.00) each. Their Stock Certificate was in the hands of several persons, but owing to the lack of funds, the corporation had ceased its operation and the State Insurance Department had stopped the sale of stock as its sale was in violation of the Blue Sky Law. I also found that the land in question was not owned by the corporation at all, hence, there were no physical assets of the corporation, saving the buildings that were erected upon grounds that were not owned by the corporation in fee simple. One, Dr. Patterson, and his associates, claimed to be the owners of the grounds upon which these buildings were erected. Upon investigation of the records in Colorado, it was found that they had no deed of record to the land in question. This matter dragged along until the June Board meeting in Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Patterson and his associates were present at the Board. I conferred with them and showed them that they did not have title to the ground, so far as the record of Colorado would disclose. They admitted to me that they had never recorded a deed in their name, but stated that they had in their possession a patent from the United States Government for this land, but that said patent had never been recorded in the records of Colorado. They further stated, however, that they would send me their patent from the United States Government for my review: this they did, and I have what purports to be a patent from the United States Government to them.

I also wish to state in this connection, however, granting that the patent is valid in Dr. Patterson and his associates, this does not vest title in the Elpinons Sanitorium Company.

Two contracts were submitted for my approval in this matter, but I could not approve either of them for the Convention. First, for the reason, the first one sought to have the Convention take over the Elpinons Sanitorium Company which I considered a defunct corporation and had no physical assets, and that the Convention could not consistently enter into a partnership to sell the stock of the corporation, and for the further reason, the Insurance Department of the State of Colorado, had prohibited the sale of this stock. The second contract sought to lease to the Convention the property supposed to be owned by this corporation and Dr. Patterson, and his associates, and it also contained the covenant and stipulation that certain buildings would have to be erected, the institution put in operation within a stated period of time and that the failure on the part of the Convention to comply with the stipulation in every respect, that all buildings placed upon the property by the Convention would be forfeited to the Sanitorium Company, Dr. Patterson and his associates on the grounds of breach of contract. This states briefly my reason for disapproving both of the contracts submitted. I also ascertained the approximate assessed value of the land in question, and am advised by the officials of Colorado that the assessed value of said land is approximately five dollars ($5.00) per acre.

I wish to state further concerning the stock sold, that this stock being in the hands of various and sundry persons and having not been surrendered back to the corporation, I fail to see how one could acquire title to it. Viewing the entire situation from every angle which is too numerous for me to state in this report, I can do none other but recommend that the Convention decline this offer at present.

B. Y. P. U. Board

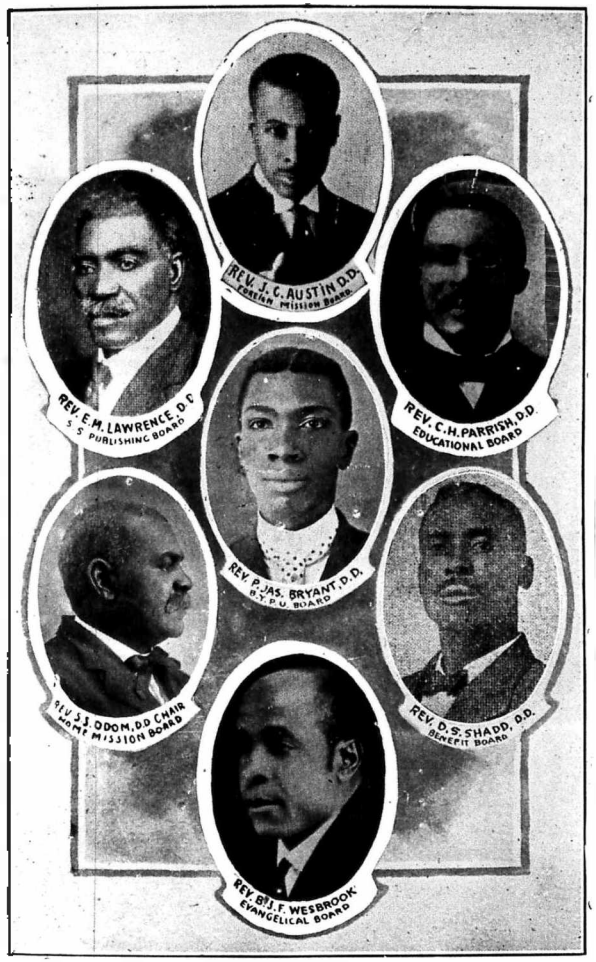
The B. Y. P. U. Board purchased sometime ago upon terms of credit, part of lot 9 adjoining the B. Y. P. U. Board property in Nashville; they having fully paid for this property, Secretary, Dr. Isaac called upon me to prepare the necessary resolution to pass title to this property, to the Convention, this I prepared and the title to this as well as the part upon which our B. Y. P. U. building is situated has been passed to the Convention by deed.

Foreign Mission Board

The matter of purchasing certain property in Philadelphia, was referred to me by the Board of Directors, from our Board meeting, held in Nashville during the month of June to look into the question of the authority of Board of Directors of the Convention, to authorize the Foreign Mission Board to buy this particular property in view of the fact that the Convention had not so authorized. The property was to be purchased at a price of ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) and there being an expressed law of our Convention that no Board could contract to this amount without first being authorized by the Convention so to do, and in as much as the Board of Directors of the Convention are the corporate and ministerial officers of the Convention, I cannot see that it is within the power of the Board to authorize this purchase. The duty of the directors being clearly set out in all the jurisprudence of our country, as being ministerial, and they are without power to do anything further than they are directed to do by the corporation, which in this case is the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A.

I was fully aware of the fact that if the Board did so authorize the purchase of this property, their act in so doing might have been ratified by the Convention, and in this way the matter would have been made valid, but this, in my opinion, was a dangerous precedent to set. Therefore, I did not recommend it, and as stated above the Board of Directors of the Convention is without power to grant authority of this nature.

I am advised by Dr. East that owing to the fact that they had put up certain earnest money upon this property, that it became necessary for this Board to take title to this property in the name of their Board, to save themselves. I am further advised by Dr. East that there was a two



Chairmen of the Boards of the Convention

thousand dollar ($2,000.00) mortgage on the old site, owned by the Foreign Mission Board, and that they borrowed seven thousand dollars ($7,000.00), paid off the two thousand dollars ($2,000.00), and four thousand dollars ($4,000.00) of this amount was paid on the new site being 703 South 19 St., and one thousand dollars (1,000.00) was used in financing the proposition and that the title to the property is now in the Foreign Mission Board, and they stand ready to deed it to the Convention as soon as this matter is approved by the Convention.

You will note from the above, if I understand Dr. East correctly, that there is now a special mortgage of seven thousand dollars ($7,000.00) against the old site and a vendor lien mortgage for six thousand dollars ($6,000.00), upon the new piece of property, being 703 South 19th Street, making a total amount of indebtedness upon the property at Philadelphia of thirteen thousand dollars ($13,000.00). Be it further remembered that I did not approve this transaction at all, but if the Convention approves it, I recommend that the necessary resolution be passed by the Convention, authorizing the taking over the property in the name of the Convention, as per laws of the Convention.

Home Mission Board

I had no matters referred to me from this Board; and so far as I know they have no legal matters claiming attention.

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

There was one matter referred to me from the B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Congress, one Mr. Rathblott of New Jersey, had agreed to give to our B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Congress a lot located at Mizpah.

This matter was referred to me by Dr. Jernigan. I prepared the necessary form of deed, and the same was forwarded to Mr. Rathblott and deed to this property has been made to the B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Congress, auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention and same was delivered to the president of the B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Congress, Dr. Jernigan.

Sunday School Publishing Board

This Board being the seat of our publishing plant, in my opinion, requires not only much attention in a legal way, but in every other way, since the interest of the Baptist denomination is centered in our Publishing Board, and while its legal affairs are all in an executed manner, we are only to keep abreast with the existing obligation, and prevent any legal trouble from arising, this I have endeavored to do.

There is one matter that remains not clear so far as I know in connection with this Board, which is as follows: You will remember that we leased to the People's Bank at Nashville, a certain part of the building for a period of fifteen years, and the amount of the lease for the entire period being fifty-five thousand dollars ($55,000.00), payable in monthly installment. Notes for this amount were given sometime ago by the bank, but in going over this matter, I find that there was no resolution passed by the bank, authorizing its officials to sign the lease or the notes.

Therefore, I called Dr. Townsend, our agent's attention to this matter sometime ago, and he promised to secure the resolution, but same has not been done as yet.

I have fitted me up an office in the building, and I am in the office at Nashville once a month. I feel that this is necessary, that I might thoroughly acquaint myself with all the workings of our affairs as well as to become familiar with all the statutory laws of Tennessee, where our greatest interest is. I was in my office during last month, Dr. Townsend was away and I did not have an opportunity to confer with him; I did confer with his assistant, Mr. Harris, and the president of the Bank, Mr. Hawkins, and sought to secure the resolution referred to in this report. I have also written Mr. Hawkins and Dr. Townsend since I lift upon this

same matter, and Dr. Townsend has assured me he would secure the resolution as per my request.'

I also conferred with our auditor, Brother Pierson, concerning these notes, he informed me that he knew nothing of them and I suggested that he get a list of these notes, for in my opinion they should be carried in his report as a contingent asset of the Convention. Upon this point, I also received a notice from Dr. Townsend stating that he held these notes, as our agent, and that he would see that the auditor get a list of them.

Brethren, my interest in the success of our work, impells me to say that every precaution and safeguard should be thrown around this Board. Feeling this way is why I have decided to be in my office at Nashville every month that I might render any help to our denomination I can.

Board Meeting

I have attended all of the Board meetings, one at Cincinnati and the other at Nashville, Tenn.

Again referring to the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress, I wish to say that I have had charge of the Superintendent's Department since the Hot Springs meeting, and have done everything in my power to build up the department as well as making substantial contribution to the Congress in a financial way.

We held a splendid session at Nashville. My Department turned over to the Congress two hundred seventy nine dollars ($279.00); to the Sunday School Board on the Publishing House debt, fifty dollars ($50.00); Cannon Foundation fund, fifty dollars ($50.00); to the B. Y. P. U. Board, twenty-five dollars ($25.00). Total, four hundred four dollars ($404.00). I have also kept up my individual pledge on the Publishing House Debt.

President's Office

There has been very little correspondence between my office and the office of the president during the past year, this is due to the fact that the president is a man of such broad vision and understanding on matters that effect all of our activities, that he is fully able to deal with many questions in person, that would ordinarily be referred by others to the legal department of our Convention. I did, however, have an occasion to write the president concerning the Foreign Mission matter, that has been referred to me, but owing to the fact that the president was on his tour in the West, I received no reply from him, however, this matter has been referred to in another part of this report, showing my disposition in the matter.

You will recall that at our Board meeting held in Fort Worth, and in keeping with the constitution of our Convention, the president stated that an Executive Committee would handle the affairs of the Convention, this I think was a very wise move and if this committee would function, the affairs of our Convention and especially as they relate to our Sunday School Publishing House Debt, would be of untold benefit. Therefore, I would recommend that this committee be continued as was suggested by the president, and that the president be a member of said committee.

I have endeavored to give you a brief report as I see it, as to the legal affairs of our Convention, and I assure you that I have done at all times what in my judgment was right, and for the best interest of our Convention, and I hope the same will meet your approval.

Before closing this report, permit me to thank you for the honor of being your attorney, and may the great Head of the church keep us all and enable us to continue moving in our denominational activities toward the goal of success.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. M. ROBERSON,
Attorney for the Convention.

National Baptist Convention
Detroit, Michigan, September 8, 1927

Inasmuch as there is no special legislation in the State of Pennsylvania such as in the State of Tennessee relative to the corporations like that of our Boards, and inasmuch as the charter or acts of incorporation of the Foreign Mission Board has been amended, and changed so as to fix the domicile of the Foreign Mission Board in the State of Pennsylvania:

It is my opinion that inasmuch as the the domicle of the Foreign Mission Board, which is a legal entity and Body politic, its domicle being fixed in the State of Pennsylvania, it is necessary that the president or chairman of the corporation should be a resident and reside in the State of Pennsylvania, the recognized domicile of the Foreign Mission Board—and I so recommend.

112. A resolution by Rev. R. M. Caver, D. D., Arkansas, on education was referred.

Whereas, that National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools has initiated a movement to strengthen the cause of education among the people of the Negro race in America by calling on the various national denominational bodies to take a leading part in the establishment of "Education Week," a period to be observed by a special program of emphasis and finance for the schools operated by the race, therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee of five or more be appointed to look into and arrange for the matter, that a conference be sought with like committees from other religious bodies, and that the National Baptist Convention hereby give its approval to the suggestion made by the National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools, with the understanding that all monies raised by various denominational units shall be expended to support the schools of their choice.

Adjourned.

R. M. CAVER

Afternoon Session

113. Regional Vice President W. H. Rozier, called the Convention to order and after devotional singing of a period, prayer was offered by Rev. W. L. Brasco, Ohio. "Lift Him Up" was sung by the chorus. Telegrams were announced.

114. Rev. F. W. Jacobs, D. D. Alabama, delivered a very practical and helpful address on the subject, "The Baptist Church Financing the Kingdom's Program."

"THE BAPTIST CHURCH FINANCING THE KINGDOM'S PROGRAM"

The Kingdom's Program is not a visionary thing, it is not a mere dream; it is the one eminently and always practical thing. In fact, religion is a practical thing, as taught by Jesus Christ and practiced by his early disciples; and no man can hope either to give largely any service to the world or draw largely from life any satisfaction unless he has that concept of the Kingdom's Program.

Is it possible for a man to have a conception of life, without recognizing that this world is built upon a definite and well thought out plan; and is it possible for him to conceive of a plan of life, a plan for the whole world and all things therein, without realizing that back of this definite and well thought out plan,or design, stands the Great Designer and back of all creation stands the All Wise Creator?"

The moment one recognizes that he is a part of this great plan of God's the desire of his heart, ever after that, should be to understand that plan and to work in harmony with that plan. When the individual is enveloped with the idea to understand that plan and work in harmony with it, immediately a sense of responsibility overshadows him, and in assuming this responsibility, he asks that all important question: "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?'

What is true of the individual in this regard is true of the Baptist church in general. The Baptist church realizes that it is a part of the great plan, and as such it desires to know the will of God, and to measure up to the responsibilities of the age.

The Kingdom's Program is the program of the Baptist church. For this program was conceived by Jesus Christ and diligently executed by the early disciples.

This program consists of (1) Missionary Activities, (2) Educational Development, (3) Evangelical Consecration. This was clearly brought out in the brief ministry of Jesus. Forty days after his resurrection Luke says, Jesus led the eleven out as far as Bethany and laid his Kingdom's Program upon their conscience; Matthew adds that Jesus said: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world."

While history reveals the fact that the Kingdom's Program has been the program of the Baptist church in all ages and under all circumstances and that the attention of the world has been directed towards the mammoth stage upon which this program has been executed by the prayers, tears, and financial sacrifices of the great Baptist hosts; it is obvious that in proportion to the numerical strength, and the untold resources at the command of the Baptist church from which to draw, the Baptist church has not measured up to its opportunity and privilege in financing this program. In order to finance the Kingdom's Program adequately, every Baptist church in this country must share in this God given task.

A definite campaign, for the sole purpose of reaching the hitherto unreached Baptist churches, must be launched.

We have hundreds yea, thousands of Baptist churches whose only financial obligations are the salaries of the preacher, organist and sexton. These well meaning churches have no part in church extension work. They represent in neither local nor national conventions. This unnumbered host should be reached, and thoroughly informed and aroused to the needs of the Kingdom. They should be indoctrinated and inspired and made conscious of their part in helping the Baptist church finance the Kingdom's Program.

The original method of financing the Kingdom's Program has scarcely been improved upon. That method was: **Freewill offerings.**

These offerings are made by individuals interested in the Kingdom's Program. Individuals who see the importance of the execution of such a practical, human helpful program. Today a campaign should be staged in every Baptist church in which every member of that local church should be interviewed personally, by a high-powered representative of the Kingdom who is charged and surcharged with the spirit of the Kingdom's Program; who will labour untiringly, and tactfully, to lay upon the conscience of the particular prospect the claims, the needs, and the satisfying returns assured the individual who makes a freewill offering to help finance this program.

Oftentimes the personal satisfaction and the reflective good to be derived by making a freewill offering, is overlooked. What must have been the indescribable joy and complete satisfaction in the heart and life of that lad who made his lunch, consisting of five barley loaves and three small fishes, a freewill offering to help Jesus carry on his program down there in the desert that day, when five thousand men beside the women and children sat hungry at the feet of Jesus? After this freewill offering had been given and this dramatic program had been staged, a reaction set in. John says, "Five thousand men rose up and said, 'Of a truth this is the Messiah that should come.'" That is the objective of the Kingdom's Program today; to get men to acknowledge that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. For the Scriptures say: Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God, 1 John 4:15. But men are acknowledging him only in proportion as freewill offerings are made to finance the Kingdom's Program.

These freewill offerings should be systematically and proportionately given as the Lord hath prospered.

Spasmodic giving of a freewill offering will not finance the Kingdom's Program any more than an intermitting income will take care of a modern home. In order to insure the necessities and comforts of the home, the head of the family seeks steady employment by which he can earn an honest livelihood, by which he can receive a definite and regular income of which he gives regularly each week a definite sum for the maintenance of that home.

The Baptist family of the world, with new fields of endeavor and corresponding larger responsibilities must be imbued with the need of systematic and proportionate giving to adequately finance the Kingdom's Program.

These freewill offerings, systematically and proportionately made, should represent sacrificial giving.

The mere giving of something that may be easily spared, even though giving freely, will not finance the Kingdom's Program. These offerings should represent something that we could use advantageously.

Do you realize that last year $1,400,000,00 was spent for movie tickets; $2,500,000,000 for snuff and tobacco; $2,000,000,000 for cosmetics; $500,000,000 for soft drinks; $650,000,000 for furs and beads, while only $648,000,000 was spent for the various church activities?

Do you realize that we spend $29.00 for luxuries for every one dollar we give to the church and religious interest?

It may be that we, as individuals, may not have large sums to spend or to give, but out of our poverty, we are under God, duty bound to share freely and systematically and proportionately, what we receive of the Lord: to help finance his Kingdom's Program. This duty is inescapable.

The widow who shared her last cake of bread with God's prophet with the lone idea in mind of assisting in advancing the Kingdom's Program, never more, during the famine, knew want. Every time she went to the meal barrel it was overflowing. Every time she went to the cruse of oil she found an undiminished supply.

That widow who made the supreme sacrifice and gave the two mites won the applause of Jesus, for he said, She had given more than all the rest.

The size of the freewill offering will be measured by the breadth of the giver's vision and interest in the Kingdom's Program. If his vision is world-wide, and his interest is humanly sympathetic, the gift made in the spirit of Christ will be sufficiently large, and the sum total of all the thousands and tens of thousands of gifts, made in that same spirit will be adequate to finance the Kingdom's Program and a new day in Kingdom building will be experienced, and the Word of the Lord will cover this earth as the waters cover the mighty deep.

Last year the Presbyterian church of this country financed the Kingdom's Program to the extent of $16,430,372; the Methodist church, $25,447,421; the Baptist church, $14,162,609. Does this not show that the Baptist church is called upon to awake and put on her strength, and put on her beautiful garments? Shake herself from the dust and arise? And measure up to her present opportunity of adequately financing the Kingdom's Program.

The need of consecrated missionaries on both Home and Foreign Fields was never greater. The need for religious education may be seen even by the casual observer, for the very atmosphere is permeated with false philosophy, and erroneous conceptions and pernicious teachings; and the tragedy is that the number of prepared young men entering the ministry, is on a sharp decline.

The world never found itself in a greater need of a religious awaking, than today. Personal consecration and evangelism to the cause of the Kingdom's Program is yet in the mighty process of realization. The grand old Baptist church should not be weary in well doing remembering the great promise that it shall reap in due season if it faint not.

"We are not here to play,
To dream, to drift.
We have hard work to do,
Loads to lift;
Shun not the struggle, face it.
'Tis God's gift. Be strong."

115. Rev. C. H. Parrish submitted his annual report as statistician. It was a splendid compilation of authentic records.

116. Mr. G. H. Cox, of the Census Bureau, spoke. Commendation was given Dr. W. H. Jernigan for helpful service in the interest of the statistical department of the Convention, also Dr. S. G. Lampkin.

117. "In My Father's House" was sung. Rev. J. M. Nabritt, D. D., Georgia, delivered one of the most comprehensive and forceful addresses of the session on "How Presidents of the State Conventions Can Best Help in the Work of the Convention.

118. Pulpit assignments for the Sunday services in both white and colored churches were made.

119. Sunday School Director W. L. Petty and Secretary of Religious Education S. N. Vass announced the participants for the Sunday School Mass Meeting.

120. The Memorial Hour opened with Rev. A. A. Cosey, D. D., Mississippi, presiding. "Nearer My God to Thee" was tenderly and softly sung. Prayer was fervently offered for the saddened hearts by Rev. D. McCoy, Mississippi. The list of dead was read for eulogy. A touching solo, "Rest in the Lord," was sung by Prof. E. H. Boatner. Mrs. M. B. Dixon sang very feelingly, "What Are They Doing There Now"?

121. Rev. A. Hawkins, D. D., Ohio, was presented to deliver the Annual Memorial Address. The powerful preacher selected the 14th and 16th verses of the 12th chapter of Exodus for a text. He selected for his subject, Seven Memorial Days of Holy Convocation. He used as outlines: 1. The birthday of our Savior. 2. The day of his baptism. 3. The day of Christ's Transfiguration. 4. The day of Jesus' death and man's redemption. 5. The day of Christ's resurrection and the events of that day. 6. The day of universal and individual salvation. 7. The day of the final consummation. Around these an excellent memorial eulogy was woven.

122. A spiritual wave broke over the Convention and overwhelmed all. Rev. C. S. Reddick, D. D., Alabama, offered prayer. Prof. Wm. Nix sang a solo, "I Was There and I Ought to Know." Prof. Lewis sang, "I Shall Be Free Some Day." A selection was rendered by Mrs. Wilson, of Alabama. Brother John Gregory, a blind brother, sang "Face to Face." A chorus of girls sang. Dr. A. Wilbanks sang "The Unclouded Day."

Benediction, Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D.

Evening Session

123. President L. K. Williams called the Convention to order at 7:30 p. m. "I'm Going to Stand for Jesus" was sung by the chorus. Mrs. R. T. Sims conducted the Cradle Roll Hour. "In My Father's House" was sung by the chorus.

124. Rev. W. H. Moses, D. D., Secretary Home Mission Board, presided during the Evangelistic period. Rev. C. S. Morris, D. D., Virginia, offered prayer. "Amazing Grace" was then sung by the Convention. Dr. Moses explained the several features of the Home Board's program, stressing especially the Social Service program.

125. Mr. N. Rathblott, a philanthropist, Pennsylvania, the developer of Mizpah, N. J., was introduced and made remarks.

126. Rev. B. J. F. Wesbrook, D. D., Indiana, made introductory remarks in launching the Evangelistic service. Rev. F. C. Locust, D. D., Kentucky, was presented and made timely remarks. He is a great evangelistic preacher. Rev. R. C. Crouch, Georgia, read the 28th chapter of Matthew for a Scripture lesson. Prayer was offered by Rev. D. S. Klugh, D. D., Massachusetts. "Lift Him Up" was sung.

127. Rev. T. O. Fuller, D. D., presented in befitting terms Rev. R. B. Roberts, D. D., Tennessee, the preacher of the hour. He chose for a text John 12:32. The theme, Christ Drawing all Men. The fire and spirit caught the preacher and while it burned he made the hearts of many turn from sin unto righteousness and brought joy to the pilgrims on their way to the celestial city.

128. A happy solo that had an indescribable effect upon the audience was sung by Mrs. Victoria Morris, Tennessee. Dr. A. Wilbanks, an evangelist, offered prayer. Prof. W. M. Lewis, sang, "The Four and Twenty Elders." Dr. Moses made the appeal while Rev. M. C. Durham, Tennessee, sang "I'm Glad Salvation Reaches Me."

129. An offering was taken for the Home Mission Board.
Benediction, Rev. W. H. Moses, D. D., Tennessee.

FIFTH DAY—Sunday

130. The Sunday School Mass Meeting opened at 9:30 with the Secretary of Religious Education, Dr. S. N. Vass, in charge. Devotional singing was followed with responsive reading and recitation of the Lord's Prayer. Prof. R. B. Hudson, Alabama, read the Scripture lesson from 1 Kings 8:1-11, 62-63. Judge Wm. Harrison, Illinois, in a novel way impressed the lesson story. Prof. A. A. Bennett, Tennessee, gave the teaching unit. "Draw Me Nearer" was sung. Rev. C. L. Fisher, D. D., Alabama, discussed the lesson topic and made comparison between temple, church and Christ's body. Rev. A. C. Capers, Louisiana, gave the topical interpretation for seniors and juniors. Announcements with reference to the Teacher Training Diploma were made. Judge Roberson led in singing "I Shall not Be Moved."

131. With Judge Harrison presiding, Dr. W. L. Petty proceeded to conduct the Sunday School Rally. "What a Friend We Have," an old Sunday-school favorite, was sung. The receipts were $538.71, the banner going to Alabama, with Louisiana coming second.

132. Chorister Boatner led in singing "Lift Him Up." Mrs. R. T. Sims, Leader of the Cradle Roll Association, presented Mrs. Cosey, Secretary of the Association, to submit report. Received at Detroit, $525.62, with other offerings making a total of $567.02. Several state workers were presented. Prizes were awarded: 1st Mrs. Hendricks, Louisiana, a watch; 2nd, Mrs. Hicks, Illinois, a brooch. Mrs. R. T. Sims was given a token by the Cradle Roll workers.

"Amazing Grace" was sung as the Sunday school closing number.

Morning Worship

133. Regional Vice President R. M. Caver, D. D., Arkansas, presented the Olivet Baptist Church Junior Boys' Choir, Chicago, to sing the opening number. Rev. E. L. Randall, D. D., Illinois, called Rev. M. W. Withers, D. D., South Dakota, to read the Scripture lesson, the 6th chapter of Ephesians. Rev. M. F. Washington, D. D., Ohio, made an earnest appeal to God for the indwelling spirit for the preacher and the overshadowing spirit for the multitude which filled to overflow the auditorium. The choir sang, "Praise Ye the Lord."

134. Judge William Harrison in well chosen words presented his pastor, the speaker of the hour, Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D., President of the National Baptist Convention. The incomparable preacher, unsurpassed logical thinker of this day and generation, eloquent as Paul and courageous as Elijah, arose, singing, "Come Holy Spirit." In a happy vein the speaker gave a perfect example of an orator in describing Judge Harrison, when he said that an orator with words and bewitching imagery made one forget to rationalize. He selected for a text those remarkable words, "Our conversation is in heaven," Philippians 3:20. Subject—The Heavenly Colony. He gave a beautiful, accurate running description of the joy and halo expressed throughout this book in his introduction.

135. The chorus sang with the congregation, "Have You Got Good Religion?" followed by "He That Believes," Rev. E. L. Harrison, D. D., Texas, offered the closing prayer in this spiritual feast. The chorus sang, "How Do You Feel"!

136. An offering for the Benefit Board was taken. The chorus rendered "None Else Can Deliver Us," and "Journeying to Mt. Zion."

137. The president made an appeal for a special offering to cover a deficit for Local Committee. $3.55 was taken. Mrs. L. K. Williams, wife of the president, and L. K., Jr., were introduced.

Benediction, President L. K. Williams.

Missionary Mass Meeting

138. Regional Vice President W. H. Rozier, D. D., California, called the Convention to order. Prof. E. W. D. Isaac, Jr., conducted devotional music. Rev. Chas. Blackwell, Pennsylvania, read the Scripture lesson, and Rev. L. G. Jordan offered prayer. Rev. J. C. Austin, D. D., Illinois, Chairman Foreign Mission Board, made inspiring introductory remarks. Prof. Boatner led with the chorus, "I'm Going to Stand Right on That Shore."

139. Dr. I. DeWalt, outgoing member of hospital staff in Liberia, was introduced and made remarks.

140. Secretary R. B. Hudson presented one of the choicest of Alabama's daughters, Dr. Pauline E. Dinkins, the learned and consecrated young woman, who at 5 years dedicated her life to African missions and African redemption. In quiet, forceful and soul stirring words, Dr. Dinkins told of the investment of heart and treasure. The most eloquent appeal for Africa and the choice of field and the needs of the hospital.

141. Madam Hynes sang "Stand by Me." Rev. J. E. East, D. D., was presented and delivered as usual an excellent address upon the essential things of the missionary program.

142. Georgiana U. Parks, a native African girl, brought greetings from African heathendom from which she was rescued. A fervent and earnest appeal for her kindred was made. She sang softly, "I Know a Great Savior." Miss Ruth Occumy, nurse, was presented and made remarks.

143. Plates were passed and the amount received was $1,608.10. Reports were made of contributions through the office.

Adjournment.

B. Y. P. U. Mass Meeting

144. The Mass Meeting opened with devotional music.

145. Rev. W. L. Varnado, D. D., Tennessee, was presented and made an address upon the Doctrinal Principles of the Churches of Christ.

Brother President, Officers, and Members of the Convention:

I have been asked to talk on this subject—"Preserving and Inculcating Denominational Doctrines."

Every denomination has its doctrines upon which it is built and in which it believes, practices and teaches.

These doctrines are the basic principles of the denominations, without which they could not exist. They have been handed down through the years and are a sacred trust.

The sacrifices made in behalf of these doctrines have been many. The fathers suffered untold hardships in the interest of these doctrines. They passed through the fires of trial and persecution, and many of them gave their lives that the doctrines of the church in which they believed, and which they loved so well should be perpetuated.

It has been the policy of the church through the years to preserve and inculcate its doctrines. Moses commanded the Israelites to teach them to their children, in order that they might be preserved.

Jesus commanded the church to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you, and, lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world.

Every member of the church should know the doctrines for which the church stands. He or she should be able to give a reason for the faith that is in him. There can be no faith in, nor loyalty to, nor love for the doctrines where there is no knowledge of the doctrines.

Every member of the Baptist church should know the points of difference in the Baptist and all the other churches. Now in order for them to know that, the doctrines of the church must be preserved and inculcated. That word inculcate is a very strong word, which means to press and urge it upon them.

There are three agencies upon which the responsibility of preserving and inculcating the doctrines must be placed, they are as follows—the home, the school and the church.

Now in order that the home might function as a proper agency in preserving and inculcating the doctrines, it necessitates that the home be straight on the doctrines itself. Where there are two denominations represented in the same home, the doctrines of neither can be properly preserved and inculcated. Every home should be able to teach the children born in that home the doctrines of the church and not the doctrines of the churches, so every member of the family should be a member of the same church.

Now the school should function properly in preserving and teaching the doctrines, therefore, there must be denominational schools, for nobody is in position to teach Baptists but those who believe in Baptist doctrines. Nobody else believes what Baptists believe.

In order that the doctrines of the Baptists might be preserved and inculcated, there must be Baptist schools taught by Baptist people.

The third and last agency is the church.

There should be in every pulpit a minister who knows the doctrines of his church, and who will preach them.

All the officers of the Sunday school should know the doctrines of the church, for the Sunday school is the church teaching.

The leaders of the B. Y. P. U. should know the doctrines of the church, for the B. Y. P. U. is the church training.

The divine order is make them, baptize them and train them.

We must have a Bible reading, and a Bible loving constituency.

No one can lead where he does not go,
And no one can teach what he does not know.

Rev. J. W. Gayden, D. D., Mississippi, made remarks, timely and encouraging. "There Is Sunshine" composed by Miss Lucie E. Campbell, Tennessee, was sung as an inspirational. Rev. J. M. Nabritt, D. D., Georgia, made remarks touching on the work of the B. Y. P. U. Board.

146. Prof. E. W. D. Isaac, Jr., and wife were presented. Dr. and Mrs. E. W. D. Isaac were presented. The B. Y. P. U. Cheer was given.

147. Rev. J. C. Austin, D. D., Illinois, made the closing talk for the B. Y. P. U. Mass Meeting and called for an offering. "Everybody Will Be Happy" was sung as the ushers passed the plates.

Evening Session

148. The chorus sang "We Will Sing Hallelujah." Rev. J. C. Jackson, D. D., Connecticut, read the Scripture lesson, Acts 20:1-19. Rev. L. A. Offutt, D. D., Kentucky, led in prayer.

149. Rev. Doyal, D. D., Missouri, discussed the topic, The Baptist Church and Its Ministry of Teaching. Scripture text for the address was selected from 5th chapter of Ephesians and 32nd verse. The ordinances and the church lighthouse were magnified by the speaker.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH AND ITS MINISTRY OF TEACHING

Brother President, and Brethren of This the National Baptist Convention of U. S. A.:

It is with much delight that I accepted the honor conferred upon me to deliver to this Convention an address upon the subject, "THE BAPTIST CHURCH AND ITS MINISTRY OF TEACHING."

I have made it a rule in all my career as a public speaker, whether it be in delivery of a sermon, address, or making a talk of any kind, to use some Scripture as a basis for what I am to say. So in the delivery of this address, I call your attention to Eph. 5:32, which reads thus: This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. From this base I will endeavor to discuss first, the church.

The word CHURCH is in common language used with a large latitude of meaning. It is applied to a building used for Christian worship, to a congregation of Christian worshipers, to a religious establishment, to a given form of ecclesiastical order, to the aggregate of all Christian believers and to a local company of Christian disciples associated in convent for religious purposes.

The latter is its common use in the New Testament. The Greek, "Ecclesia" rendered church is derived from a word meaning "called out," and is used to indicate a company called out from a larger and more general assembly or concourse of people. In the free Greek cities it designated a company of persons possessed of the rights of citizenship and charged with certain important functions of administrations in public affairs, summoned or called out from the common mass of people.

In the New Testament the Ecclesia is a company of persons called out and separated from the common multitude by a divine calling, chosen to be saints, invested with the privilege and charged with the duties of citizenship in the Kingdom of Christ.

A Baptist church, according to the New Testament idea, is a company of persons divinely called and separated from the world, baptized on a profession of their faith in Christ, whose word is their only law and rule of life in all matters of religious faith and practice. Believing as I do that there is but one church and that is the Baptist church, the home of the saints, the property of God, having Christ for its head, the Holy Spirit as its teacher and guide. Therefore it may be viewed as a band of baptized believers in Christ Jesus, voluntarily associated together for the purpose of doing Christ's will in the world in the way he has commanded. Such a company of men and women, at its best will be those who have what we call the Baptist spirit, or in other words, the spirit of New Testament Christianity. What the Baptist spirit is in one individual, that it ought to be in a more effective way in the church where many of this type of mind come together. A Baptist church then is the embodiment of the New Testament spirit, and has for its purpose the manifestation of the right spirit as truly as the upholding of the right principle.

Indeed, we can nowhere find a more complete way to manifest the Baptist spirit than we can in company with other Baptists, therefore, we set it forth before the world in a church. It then becomes more than the manifestation of the spirit of one single life, it becomes a tangible and definite thing in the world.

It is through the church that the truth must also prevail. The church in its Articles of Faith and its preaching, holds forth the truth in its life as manifested in all its services and brought to forefront in all its teachings and is manifested in the daily lives of its members.

It is there the spirit of a true Christian is made a real thing in the world. The person with the right New Testament spirit will be an obedient Christian and the obedient Christian will seek at once the fellowship of the church. They will also be Christians bent upon doing Christ's will, and seeing that will made living in the world, and will recognize the ordinances in order as given to the church by Christ himself that they must be guarded by the church and kept in the simplicity which the Lord put upon them in the beginning.

As we read the story of the past, the historic Baptist life has consisted of three factors: First, A BELIEF IN A NEW TESTAMENT PRINCIPLE; second, A DESIRE FOR THE NEW TESTAMENT SPIRIT; third, A PROPER ZEAL FOR THE GREAT PURPOSE TO WHICH THIS SPIRIT NATURALLY AND SURELY LEADS. All three of these factors are essential. As a denomination, we have tried to reproduce a New Testament Christianity, that at least has been our purpose, whether we have realized it or not. Historically, therefore, we have had our Baptist principles, and for these principles our forefathers dared to die. We have also had our Baptist spirit, for these principles, held as great convictions of the soul, have developed in all ages a certain temper of mind. Historically, also, there has always been manifested in a greater or less degree that which we may term our great Baptist purpose, the factor which naturally strengthens a people holding New Testament principles and catching the New Testament spirit, must seek to realize. Our principles, without the resultant spirit and purpose, make simply a cold creed without life; an attempt to deny the principles while imitating the spirit is like trying to make a stalk grow and keep alive without roots. Our great Baptist purpose then depends upon our principles and upon the spirit which these principles develop in the soul of any man to whom they are living and real. Some persons are zealous for the principle and have neither the spirit nor the purpose. They are lacking. Some would say, I do not care for your principles, but I like the spirit which you display. Others are attracted by our great purpose, but have little or no use for anything else. My conviction is, the man who holds to one without the other, whichever one he holds, is not a well rounded New Testament Christian. For it is our belief in the New Testament doctrines and teachings, our purpose and our distinctive principles that make us distinctive and separate as a denomination, but it will be a mistake to discuss or advocate them as if they stood alone for these principles are all related to other great Scriptural doctrines. Such doctrine as the Deity of Christ, the Atonement, the Personal Work of the Holy Spirit, etc., are as truly the great essentials of our faith, for all of our distinctive principles imply this greater body of truths wherein for the most part we find many other denominations agreeing with us. As a rule, however, we share these beliefs with those who hold the doctrine of electing grace and the full divine work of Jesus Christ the Son of God in the atonement.

While we believe that the Bible is the sufficient and final rule of faith and practice, it is an open book for each believer to read and interpret for himself. We are New Testament Christians in our own day and generation and as such we try to hold the New Testament principles in their simplicity and to catch the New Testament spirit, for in particular it reveals to us the person and work of Jesus Christ, the Son of God as the one whom we are to love, serve and obey, for we see him as both Lord and King. Therefore he is the supreme concern of every individual follower, for he is truly his Master. The church then has no right to come between the one soul and God.

The church's mission is to be a helper of that soul. It is not to take upon itself the priestly function. The individual member is in the church that he may, through its fellowship, express to the world the great truths of the gospel, that he may find in its fellowship a true personal life with Jesus for himself, and that he may in the fellowship help others to find the same individual life. The church then has the highest mission among human agencies and it has this mission because it stands as helping all to the throne of God.

The most valuable work a church can perform is to minister to individual Christian lives that they may enter into the presence of God for themselves and have faith that will outlast and outlive all external helps. Loyalty to Christ, however, will lead any true follower of his to make use of the agencies which he has appointed. In a Scriptural religion the ordinances and the work of the church have a twofold meaning: they are a testimony to the world and they are a help to Christian people and they are to be maintained as such because they are a testimony to the true life which is in Christ Jesus. As agencies, they are to minister to the spiritual faith, they are never to come between us and the Lord, but they are to be used because Jesus has commanded their use.

As Baptist people, we are free from ecclesiasticism and we deny any view of the ordinances which make them a thing in themselves. This does not mean, however, that as Baptists we do not highly esteem the church and the ordinances.

The more we conceive of religion as spiritual and set above everything else, our personal relationship to Jesus, the more truly will we wish to observe the ordinances just as he has commanded, so that we may proclaim the truth which he wishes proclaimed. Therefore we esteem the church as a divine institution, because it is Christ's ordained agent for helping men to maintain the spiritual connection with the Lord himself and to proclaim the truths of religion. The Lordship of Jesus Christ, therefore, does not lead us to disparage but to magnify the church and the ordinances and to magnify them because they are high and holy agencies in helping the soul to cultivate its spiritual life.

I speak of the church, God's earthly institution, the home of the saints, where the hungry is fed, where you may have your sorrows soothed, pains eased, heart fixed and your mind regulated. The church, God's lighthouse on earth, a light to shine upon the road that leads us to the Lamb. The church, the vanguard of the soul, the wayfarer's recruiting station and the weary pilgrim's rest. I have no hesitancy in joining the poet who says:

I love thy church, O God;
Her walls before thee stand,
Dear as the apple of thine eye,
And graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my toils and cares be given
Till toils and cares shall end.

I love thy church O God,
The house of thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved
With his own precious blood.

150. The offering was taken while the chorus sang.

151. Rev. W. A. Taylor, D. D., District of Columbia, was presented to preach the evening sermon. He chose from Isaiah's prophecy, the words, Awake, awake, put on your beautiful garments, O Zion. The theme being The Challenge of the Age. The sermon was inspiring.

152. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. D. Parker, D. D., Alabama. The offering was announced to be $47.10.

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was sung.

Benediction, Rev. H. D. Parker, Alabama.

SIXTH DAY—Monday

153. Rev. D. V. Jemison, D. D., called the meeting together. Hymn No. 363 was sung, followed by sentence prayers. "I Shall Get Home Some Day" was sung. Scripture quotations were had. "It Will Be Glory" was led by Prof. Boatner.

Rev. Joshua A. Miner, D. D., Texas, delivered an excellent address on "The Baptist Church and the Gospel of Eternal Life."

Dr. L. K. Williams, President of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Officers, Constituents and Well Wishers of This August Body:

It is a very great pleasure to appear with this subject, "The Baptist Church and the Gospel of Eternal Life."

Personal responsibility to God is the foundation or basis of a Baptist. There are many so-called churches. All are not the church that Christ set up. Which one is?

By two methods of proof we are able to arrive at the correct answer to this question.

Our first method of proof is the method of historical elimination. Any church whose origin was in mediaeval or modern times is not the church that Christ set up, for the simple reason that it was not in existence when Christ set up his church.

Here are the names of some of them, showing their human origin and the date of their birth:

Name	Author	Date
Lutherans	Martin Luther	1521
Presbyterians	John Calvin	1532
Episcopalians	Henry VIII	1538
Methodists	The Wesleys	1730
Christians	Alexander Campbell	1827
Mormons	Joe Smith	1830
Christian Science	Mrs. Eddy	1879

Now, by this method, we have removed **all claimants** of being the church that Christ set up save two, and these two are the Baptists and Roman Catholics.

The second method or proof, therefore, is the process of identity.

Let us compare these two religious bodies, the Baptists and the Catholics, with the church that Christ set up. The one that is identical with that church in organization and doctrine, that is the church that he set up, and that is the church that has a right to administer the ordinances.

Let us take the church at Jerusalem, therefore, as an example of the church that Christ set up, note its characteristics, and compare them with the characteristics of the Baptists and Catholics.

Characteristics of the Jerusalem church:

I. A Holy Spirit Church

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord, in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven... and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. . . Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

The Jerusalem church depended on the Holy Spirit to fit men for her membership. It is even so in the Baptist church. With the Baptist church the candidate confesses that the Holy Spirit—the third Person in the Trinity has regenerated the heart.

In the Catholic organization infants are admitted and confirmed when they reach the age of accountability. Practical baptismal regeneration.

The third mark of the Jerusalem church is that **believers only** are baptized. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized, Acts 2:41.

There is **no record any place** in the Bible where baptism was ever administered to any one but a believer.

Christ says, Mark 16:16, He that **believeth** and is baptized shall be saved. Belief precedes baptism.

An infant is incapable of believing—its mind is latent or dormant; has not begun to function.

The Jerusalem church administered baptism by immersion, only.

Catholics changed the ordinance of baptism in the 4th century because sprinkling is more convenient.

Since the 12th century, baptism by infusion has prevailed in the Catholic organization.

The fourth mark of the Jerusalem church is that **only baptized believers** came to the Lord's Supper.

Catholics **bring infants**, hence unregenerated person, and administer the Lord's Supper claiming there is saving efficacy in it. Baptists administer this ordinance **within the church** because commanded and is the symbol of that faith in Christ's atoning sacrifice by which this new life is sustained. Symbolizes saving doctrine of atonement.

The fifth mark of the Jerusalem church is that it was a pure democracy. There was no ecclesiastical authority over them—no pope—no bishop.

The Jerusalem church **elected** their own officers, **called** their own pastors, elders or bishops **and one member** had as much authority in the church as another.

Therefore, as between these two claimants, we conclude:

I. That the visible church that Christ set up was the Baptist church.

II. That to it was given the **ordinances** to keep and to it alone, Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

III. That others who presume to start churches and **administer the ordinances do so without divine authority.**

All other so-called church authors save the Baptist are human and as for the Methodists, whose author is John Wesley, we add that their fundamental principles were laid while he was a sinner. Read Encyclopaedia Britannica vol. 16, page 185, article, John Wesleyan Methodism.

If God **would not trust an angel**—he certainly could not trust a sinner to set up his church—but the work was so important—so far-reaching that he sent **his Only Begotten Son**, And the gates of hell shall not prevail or prevent its onward march.

Hence the Baptist church is the New Testament church, and the New Testament church practiced Baptist principles. Therefore there is **only one church**—all others are organizations.

In keeping with the Conventional theme The Bible—the Baptist church and the Gospel of Eternal Life will say that the Baptist church being composed of **baptized believers** ready to do business for God—Jesus gives the marching orders, including the four 'alls.' 1. All authority given to him as Head of the church—Matt. 28:18—'All power' says he. 2. All the world—Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15—Go. 3. Make disciples of all nations—Matt. 28: 19. 4. Observe all things—Matt. 28:20.

Whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

Hold fast until he comes to take us from time into eternity where the Baptist church shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

154. A motion prevailed setting limitations as to selling, disturbing race relations, ample homes, an adequate meeting place and nothing to create a schism in brotherhood should be fixed as requirements in settling upon place of meeting. Louisville, Kentucky, was unanimously chosen for the next place of meeting, on motion of Rev. W. F. Graham, D. D.

155. A motion prevailed to appoint committees of five to bear fraternal greetings to meet the Southern and Northern Baptist Conventions respectively.

156. Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, D. D., read a resolution commending the work and spirit of cooperation of the Southern Baptist Convention. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Whereas, the white Baptist Convention, North and South, exercise the most beautiful fraternal spirit in dealing with us, treating with us, praying for us, sympathizing with us and working with us in educational and missionary endeavors; and whereas:

By such sympathy and cooperative measures of this convention our missionary and educational work is advancing steadfastly and the systematic training of our ministry is made possible; and, whereas;

We recognize and appreciate this helpful cooperation to the fullest extent; believing that a keen sense of duty impels it, be it

Resolved: That we hereby record our expressions of gratitude to our white brethren, and pledge them our hearty cooperation in their efforts to extend the work of the Kingdom.

E. W. D. ISAAC.

157. Rev. M. M. Haynes, Texas, a new member, was presented and made an impromptu address and closed by leading, "Go On." Dr. R. H. Pittman, Michigan, was presented and addressed the Convention.

158. The states reported on permanent officers, and upon motion was adopted with necessary corrections.

159. Rev. L. G. Jordan submitted a resolution seeking to create a governing commission for the Publishing House. The resolution was by motion referred to the Board of Directors.

160. Rev. T. O. Fuller, D. D., Tennessee, submitted a resolution touching education and endowment of Christian colleges. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION ON THE ENDOWMENT AND SUPPORT OF CHRISTIAN COLLEGES

Whereas, the permanency of our civilization depends upon the conservation of our moral and spiritual ideals, and

Whereas these ideals cannot be perpetuated without the recognition of the Bible as the highest moral and ethical code, and the acceptance of Jesus Christ as the purest and noblest example by which the lives and conduct of men should be guided, and,

Whereas, to make possible the giving of these truths to the world, Christian Education is the greatest, most positive and most effective agency that can be employed;

Whereas, Christian Education depends upon thoroughly prepared consecrated Christian teachers, loyal to Christ and true to his great teachings, together with well equipped and well endowed institutions of learning whose prestige and financial resources will enable them to meet the standard requirements of the present time, and to keep pace with the increasing demands of scientific and religious development, therefore be it

Resolved, that the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., notes with sincere pleasure the well planned efforts to endow our Christian colleges, many of them having already secured the approval of Educational Foundations and met the requirements for standardization.

Resolved, further, this Convention hereby urges its constituency in all parts of the country to give hearty support and cooperation wherever these endowment campaigns are launched, since Christian Education is our strongest ally in our program of world redemption.

Secretaries of Boards of the Convention

Resolved, finally, that Baptist people should give loyal, moral and financial support to our own Christian colleges and schools, educating their children in the same, as our leaders must come from these Christian schools, if we would perpetuate the principles we hold dear and essential to our denominational life and growth.

161. Rev. R. M. Caver's resolution on "Education Week" was adopted. Dr. C. H. Parrish's resolution on Committee on Union was referred to Board of Directors.

162. The report of Committee on State of Country by Dr. Geo. E. Stevens was adopted.

163. The report of all officers and boards, except the historical report was adopted.

164. The report of Dr. L. G. Jordan, with request for approval to visit Africa, was adopted.

165. A motion by Rev. J. M. Nabritt, D. D., Georgia, requiring each certified delegate to pay $10.00 as a fee, $2.50 for Alliance and $7.50 for the National Baptist Convention budget was passed.

166. Matters pertaining to publicity and transportation were discussed by the president, putting emphasis upon unity and order.

167. Chairman W. H. Stewart, of the Finance Committee, submitted report in detail, the delegated membership at the session. $12,334.50 was the sum paid for representation. Partial enrollment 912.

168. The laymen reported through Attorney C. M. Roberson.

169. The Committee on New Organizations submitted its report through its secretary, Dr. A. C. Capers. The report as read was approved.

REPORT OF NEW BODIES

Brother President and Delegates of the National Baptist Convention:

We, your Committee on New Organizations beg leave to submit our report:

The committee having met and after organizing we called before us the brethren on both sides, the parties aggrieved, namely, the Union Association, of which Rev. C. H. Johnson, of the State of Indiana, is moderator, and the other parties known as the Indiana Home and Foreign Mission Convention, each of which came before the committee and testified, and the same was carefully and prayfully considered unscrupulous. Having listened patiently and attentively to all of the details leading up to the new organization known as the Indiana Home and Foreign Mission Convention of the said State, which now is seeking membership in this Convention over the aggrieved parties, the Union Association, protesting the rights of their membership, in the final finding and conclusion of the committee by motion made and carried that the committee recommend to this Convention that the new organization be rejected on the grounds that they did not proceed orderly and regularly as Baptists and that their money be refunded and these brethren be advised to go home and become reconciled with their brethren.

Upon further investigation, we, your committee, find that the Olive Baptist Church, of Milwaukee with the Rev. Joseph Anderson posing as its pastor has not been properly organized according to the Baptist usage for the reason that this supposed church consists of persons excluded from or belonging to other Baptist churches. They did not secure letters of dismission from the churches to which they belong. We, therefore, recommend that their money be refunded and they be advised to return

home and secure letters of dismission and proceed, if so desire, to organize properly into a Baptist church.

We recommend further that the First Baptist Church, of Gary, Indiana, will be accepted into the membership of this Convention, having complied with the constitution of this Convention.

Upon further recommendation, that the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, pastored by the Rev. Joseph Foster, of Baton Rouge, La., be rejected by this Convention as to membership because of their irregularity, and their money be refunded and advised to go home and become reconciled with their brethren.

Signed:
A. L. BOONE, Texas, Chairman
A. C. CAPERS, La., Secretary
L. A. WEAVER, Illinois
I. S. POWELL, Colorado
H. T. BORDERS, New Jersey
A. M. JOHNSON, Oklahoma

170. The S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Congress submitted its annual report through President W. H. Jernigan: 2,500 messengers were present and more than $6,000 collected, all of which was properly disbursed to the several Boards. The report as submitted was adopted.

STATEMENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U. CONGRESS

By Rev. W. H. Jernagin, President

The Congress met at Nashville, Tenn., June 22-26, 1927. The program was reconstructed to meet the demands of the modern day.

Departmental demonstrations proved very instructive and inspiring.

Every year the numbers are on the increase—we now have over 2500 messengers and visitors attending.

The finance exceeded the past years—raising over $6,000.00.

After all expenses were paid we were able to turn over $1,850.30 as follows:

B. Y. P. U. Publishing Board	$925 15
Sunday School Publishing Board	925 15

The Committee on "Cannon Foundation Fund" raised $214.00, which is retained by Dr. Vass.

The Congress did its departmental work under fourteen (14) well regulated departments:

Cradle Roll, Beginners, Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Seniors, Adults, Abdemeleeh and Debbora, Superintendents, Home, Junior and Social Unions, Senior Union, Presidents, Cadets.

The departments, besides rendering their constructive programs, raised over $900.00 to help the work. Every department has its set of officers for the next year and promises a greater future.

The auditor's comparative financial statement showed a steady advancement in the work from the beginning to this present meeting.

Attorney Chas. Roberson presented the deeds to the property at Mizpah to President Jernagin. This property was given by the Ralhblott Development Company.

The praise services, lectures, sermons and inspiration gained by the seeing of the new Publishing House made all of the messengers go back home "another way."

171. The final membership money reported $12,654.72.

172. Announcements were made of departing trains by different transportation leaders.

Benediction, Rev. L. G. Jordan.

Afternoon Session

173. The Convention was called to order by Regional Vice President R. M. Caver. Rev. L. T. Hughes, D. D., Pennsylvania, conducted devotions. "I Am Thine O Lord" was sung and the 15th chapter of Matthew was read for the Scripture lesson. Dr. Hughes offered prayer.

174. Dr. Caver presented Dr. Allen, an aged minister, who made reminiscent remarks.

175. Rev. J. H. Branham, D. D., Illinois, offered resolution to appoint a committee to confer with the National Medical Association with the hope of working out plans for a National Hospital. The same was adopted.

In view of the fact that the National Medical Association has appointed a committee to confer with the National Baptist Convention with a view of maintaining a National Hospital to be controlled by the National Baptist Convention, therefore be it

Resolved, that it is the sense of this body to appoint a similar committee to confer with said committee to see if a program of cooperation can be perfected.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. BRANHAM
E. ARLINGTON WILSON
R. C. BARBOUR

176. The journal was read and approved.

177. Questions concerning the Training School were raised.

178. Prof. E. D. Pierson, Auditor, submitted supplementary report, which was referred to the Board of Directors.

179. Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, D. D., undertook to insist upon the Training School Board and any other Board being compelled to meet the Convention's constitutional requirements, where it has not been done.

180. Attorney Roberson gave the legal side of the Training School question and asked for the power to proceed in all legal ways to have the matter of the said Training School settled in the courts.

181. Attorney Rush, of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, then submitted the charter with the new amendments that had been adopted by the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., and the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, in their session at Ft. Worth and also showed that the Board of Trustees had rejected the proposed amended charter as submitted to them and the said Board of Trustees of the National Training School had adopted other amendments not in keeping with the suggestions of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention and National Baptist Convention, U. S. A. She also said that the new charter as amended by the Board of Trustees in its meeting last June gave the Conventions no relief and removed the school further from the control of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

182. Miss Nannie H. Burroughs was presented and made a statement of certain charter changes and declined to make further statement. The matter of adjusting the Training School question upon a motion and second was referred to the Board of Directors of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., with plenary power in order that the same might be settled.

183. Mrs. S. W. Layten, President of the Woman's Auxiliary submitted her annual report, showing that during the year $9,084.21 had been collected. The report was adopted and a vote of thanks was extended the Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Adjournment.

Evening Session

184. The Convention was called to order by Rev. R. C. Barbour, D. D., Texas. The pictures of the Publishing House were presented by Prof. Hynes.

185. Rev. J. K. Parker, Missouri, conducted devotions. After the Scripture reading and prayer, Prof. E. H. Boatner led the Convention in several selections.

186. Rev. J. W. Hayes, D. D., Kansas, was presented by Dr. Barbour to preach the closing sermon. He took as his subject, "Watching Jesus." The sermon was practical, well prepared and delivered in an intelligent manner.

187. Rev. Parker, Missouri, offered the closing prayer. Prof. Nix sang while an offering was taken for the unfortunate and the robbed. Rev. J. A. Johnson, Alabama, sang "It Pays To Serve Jesus," while the baskets were passed. An offering of $24.48 was taken.

188. Prof. Wm. Lewis sang "No More Goodbyes." Rev. W. H. Moses, D. D., Tennessee, offered prayer.

189. Thanks were extended the churches and pastors for the excellent entertainment.

Benediction, Rev. W. H. Moses, D. D., Tennessee.

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

APPENDIX

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

From churches, association and convention representations	$ 11,622 90
From door receipts, Friday night	739 48
From visitors' badges	34 00
From educational money	67 24
From public collection, Sunday	47 00
From Laymen's Movement	125 00
From sales	7 60
Total receipts of Convention	$ 12,693 32

Designated

B. Y. P. U. Board	$ 933 25	
Benefit Board	128 45	
Sunday School Publishing Board	5,807 37	
Foreign Mission Board	6,580 88	
Woman's Auxiliary Convention	9,084 21	22,534 16
		35,227 48

Disbursements

W. M. Taylor, 1925-26 service	$ 111 00	
W. M. Taylor, 1927 service	71 00	
Money advanced for seminary	2,065 59	
Reporter	75 00	
Convention expense, secretary's office	1,631 64	
R. B. Hudson, Secretary, salary	1,000 00	
E. D. Pierson Auditor, expense	262 89	
C. M. Roberson, Attorney, expense	570 00	
S. S. Publishing Board, printing	337 79	
S. S. Publishing Board, auditor's report	240 00	
Selma National Bank, loan	3,500 00	
Douglas National Bank, loan	1,850 00	
People's Bank & Trust Co.	1,489 00	
Gayden note	200 00	
Bethel Baptist Church, payment on note	100 00	
Rogers & Son, Morris Memorial	275 00	
W. F. Bledsoe, refund seminary loan	100 00	
L. G. Jordan, back account	303 02	
E. M. Lawrence, account	126 00	
S. S. Publishing Board, check Laymen's Movement	100 00	
S. S. Publishing Board, seminary loan	100 00	
C. H. Parrish, Statistician, expense	95 70	
J. M. Nabritt, Asst. Secretary, salary	50 00	
J. M. Nabritt, expense Cincinnati Board Meeting	22 50	
E. Arlington Wilson, Asst. Secretary, salary	40 00	
T. O. Fuller, Assistant Secretary, salary, 1926-27	80 00	
J. L. Campbell, services	25 00	
R. C. Barbour, services	20 00	
A. D. Williams, Treasurer, expenses	200 00	
Anita Patti Brown, Soloist, expense	51 72	
Convention local expense	71 05	
Enrollment Committee	115 00	
Finance Committee	142 50	
J. H. Branham, service, reporter	75 00	
L. K. Williams, interest on loans	145 89	
J. H. Branham, expense Transportation Com.	50 00	
Edw. Boatner, Chorister	300 00	
Ushers	152 50	
		$16,144 79

Designated

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Foreign Mission Board	6,580 88	
Woman's Auxiliary Convention	9,089 21	$22,534 16
Total ordered paid		$38,678 85

NOTE: The deficit in receipts to pay disbursements was by order of the Board borrowed through the president and secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

AUDITOR

AND

Efficiency-Production Director

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 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 impenetrable 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 genteel, 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

THE COST SYSTEM

I. CHANGES INEVITABLE

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 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 implements; the stage coach to the railroad; the railroad records for speed have been discounted by the aeroplane; the sailing ships by the ocean greyhound; the post by the telephone and telegraph, and they, in turn, by the wireless. 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 thousandfold 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, adamantine-like towards the rising sun of denominational expansion and denominational systematic Business Control.

To this end you have orderer me to install and operate the Cost System, Factory and Managerial—in all your activities where needed.

Politics, industrial and commercial pursuits—all have you say, to **whom**, for **what**—**that is System.**

System permits accomplishments of that which otherwise is just a **dream.** Whether its operations are used as a mercantile, manufacturing or transportation business or in our home. Follow me closely.

II. THE COST ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

Out of the Efficiency-Production Department of the National Baptist Convention has naturally grown The Cost Accounting System, indispen-

sable to the proper functioning of the Efficiency and Production Department—the control of all financial operations of the National Baptist Convention activities.

1. In its operations from its real incipient beginning October 1, 1925, to June 30, 1926—nine months, it had affected an annual saving, touching more or less the Administrative, Selling and Factory divisions, of more than $26,000.00.

2. Since the Convention at Fort Worth, Texas, in the machine division of the Composing Room alone, by standardizing and classifying the labor and wages of the linotype operators, it has affected another saving of $1,073.30 per month, which equals $12,879.60 per year. In other words, under the new arrangement, we are getting our linotype work done, by the same persons, on the same machines, for $1,073.30 per month cheaper. Or, for the same amount of work we will now pay $12,879.60 less per year. To this should be added, the just as definite and profitable speed up of the hand composition, press room, and bindery along with the additional work for the same money of the editorial and stenographic departments.

Much more is scheduled to be saved from Mr. WASTE and his cohorts. As fast as time and co-operation will permit, time sheets, standardization, classifications and other adjustments will continue to be made until every department or division is reached—and those reached are re-inforced for greater efficiency.

III. NO BACK STEPS

Since it is the truth, it is only fair to the System to say that, from its very beginning until now, no occasion has arisen but what the System has shown itself more than able to handle it. The reasons for this are:

1. It is strictly impersonal—dealing with approved records furnished by the party himself with the approval of his foreman. Of course, these records are tabulated and interpreted by me and the efficiency of the employee measured thereby—periodic personal efficiency lectures are made to them.
2. It is built on the fundamental principles of fair play as taught by the Golden Rule. Its creator believes that, those who help produce profits should share proportionately in those profits—hence, wages commensurate with the profitableness of the task performed—any other kind is either charity or usury. Its procedures are carefully and prayerfully thought out and the insistence for their execution, while courteous and brotherly, is firm.

IV. COMPARATIVE OPERATIONS

RECEIPTS

Note Progress as the years go by.

	1923-1924	1924-1925	1925-1926
Cash	$ 6,998 95	$ 1,357 54	$ 20,446 54
Accounts Receivable	17,575 98	21,917 28	32,884 27
Notes Receivable	72,440 28	94,415 20	57,734 60
Printing Receivable	2,194 52	5,580 96	7,166 98
Postage	74 92	69 68	97 23
Material	2,912 05	3,915 25	55,400 00
Books	4,910 12	21,743 09	39,123 92
Merchandise	2,804 08	8,418 85	6,099 92
Supplies	16,343 10	2,690 24	609 59
Cafeteria			4,752 20
Total	$126,263 00	$160,108 09	$224,315 25

V. HUMAN AID NECESSARY TO PROFITABLE OPERATION

To profitably operate the creditable plant at Nashville, it is absolutely necessary to have the work properly departmentalized for efficient management and profitable production in order that we get profits from our commercial operations to foster our ever-expanding denominational program.

To this end the System was mapped out on the operating principle of "functional control"—that is, many divisions, independent in their procedure in executing their special duties, as outlined by the System of the Efficiency-Production Department of the National Baptist Convention, being amenable only to these Convention approved regulations, the National Baptist Convention and the Convention's Official-Executive family.

The Efficiency-Production Department of the National Baptist Convention Incorporated, which is also the Efficiency-Production Department of the Sunday School Publishing Board and all other Boards and activities of the National Baptist Convention, which have anything to do with finance of any kind, with the approval of the National Baptist Convention, has designated the following functionaries, applicable to all Boards and activities as stated above:

1. The Efficiency-Production Department which is to draft Systems for the control of all its (the National Baptist Convention, Inc.) activities dealing with its finances of all kinds, and direct the operation of such Systems.
2. The Executives, known as Secretaries, and the like are to execute or see that they are executed, all of its procedures or regulations as outlined by the System given. The Executives are the heads of the Administrative Departments embracing the various departments outlined on pages 8 and 9 of the auditor's 1926 report adopted at the Fort Worth Session of the Convention, September 8-13, 1926.

WHAT EXECUTIVES SHOULD KNOW

That waste, and a successful business is incompatible.

That resourceful men accumulate resources both for themselves and others.

That it takes less circus, but more common sense in business.

That Income, Outgo, Costs, and the "Why" should be kept daily before him, if he expects to keep rein on the business.

That to be too busy to know about everything about the business is to be not busy enough to run a successful business.

That activity does not necessarily mean productivity.

That complaints are danger signals.

Next to the Executive, come the Employees upon whom he must depend to perform the productive and non-productive (indirect) labor. They have rights to be respected and duties to perform, and should be paid a living wage for their labor, in keeping with the requirement thereof. This naturally brings up the question of salaries and wages.

VI. SALARIES OR WAGES

Any salary or other compensation for labor, to be adequate and just, must be considered from the standpoint of Relative Values measured by the following wage factors,

General Factors—

1—Physical effort required, deftness, temperament.
2—Personal skill necessary; independent of training.
3—Hazard involved, if any.
4—Strain due to speed, noise, attention, discipline, etc.
5—Disagreeableness of job.
6—Possibilities of Advancement.
7—General Education required.
8—Special job Instruction and Training.

9—Experience and Length of Service.
10—Steadiness of job-seasonability.
11—Labor supply for particular job, and in general.
12—Cost of living.
13—Wages in community.
14—Wages in industry.
15—Financial situation of Industry—whether product is in demand, whether profitable or sharply competitive.
16—Uncertainty of tenure.

The employee should have a certain amount of intelligence, if he is to render profitable service: for ignorance is said to be the night of the mind, a night without moon or stars at that.

The employer of labor should know that it is far better to have one man working with him than three men working for him—the secret of an enthusiastic employee.

VII. GOOD BOOK-KEEPING, BACKBONE OF A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS

A business is thrice blessed whose records are immediate, reliable, adequate, and permanent. How often are business men heard to say, "I work my people hard but the business doesn't seem to get anywhere." Some really think if they work hard, get the business, keep the people busy (and that's not often done) that the records can take care of themselves.

Most of the records—especially of our group—are kept by the "Guess-and-Hope" method. Guess we are right and hope to make a profit. Whether you call it theory or not, if our efforts, business or what not, are not so directed in channels which bring to us definite information about the results of our efforts, we may as well select our business funeral dirge; for we are unerringly bound for the heartless rock of business failure. Then too, the very fact that everybody knows he is doing his best, in the absence of profitable results, each becomes unconsciously suspicious of the other's honesty—on the theory that hard work must make profit—but you don't see it. What can you know about the havoc the heartless Mr. Waste is playing with your rightly due profit, if your records are not kept in a way to reveal them informationally to you? Just to show you received money and paid it out isn't business at all—simply a memorandum of undeveloped facts.

VIII. THE NEW ACCOUNTING PERIOD

Beginning with January 1, 1927, a new Accounting Period, ending March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31, has been inaugurated. Among the reasons therefor are the following:

1. To lessen errors.
2. To correct more quickly and easier errors that are made; all the better to get the benefit to be derived much sooner.
3. To get a more accurate result of seasonable "turn-overs."
4. To get the actual financial conditions in time for
   (a) Comparisons of various kinds.
   (b) Sufficient time to plan for the proper and economical handling of matters that, if delayed, may be disastrous.
   (c) Pushing the more profitable.
   (d) Speeding up, or cutting off the less profitable.
   (e) Accurately furnishing financial statements for any period on short notice.
   (f) The better to train and test the ability of our record keepers—Book-keepers.

THINGS TO BE DONE—OUTLINED

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—curtailing 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 from which sheet 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 bi-weekly, at present
9. Daily Financial Statement must be lived-up-to in letter and spirit and the facts revealed by it are to be the daily guidance of the Secretaries or Executives—or any other person authorized to use such information
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," is to be furnished this office, same to be certified by Secretary Townsend, 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 filing 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 October 10. 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 co-operation 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 systematize:

1. The Time Sheets are to be made out by the employee, himself. The said Time Sheets which form the basis for estimating labor and 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 Efficiency-Production Director 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 non-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 to 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 Foreman.** 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 the official safe of the Sunday School Publishing Board stationed in the office of the 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, to-

gether 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 all 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 its officers.

(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.

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.

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 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. 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 which 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 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 monies

Field Workers

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 boil 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.

1926

The following recommendations of Auditor Pierson were adopted after several days' serious deliberation by the Special Committee of Nine:

1. Removing the domicile of the Home Mission Board from Little Rock and Wynne, Arkansas, to the Morris Memorial Building at Nashville, Tenn.

2. FLAT SALARIES FOR FIELD WORKERS

In order to encourage and help develop thrift and 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.

3. RECOMMENDING THE DISCONTINUANCE OR REORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL BENEFIT BOARD

It was decided to reorganize said Board, which reorganization is already under way and will likely be fully consummated at this session of the Convention. (See recommendation under "Introspective" of this report in paragraph three of "The Boards.")

BELATED AND NON-REPORTING BOARDS AND OFFICERS

The Educational Board's report is not in the 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 its 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 provingan impediment to proper decorum and correct modern business methods.

Brethren why don't you support your adopted regulations?

OMISSIONS

The analytical statements dealing with special report on the National Benefit Board and the Foreign Mission Board have been purposely omitted since those affairs have been somewhat adjusted since the report was made at Fort Worth.

AUDITOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Mr. President:

Last minutes readjustments necessitate this supplementary report.

In the printed report the President's operating account shows a cash balance of $59.79—the actual fact as found in his cash disbursement book. But, additional disbursements, including payments to the American Baptist

Theological Seminary, amounting to $690.00 not found in the cash book, but verified through correspondence of the same make account now stand: Receipts $2,812.04; Disbursements $3,544.54; overdrawal or due the President $732.50. The $200.00, listed as individual notes payable from the Secretary's records as due the President is not due him, according to the Auditor's interpretation of the correspondence bearing on the same together with that of the President's.

In the case of the Secretary, the necessary supporting evidence in all cases, save one, having been given, the Auditor recommended payments as follows:

The Auditor's expense account, consisting of annual expenses incurred from attendance upon Board Meetings, Audit of Benefit Board, American Baptist Theological Seminary, to, at, and from Forth Worth, etc., aggregates $263.02.

READ, THINK, ACT

THE EFFICIENCY-PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

Basis of System, Functional Control

Before one can profitably direct or criticise any system of procedure or operation, he must first know the principle upon which it is based, its objectives and purposes, its scope and latitude of authority, how this authority is to be manifested, the manner in which it is designed to function, and the standard by which its results are measured.

It goes without saying, that we cannot say anything or anybody either hits the mark or misses it, if we don't know the mark to be hit. From the same reasoning, we cannot truthfully say anything is serving or not serving its purpose if we do not know what purpose it was intended to serve and how it is to go about it.

BASIS OF SYSTEM, FUNCTIONAL CONTROL

The Convention's System it ordered me to install, and which is now being operated in all its activities, more or less, is developed to operate by what is known to scientific management, as **FUNCTIONAL CONTROL**. That is each divisional unit is directed by a supervisor whose special fitness or qualifications make him easily the profitable director of that particular unit of operation. Naturally enough then, he should be well informed as to the best, most economical, thorough, and profitable way to run his specific department—which includes hearty co-operation in its relation to all other divisions and departments with control continuous but not overlapping.

Thus you see how damaging to the whole operation one indifferent or otherwise inefficient supervisor can be. Such a person, or persons, for the good of the whole, cannot be long tolerated. What good would a first-class mailing division be if the Order Department failed to furnish promptly the things to be shipped? Or the Publicity Department if the Sales Department "fumbles" in handling the customers gained? Or the Composition Department, if the Pressroom fails to dispatch the composition thus delivered—ad infinitum.

A WORKING ORGANIZATION

Of all questions or problems relating to the successful operation of a business enterprise or office, the most fundamental seems to be organization. The organization, to be worthwhile, must include the following vital elements and virtues:

1. Clearly defined lines of authority; which authority must be respected and protected during its tenure; but promptly dismissed when it becomes

detrimental to its charge—thereby forfeiting the right to be respected and protected.

2. The constituted authority must function according to agreed regulations with which he must be familiar, otherwise the whole works would be demoralized by the confusion caused from contradictory orders or procedure.

3. The work must be functionalized as far as possible—that is no one individual should have too many, or too varied tasks to perform. For Specialization is no longer a mere theory, but a demonstrated fact.

4. Distinctions should be distinctions. If there are certain rights, privileges, relative ranks, ranking groups, and the like, based upon meritorious qualifications and places of responsibilities, these should be fully recognized and dealt with in the order of their importance. This gives the added, and very often, the much-needed encouragement to such workers—enabling them to develop even greater efficiency in the performance of their delicate, not to say hazardous duties—the organization being made the more profitable, useful, and richer thereby.

5. Favoritism must give way to merit if there is to be progress, production, profit, man and business development. Noise must not be mistaken for deeds; policy, for principles; activity, for productivity; "Star" work, for "Team" work; indifference, for cool-headedness; worshiper, for worker; a "server," for service; talkers, for doers. Nothing counts as favorable to a business of any kind as "results."

6. Fairness must precede generosity. First things, in importance, worth performance, responsibility, essentiality and the like, should be first. Otherwise, non-essentials would choke out the essentials—making business failure inevitable.

7. Stop legitimate complaints with better service. Complaints are the Management's danger signals which must be heeded, or business funeral will be needed.

8. Human interest must be recognized, dealt with, satisfied and harnessed if real service is to be expected and received.

9. Have regulations that regulate and see (not wish) that they are enforced. Nothing disorganizes an organization more than spasmodic enforcement. Intermittent or irregular enforcement are the unmistakable signs of an inefficient (weak or ignorant) supervisor or executive.

10. Standardization, with such improvements that will keep it modern, must have a conspicuous place in the operation of a profitable business or any other kind of organization, if the best results are to be achieved. It has the following desirable advantages to its credit: (a) Improves control; (b) Produces economy in operation; (c) Saves space, time and energy; (d) Makes possible better training; (e) Makes the measurement of work easier, and enables you to pay for work done rather than time "put in."

WHAT EXECUTIVES SHOULD KNOW

It is not the purpose here to make the impression that our executives do not "measure up," but, in justice to them, there ought to be some standard by which our constituents, the people (our "Bosses") could know just how well we do measure up, in order that the proper appreciation and encouragement may be given to the meritorious and the "air" to the non-meritorious. Everybody should not be treated the same way any more than everybody can not do the same thing, or do the same thing the same way. Different diseases necessitate different treatment. H 2 O, is water, H 2 O 2, is hydrogen peroxide; the same but different.

A successful executive (everyone whose duty it is to execute orders or have things done, is to that extent an executive) should know, among other things, the following, "seasoned" with common sense:

1. He who holds the throttle should understand the signals.
2. Business lives by the vigor and brain of the men it produces.

3. High wages for well-managed work results in low cost.
4. Modern machinery intelligently used, works wonders in profit making.
5. "Know all executives no less." No valve should be placed on the "know how" tank.
6. That satisfied customers form the only safe basis upon which to build a permanent and profitable business.
7. Units without union really mean disunion.
8. The ones who say "dig there and find gold" are more valuable than the ones who dig; for to know it is there gives the greater incentive to dig.
9. That System permits accomplishment of that which otherwise is just a dream.
10. That responsibilities naturally gravitate to the persons who can shoulder them; power flows to those who know how.
11. Make good pins or the public bids another to make pins.
12. That the public demand is created by the service rendered.
13. That competition increases business; and that the advantage is with the ones who increase the quality as well.
14. He must know how to differentiate between fundamentals and details.
15. That the two thieves of an executive's time are: (a) Unimportant details; (b) Mistakes. Aids should look after less difficult situations.
16. That employees should be chosen carefully and paid generously—thereby getting "two-in-one," an efficient worker and a business booster.
17. That the only difference between a groove and a grave is the depth.
18. That proper control can be maintained only through facts.
19. That compensation, to be fair, must connect directly to performance.
20. That the difference in a day's work lies in the productive value.
21. That the only safe tradition to follow is good work.
22. That big fish are not afraid of deep water; neither are worthwhile men afraid to tackle difficult tasks.
23. That the modern business executive has a four-fold function; a watcher, an economizer, a pusher, and a planner.
24. More serious than big losses, usually guard against or provided for, are the small waste—the little drains on the vitality of the business. Their insignificance constitutes the greatest menace. Escaping notice, they escape correction.
25. That there can be no efficient organization and system without accurate, adequate, and properly used records.

INVESTIGATE, THEN SAY

One of the greatest barriers to our march up the highway to permanent progress and success is the demoralizing practice of saying (pulling out reports usually false) before we investigate. Whether it is within our own ranks or otherwise, he, who speaks falsely when he has access to the truth, is either woefully ignorant or a destructionist to the denomination or world's constructive program. He is much like the story of an old gentleman whose pocketbook was reported lost. On returning to the office and reporting it had been overlooked and was found, the officer replied, "You are too late—entirely too late; we have found the thief since yesterday." What's your opinion of the officer?

UNITED UNITS MAKE DENOMINATIONAL SOLIDARITY

A thing, not uncommon among leaders, is the ever tendency to "star" instead of to practice "team work" for the good of the game. Hence the main cause of the often repeated statement about our group that we won't "stick together." Things, that need the combined thought of groups with different viewpoints in order that every angle may be considered before a decision is reached, are usually appropriated by some one or more persons who think alike; presented and "put thru" half thought out just to have it said "I did it." This is "starring."

This does not mean that the thoughtful among us should be suppressed in giving the benefit of their special beneficial gift—thought; but it really means just the opposite—associate the thinkers and let them counsel together; but let this association be as varied as possible—**just as they really think**; and out of this will come that effective "team work" so necessary in "putting" (not talking) over our constructive program of permanent commendable achievement.

THE CONVENTION'S FAR-REACHING MOVE

It is safe to say (for it's the truth) that in no other business conducted by our group anywhere, is there to be found as complete a Business System in control of the pulse of every phase of the financial operation as is to be found in actual operation of the affairs of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A.

THE SYSTEM SUCCEEDS BEYOND EXPECTATION

It seems incredible that from the day of the installation of the System, twenty-three (23) months ago, that not a single principle advanced, or a single improvement measure put forth has miscarried—but, on the contrary, it has produced more profitable results than were ever claimed for it. Of course, the full benefit therefrom cannot be realized until the hundreds of persons who must be used in its operation are trained to properly function according to the order of things and become more familiar with the principles of applied personal efficiency. This goes without exceptions.

DENOMINATIONAL UNITY ASSURED

Among the peculiar but invaluable advantages of the System, offered through the Efficiency Department, in order to definitely measure its results, is that of being absolutely **impersonal** in its operations. It positively knows nobody nor anything except **personally kept records and results**. Hence our permanent denominational unity; since all worthwhile want the things or persons who get results, with the equally true converse.

IT IS NOT A BED OF ROSES

It has not been a bed of roses to install and get under way this entirely new business procedure for several obvious reasons. But substantial overwhelming—now admitted facts have piled up a preponderance of evidence sufficient to break down all legitimate opposition which, in turn, is now being changed into a hearty mutual cooperation.

ITS GREATEST PRESENT NEED

At this time, its most pressing need is that the Convention have some definite understanding with the various executives—secretaries and officers of the Convention and its auxiliaries—about their prompt compliance in carrying out the suggestions of this unusually profitable department: and hold this department responsible for the results obtained. There is but one way to get the full benefit of a System; and that is to have its requirements **promptly, adequately, and effectively met.** The operation is **fair, reasonable, impartial** and **considerate.** What objections then can be justly offered against doing promptly its bidding?

HOW IT WORKS

Where there is manufacturing done of any kind, it clearly shows how much of material, supply, man service, and expense of every kind that goes into every finished or unfinished product produced. Where there is mere service rendered, it shows impartially as a matter of personal record just what each person is, or is not doing for each period of the

working day; so there can be **no controversy** as to what was being done—the individual and his record are the only things necessary for an **uncontested decision.**

For instance, if an editor claims the delay in getting the service of a stenographer was why his manuscript was tardy in delivery, instead of the usual "I-did-and-you-didn't" argument between the editor and the chief stenographer, the Efficiency Department simply gets the record of the day in question (these are "turned in" daily to this department) and shows the recorded facts and that settles it. This goes, in general, for all departments using time sheets or report blanks. It's by your record you shall be saved, and by the same you are condemned. If everybody is against you and the records sustain you, you are safe—and vice versa. Can anything be fairer? Visualize the peaceful and profitable denominational sailing we would have if we would allow ourselves to be in line with this business "Golden Rule," and would insist and see to it that all Convention employees, directly or indirectly, be thus governed where practical—retained or discharged by the record revealed facts of their merit or demerit.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE—AND WHAT ABOUT IT?

In the twenty-three months of its operation, an annual saving of more than $40,000.00 has been brought about. Of course, this $40,000.00 has not all been made within the year for it has been less than a year since the savings plus increased profit reached that peak. But, it **does** mean that even at the present rate there now is an actual monthly profit of more than $3,333.34 which, in the aggregate, amounts to more than $40,000.00 annually. See itemization under comparative summaries, page 64 in this report.

WHY IN A FINANCIAL STRAIN?

It may be asked, "Why then, in such a financial strain with this great saving?"

FIRST—Because this saving has not been in **effect long enough.**

SECOND—Because of the enormous additional burden added to furnish completely this mammoth building. I say "burden" because the thousands of dollars involved in the furnishings and what not did not add one **iota** toward the **increase of production.**

Example—If you were operating a business from which you were realizing a profit, say, of $5,000.00 a year, taking $3,000.00 per year to meet obligations already contracted, would leave $2,000.00 per year that could be applied to **other things.** Now, suppose immediately upon the heel of that, the amount of **payment** on **"other things"** is increased to $6,000.00 per year and by rigid economy, System, you increase your profit $3,000.00—60 per cent of the original—a big gain to be sure—but, with this **big** gain you find yourself "short" of meeting the requirement to the amount of $1,000.00; when, **before** this **great gain, but also before** the **great additional** burden you could meet fully your obligations. Be fair; read carefully; think straight; be reasonable; judge for yourself (for the condition is plainly stated)—what causes the "strained" financial condition?"

THIRD—Because of the other additional burden (undoubtedly overlooked) necessitated by the shift to larger quarters—such as the burden of—

Two Elevator Operators
One Telephone Exchange Operator
Six Janitors
One Night Watchman
One Fireman

To say nothing about several more salaried persons, some of whom contribute absolutely nothing toward the operation of the Sunday School Publishing Board. Under classified Salary and Wages in the Sunday

School Publishing Board Cash and Disbursement report you will find the above runs into several thousand dollars. All of these must be provided for out of the earnings and receipts of this Board. So, whatever amount the System has saved—and the amount **claimed** for it **is just as true as any** other statement in the report—**we are made just that much better off**; for its expense of complete operation is not more than 12 per cent of its gains, while being operated under, at least, a 25 per cent handicap.

WILL THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A., CROWD COMPLETE THE PAYMENTS ON THE BUILDING?

Yes, What is to hinder us, aside from ourselves? Unless we play the fool; talk big and act little; interrogate instead of investigate; work harder to bring **fame** to ourselves than success to **the cause**; persist in having our own way instead of complying with the Convention's tested and adopted operating procedure; practice the "If-I-can't-you-shan't" method; or if you think you are **not good enough** to have the best—yes, I repeat; unless you think in the progress-destroying terms enumerated above, we can and will "pay in full" for that magnificent building and nobody will be hurt. While the opposers, like impeding giants may beset the way; we, though grasshoppers in comparison, with God as our leader, plus the use of practical common sense, will fully possess the land—for we have already tasted of the grapes of Eshcol.

ALL THAT IS NEEDED

Here is the problem to be solved. It is easy. **We can do it. Will we!** All that is needed is a definite financial budget from sources outside of the Publishing Plant to "take care" of the excess the Plant can't reach, just long enough to help **reduce the payments** to the point where the Plant can completely take them over. To do this very thing is what gave rise to the Underwriting Campaign. The exact amount that can be paid by the Publishing Board is known; as is also the additional amount necessary to augment it. These things, and the suggestive definite solution are now in the hands of the National Executive Board for their careful and thoughtful consideration before it is presented to you for ratification.

The Efficiency-Production and Auditing Department, in line with what it considers its p[illegible]n duly, has tried to present the actual facts shorn of embellishments with the sincere hope that knowing the **truth**, the proper thing will be done to conserve all our denominational interest—and the **truth** will make us free.

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.
Home Mission Board,
W. H. Moses, Secretary
Morris Memorial Building, Nashville, Tenn.

RECEIPTS

Religious Bodies:		
Churches	$ 68 86	
Circles	7 00	
Associations	41 00	
Conventions	10 50	
Total		$ 127 36
Designated Funds:		
Repair of Churches	$4,052 52	
Home Mission	1,430 68	
Foreign Mission	109 00	
Sunday School Publishing Board	99 00	
B. Y. P. U. Board	15 05	
Education	1,280 98	
New Churches	650 00	
Benefit Board	1 15	
Total		$ 7,638 38
Sales:		
Literature—C. O. D. Shipment	$ 177 89	
Literature—Cash	$ 224 52	
		$ 402 41
Loan, (J. F. Robinson) Repaid		5 00
Southern Baptist Convention:		
Secretary's Salary	$ 600 00	
Missionaries' Salary	5,000 00	
		$ 5,600 00
Notes Payable:		
People's Bank (12-28-'26)	$ 500 00	
A. M. Townsend	100 00	
J. D. Crenshaw	72 00	
Chas. H. Thorn	25 00	
		$ 697 00
Missionaries' Salary Retained from "Field Collections"	$7,628 35	
Total Receipts		$22,098 50
Disbursements exceed Receipts		4,109 10
		$26,207 60

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries and Expense:			
Secretary W. H. Moses, thru Office	$1,226 50		
Secretary Moses, Salary, Oct.-July, 1927 Southern Baptist Convention	600 00		
Secretary Moses, Traveling Expense	383 85		
Secretary Moses, Board in Chicago	30 00		
Secretary Moses, Board in other Places	20 00		
Total Secretary		$2,260 35	
Clerical Help—			
Regular	$ 470 00		
Extra	10 00		
Total Clerical Help		$ 480 00	
Total Administrative			$2,740 35
Missionaries' Salary retained from "Field"		$7,628 35	
Missionaries' Salary thru Southern Baptist Convention (Est.)		5,000 00	

Missionaries Travelling Expenses	1,027 61	
Total Missionaries' Salary and Travelling Expense		$13,655 96
Photos and Cuts		157 70
Office Supplies		173 28
Loans—Repaid		197 00
Loans—Made		69 00
Designated Funds:		
Sunday School Publishing Board	$ 67 00	
Education	10 00	
New Church Building	735 00	
		$ 812 00
Rent—Office		75 00
Telephone and Telegrams		21 87
Accounts Payable		
Williams Printing Company	$ 125 00	
Remington Typewriter Company	25 00	
		$ 150 00
One Fiber Suitcase		8 50
General Printing		8 50
Miscellaneous—		
Membership Fee in Missionary Educational Movement	$ 13 50	
Refund on Merchandise Order	1 08	
Donation—Green B. C.	2 00	
Printing Signs for Office	1 75	
		$ 18 33
"Spent Otherwise"		8,120 11
Grand Total Disbursements		$26,207 60

BALANCE SHEET

HOME MISSION BOARD
June 30, 1927

ASSETS

Inventory:		
Inventory 1926 (Lovelace)	$ 144 00	
Less Depreciation	14 40	
		$ 129 60
Purchases by W. H. Moses—		
One Remington Typewriter	$ 102 50	
Less Depreciation	10 25	
	$ 92 25	
Furniture and Fixtures as per Invoice	$ 559 95	
Less Depreciation	55 99	
	$ 503 96	
		$ 596 21
Total Inventories		$ 725 81
Liabilities exceeding Assets		$4,348 90
		$5,074 71

LIABILITIES

Notes Payable:		
People's Bank and Trust Company	$ 418 00	
Williams Printing Company	446 39	
	$ 864 39	
Accounts Payable:		
Hack Salary, Dr. Jos. A. Booker	$ 542 28	
Remington Typewriter Company	58 78	
Sunday School Publishing Board	3,609 26	
	$4,210 32	
Total Liabilities		$5,074 71

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.
B. Y. P. U. BOARD
OFFICE OF SECRETARY
E. W. D. Isaac
409 Gay Street, Nashville, Tennessee
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Year Ending June 30, 1927

RECEIPTS

Sales:		
Senior Quarterlies		$17,349 73
Junior Quarterlies		4,461 10
B. Y. P. U. Records		749 45
Manuals, Guides, Cards		792 73
Buttons, Badges, Banners, Pins		228 00
Advertisement		1,177 87
Books—		
Song Books	$ 5,766 21	
Books in General	458 01	
Denominational Books	65 60	
Theological Books	68 45	
Total Books	$ 6,358 27	
Pennants, Certificates and Charts	278 70	
Caps and Gowns	325 75	
Report Blanks	45 93	
Collection Trays	2 20	
Small Stars	20	
Communion Sets	4 50	
Pencils and Tablets	3 85	
Consignments—		
Senior Quarterlies	$ 245 00	
Caps	78 00	
Badges	265 64	
Song Books	1,097 82	
Books in General	235 50	
Theological Books	202 74	
Buttons	20 00	
Denominational Books	41 34	
Total Consignment	$ 2,246 04	
Total Sales		$34,023 32
Other Receipts:		
Notes Receivable	$ 655 14	
Accounts Receivable	12,054 71	

Printing		121 95
Rent		511 00
Use of Telephone		1 08
Total Other Receipts		$13,343 88
Total Activities		$47,367 20
Sundries:		
Miscellaneous Earnings	$ 30 00	
Clerical Help, Congress Expense	398 65	
Nat'l Baptist Executive Board, Cincinnati	179 41	
		$ 608 06
Contributions:		
Individuals	$ 353 05	
Churches and Unions	1,678 71	
Conventions—		
National Bapt. Conv.	$ 107 89	
Other Conventions	5,519 50	
	$ 5,627 39	
Associations	13 50	
Sundry	4 68	
Total Contributions		$ 7,677 33
Notes Payable		
Banks	$10,165 96	
Individuals	1,483 85	
		$11,649 81
Duplications:		
Transfer Orders	$ 88 56	
Refund of Interest Paid	1 10	
Refund on Bad Checks	24 13	
	$ 113 79	
"Overs"	452 79	
Unclassified	110 95	
Total Duplications		$ 677 53
Total Current Receipts		$67,979 03
Cash Balance Forwarded June 30, 1926		2,216 03
Grand Total Receipts		$70,195 96

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries:		
Secretary E. W. D. Isaac, Sr.	$ 4,117 12	
E. W. D. Isaac, Jr.	1,889 50	
Back Salary, Craft Account	325 00	
Editorial	1,137 50	
Employees—Wages	5,859 15	
Total		$13,328 27
Travelling Expense:		
E. W. D. Isaac, Sr.	$ 227 62	
E. W. D. Isaac, Jr.	251 59	
L. R. W. Johnson	74 58	
Miscellaneous	197 82	
Total		$ 751 61

Sundry:		
Merchandise, Cash Purchases	$ 324 26	
Secretary's Car Balance (I. F.)	270 30	
Mortgage, Payments in Full	190 00	
Accounts Payable	9,715 08	
Cooperative Missionary Service	7,025 25	
Notes Payable—		
Banks	$ 9,787 70	
Individuals	2,358 58	
Purchases	355 00	
Total Notes Payable	$12,501 28	
Notes Receivable	887 94	
Building and Improvement	701 99	
Total Sundry		$31,616 10
General Expense:		
Telephones and Telegrams	$ 266 32	
Freight and Drayage	271 33	
Water and Ice	89 40	
Insurance	265 31	
Interest	245 70	
Heat	194 57	
Light	7 49	
Postage—		
General	$ 1,466 12	
Shipment	304 00	
	$ 1,770 12	
Commission	1,924 75	
Donation—		
General	$ 111 88	
Allowance, Cash Orders	29 97	
	$ 141 85	
Office Supplies	92 85	
Delivery Equipment, Upkeep	318 92	
Transferred Orders	78 96	
Repairs	96 27	
Legal Expense	51 80	
Printing—		
Periodicals, Etc., Mdse.	$14,204 01	
Otherwise	1,676 00	
	$15,880 01	
Labor—		
Janitor's Service	$ 520 00	
Extra Labor	39 51	
	$ 559 51	
Advertising	210 86	
Office Expense	11 20	
Cuts and Plates	36 00	
Sundry	493 99	
Total General Expense		$23,007 21
Refund:		
Bad Checks	$ 37 60	
Purchases, Orders, Etc.	151 92	
Unclassified	1 46	
"Overs"	127 98	
		$ 318 96

Total Disbursements	$69,022 13
Cash Balance, June 30, 1927	1,173 81
Grand Total	$70,195 94

BALANCE SHEET

B. Y. P. U. BOARD

June 30, 1927

ASSETS

Current Assets:			
Cash Balance, June 30, 1927			$ 1,173 81
Accounts Receivable			2,694 53
Notes Receivable—Loans			232 80
Stock-Inventory:			
Books—			
Doctrinal		$ 1,329 36	
Standard Religious		2,658 74	
Song Books		5,457 50	
Periodicals		6,910 00	
Paper Material and Envelopes (Raw)		2,420 50	
Cuts and Plates (Est.)		4,064 10	
Cap Department		919 00	
Supplies—			
Bookkeeping Department	$ 40 00		
Stenographic Department	24 52		
Postage—General	7 00		
Postage—Mailing	10 00		
	$ 81 52		
Total Stock-Inventory			$23,840 72
Coal			136 08
Total Current Assets			$28,077 94
Fixed Assets:			
Furniture and Fixtures—			
Secretary's Office	$ 490 00		
Assistant Secretary's Office	285 00		
Field Secretary's Office	287 50		
Director's Room	192 00		
Mailing Department	1,053 00		
Stenographic Department	1,147 00		
Bookkeeping Department	1,436 75		
Total	$ 4,891 25		
Less Depreciation	489 12		
		$ 4,402 13	
Delivery Equipment (Incl. S. T.)	$ 739 25		
Less Depreciation	147 85		
		$ 591 40	
Heating Plant	$ 1,000 00		
Less Depreciation	50 00		
		$ 950 00	

Buildings	$24,500 00		
Less Depreciation	245 00		
		$24,255 00	
Building and Improvement		1,075 99	
Grounds		4,800 00	
Total Fixed Assets			$36,074 52
Grand Total Assets			$64,152 46

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable			$ 8,246 61
Notes Payable—			
Purchases	$ 65 00		
Bank Loans	1,115 58		
Individual	405 59		
Total Notes Payable			$ 1,586 17
Total Liabilities			$ 9,832 78
Assets exceed Liabilities			54,319 68
			$64,152 46

EXHIBIT—A
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOREIGN MISSION BOARD
701 South Nineteenth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Year Ending June 30, 1927
Rev. J. E. East, Secretary

RECEIPTS

Commercial Operations:			
Herald—			
Subscriptions	$ 215 25		
Sales per Copy	306 58		
		$ 521 83	
Job Printing—			
Commercial	$ 2,210 22		
Composition for the Trade	897 04		
Printing Supplies	3 94		
		$ 3,111 20	
Sale of Literature		4,620 20	
Rent from Apartment		300 00	
Sundry—			
Use of Phone		65	
Mimeographing		2 25	
Stationery and Supplies		6 75	
Use of Cutter		10	
Interest Earned on Deposits		7 24	
Total from Operation			$ 8,570 22
Contributions:			
Churches		$31,076 25	
Sunday Schools		6,641 99	
B. Y. P. U.'s		1,111 02	

Missionary Societies	6,326 76	
Associations	3,585 02	
Conventions	10,848 21	
Individuals	10,331 78	
Sundry Contributions	416 32	
		$70,337 35
Notes Payable		1,000 00
Total Net Receipts		$79,907 57

Duplications:

Money Orders Redeposited	$ 78 90	
Checks Redeposited	824 58	
Cablegrams Refunded	210 75	
Salaries Refunded	80 00	
Transportation Refunded	153 50	
Freight and Drayage Refunded	14 47	
Merchandise Refunded	12 83	
Deposit (S. C. Bk.) Refunded	1 46	
Travelling Expense Refunded	68 00	
Loans Refunded	17 50	
Advertisement Refunded	55 58	
Total		$ 1,517 63
Total		$81,425 20
Cash Balance, June 30, 1926		1,257 54

Internal Allowances:

Publication of Herald (25)	$18,553 18	
House Printing	1,556 85	
		$20,110 03
Grand Total Receipts		$102,792 77

DISBURSEMENTS

Administrative:

Purchases—		
Literature		$ 3,571 44
Printing—		
Paper	$ 6,914 24	
Supplies	334 31	
Printing Equipment	328 88	
		$ 7,577 43
Salaries—		
Secretary	$ 3,450 00	
Clerical Department	4,578 00	
Clerical Department Special	89 19	
Printing Department	8,729 53	
Home Field Workers	2,614 63	
Local Officers	215 00	
		$19,776 35
Furniture and Fixtures		118 40
Notes Payable		1,749 00

General Expenses—		
Real Estate Expense	$ 37 90	
Light and Power	439 74	
Heat	325 75	
Travelling Expense	3,591 82	
Telephone and Telegrams	388 44	
Stationery and Supplies	495 50	
Postage—		
General	$ 645 99	
Herald	1,207 00	
Special	1,483 44	
	$ 3,336 43	
Repairs	21 38	
Audit—		
Convention Ar.	$ 268 35	
White Firm Ar.	175 00	
	$ 443 35	
Audit Bal. Previous Period	62 50	
Sundry Expenses	401 90	
Office Special Expense	374 46	
Interest on Notes	52 44	
Interest on Mortgages	1 20	
Books—Subscription	2 14	
Returned Checks Redeemed	1,024 94	
Refund Contributions	22 00	
Refund Literature	21 20	
Insurance	117 92	
Discount on Note	60 00	
Taxes (1926)	193 00	
Real Estate Earnest Money	300 00	
Funds Transfer	1 46	
		$11,715 47
Foreign Missions:		
Salaries of Missionaries	$15,030 36	
Mission Work—Construction	8,357 56	
Transportation—Missionary	1,393 85	
Buildings	8,135 [illegible]	
African Students	587 [illegible]	
E. H. Bouey	200 00	
J. B. Brandon	332 00	
Donations	85 50	
L. G. Jordan	313 50	
Contribution Banks	1,379 69	
Cables and Transfers	433 53	
Freight and Drayage	304 43	
Cuts and Photos	217 85	
Special Drive Expense	306 44	
		$37,077 71
Internal Allowances:		
Herald Cost	$18,553 18	
House Printing	1,556 85	
	$20,110 03	
Total Disbursements		$101,695 83
Cash Balance Forwarded June 30, 1927		$ 1,096 94

EXHIBIT—B

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Departmental Balance Sheet

THE MISSION HERALD

Balance Sheet, June 30, 1927

RECEIPTS

Herald Sales	$ 306 58	
Herald Subscription	215 25	
		$ 521 83
Herald Liabilities exceeding its Assets		14,593 88
Total		$15,115 71

LIABILITIES

Postage	$ 1,207 00	
Material and Supplies (Paper 3-4)	5,436 41	
Engravings, Cuts, Etc.	217 85	
Payroll—Wages (3-4)	6,547 15	
Secretary's Salary Chargeable to Herald (1-4)	900 00	
Overhead (Insurance, Heat, Light and Power, Etc., (3-4)	807 30	
Total		$15,115 71

EXHIBIT—C

THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

June 30, 1927

RECEIPTS

Sales		
Composition	$ 897 04	
Material (Stock Paper)	3 94	
House Printing	1,556 85	
Commercial Printing	2,210 22	
Use of Cutter	10	
Stationery and Supplies	6 75	
Herald	521 83	
		$ 5,196 73
Expenditures exceed Receipts		14,194 74
		$19,391 47

DISBURSEMENTS

Material—Paper Stock	$ 6,914 24	
Supplies	334 31	
Equipment	328 88	
Pay-roll—Wages	8,729 53	
Secretary's Salary, Chargeable to Printing	900 00	
Light and Power (3-4)	329 80	
Heat (3-4)	244 31	
Telephone (1-4)	97 11	
Postage	1,207 00	
Insurance (3-4)	88 44	
Cuts and Engravings	217 85	
Total		$19,391 47

EXHIBIT—D

BALANCE SHEET

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

June 30, 1927

ASSETS

Current:			
Cash Balance, June 30, 1927—			
In Banks	$ 964 31		
In Office (Not Deposited)	132 63		
Total		$	1,096 94
Accounts Receivable—			
Job Printing	$ 2,232 10		
Literature	601 62		
National Baptist Convention, (A. B. T. S. Loan)	200 00		
Total		$	3,033 72
Missionary Salaries Advanced—			
E. H. Bouey	$ 300 00		
Vockerodt Teachers	162 60		
D. R. Horton	200 00		
Total		$	662 60
Inventories—			
Literature	$ 175 00		
Raw Material—Stock	127 55		
Total		$	302 55
Total Current Assets			$ 5,095 81
Fixed:			
Office Furniture: Fixtures, Supplies	$ 2,539 83		
Less Depreciation	253 98		
		$	2,285 85
Printing Supplies	$ 1,552 54		
Less Depreciation	155 25		
		$	1,397 29
Printing Machinery	$ 9,964 00		
Less Depreciation	996 40		
		$	8,967 60
Lands and Buildings—			
Foreign Fields (Est.)	$47,852 57		
Less Depreciation	4,785 25		
		$43,067 32	

United States of America	$ 2,000 00	
Less Depreciation	200 00	
		$ 1,800 00
Total Fixed Assets		$57,518 01
Grand Total Assets		$62,613 87

LIABILITIES

Current:		
Notes Payable, R. W. Hartnett Co.	$ 150 00	
Accounts Payable	5,834 19	
Missionary Salaries Due	784 16	
Accrued Taxes	108 24	
Accrued Salaries	56 25	
		$ 6,941 84
Mortgage Payable—		
Mortgage	$ 2,100 00	
Interest on Mortgage	40 00	
		$ 2,140 00
Total Liabilities		$ 9,081 84
Net Assets		53,532 03
		$62,613 87

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.
SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLISHING BOARD
Fourth Avenue, North, and Cedar Street, Nashville, Tenn.
A. M. Townsend, Secretary

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Year Ending June 30, 1927

RECEIPTS

Factory Production:			
Merchandise-Manufactured			
Periodicals		$127,935 79	
Books		7,398 39	
Unclassified		1,339 99	
Commercial Printing		5,091 47	
National Voice—			
Cash Subscriptions, Etc.		$ 382 81	
Advt. Space		2,165 50	
			$ 2,548 31
Advertisement		3,600 00	
Sales of Picture of Building		399 17	
Waste Products—			
Paper Cuttings	$ 221 02		
Kindling	1 35		
Boxes	75		
		$ 223 12	
House Printing		5,268 77	
Water Damage		150 09	
Enrollment Teacher Training Course		163 00	
Fuel-Gas		15 00	
Total Factory Operations			$154,043 01

Trading:			
Merchandise-Purchases—			
Periodicals		$ 19,380 11	
Song Books		10,402 55	
Other Books		7,059 56	
Sundry Merchandise		5,984 95	
Transportation Out		2 00	
Total-Merchandise		$ 42,829 17	
Cafeteria—			
Straight Sales	$ 14,038 57		
Coupon Book Sales	818 50		
Total		$ 14,857 07	
Total Trading			$ 57,686 24
Accounts Receivable			39,843 00
Notes Receivable			4,386 54
Total Manufacturing and Trading			$253,793 29
Rent—			
Tenantry		$ 8,342 50	
Auditorium Rental		28 00	
			$ 8,370 50
Other Receipts—			
Postage		$ 51 62	
Telephone Use		10 99	
Interest Earned		1 16	
			$ 63 77
Refunds, Salaries, Etc.			307 05
"Overs"			1,535 76
Notes Payable			75,537 50
Contributions:			
Special Days—			
Children's Day	$ 711 81		
Founders' Day	25 00		
Easter	1 50		
Dedication	6 00		
Total		$ 744 31	
Who's Who		915 94	
Rallies—			
Employees	$ 45 00		
Sunday School	4 12		
Congress Rally	231 38		
Total		$ 280 50	
Individuals		18 00	
The Field			
J. F. Robinson	$ 135 54		
Sent in	82 50		
Special W. Va. and Ohio	255 00		
W. B. Flemings	746 56		
Memphis	50 00		
General	2,523 25		
Total		$ 3,792 85	
Underwriters' Special		5,984 45	
National Bapt. Convention, Ft. Worth, Texas		5,411 26	
Total Contributions			$17,146 71

Duplications:		
Redeposited Checks	$ 938 85	
Redeposited Money Orders	36 55	
Total		$ 975 40
Cash Exchange		18,125 00
Cash Balance forwarded June 30, 1926		20,446 54
Grand Total Receipts		$404,995 16

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLISHING BOARD

Year Ending June 30, 1927

Factory Operation:			
Material			$9,854 46
Supplies			3,731 87
Equipments			1,110 79
Pay Roll—			
Wages-Direct Labor	$23,558 49		
Wages-Indirect Labor	21,431 07		
Telephone Exchange Proration	244 92		
Salary-Administrative pro rated	2,400 00		
Total Pay Roll			47,591 21
General Expense—			
Light pro rated	$ 274 57		
Water	58 26		
Towels	49 16		
Soap	44 15		
Power	1,348 87		
Insurance—			
General	$ 816 08		
Workmen Compensation	199 71		
Total General		$ 2,790 80	
Grand Total Factory Division			$65,079 13
Administrative Operations:			
Merchandise—			
Song Books	$ 1,759 77		
Other Books	4,053 09		
Periodicals	8,024 00		
Communion Sets	1,264 62		
Banners	644 33		
Sundry	257 30		
Bells	$ 33 00		
Maps	43 61		
Baptismal Trousers	38 52		
Handbags	69 00		
Novelty Buttons	314 00		
Collection Plates	12 00		
Total Merchandise			$16,513 24
Supplies:			
Main Office—			
Equipments	$ 148 05		
General	142 18		
Total		$ 290 23	

Stenographic Dept.—			
Repairs	$ 19 73		
General	372 66		
Total		$ 392 39	
Bookkeeping Department		222 74	
Cafeteria		11,697 39	
Selling Department		1,710 00	
Morris Memorial Building—			
For Janitors' Use	$ 754 92		
For Heat—Coal	1,088 08		
For Sundry	394 36		
Total		$ 2,237 36	
Total Supplies			$16,550 11
Furnishings—			
Morris Memorial Building	$ 394 30		
Main Office	417 22		
Cafeteria	1,000 00		
Total		$ 1,811 52	
General Expense:			
Cafeteria—			
Gas	$ 925 44		
Laundry	36 70		
Sundry	221 52		
Total		$ 1,183 66	
Selling Department—			
Commission	$ 1,308 46		
Freight and Drayage	1,217 97		
Advertisement	381 10		
		$ 2,907 53	
Garage, Rent—truck	50 00		
License for Truck	26 75		
Repairs	104 10		
Tires and Tubes	165 60		
Gas and Oil	172 76		
Insurance	109 31		
Total-Truck		$ 628 52	
Total-Selling			$ 3,536 05
Morris Memorial Building—			
Awnings		$ 432 50	
Water—			
Water Rent	$ 174 80		
Ice	546 16		
		$ 720 96	
Lights—			
Hall	$ 244 28		
Elevators	6 82		
Engine Room	10 50		
Janitors	2 62		
Stairways	6 30		
Total		$ 270 52	
Boiler Repairs		76 54	

Building Repairs	413 63	
Insurance	581 21	
Cleaning and Painting Walls	1,150 37	
Elevator Repairs	6 00	
General	83 79	
Sundry	7 50	
Total Morris Memorial Building		$ 3,743 02
St Louis Branch—		
Insurance	$ 20 92	
Rent	600 00	
Light	64 36	
Petty Cash	105 00	
Telephone	89 42	
Total St. Louis Branch		$ 879 70
Light—General		605 40
Petty Cash	223 72	
Telephone—		
Exchange	$ 489 85	
Long Distance and Cables	164 04	
Total		$ 653 89
Postage—		
General	$ 1,768 45	
Transfer Out	6,777 68	
Quarterly Letters	999 50	
National Voice	360 00	
Congress Letters	135 00	
Total		$10,040 63
Donations:		
Flood Sufferers	$ 112 50	
Postman and Fireman Asso.	8 00	
Home Mission Board	60 00	
Total Donations		$ 180 50
Main Office General		74 50
Legal Service		300 00
Sundry-Nat'l Baptist Voice		9 33
Sundry-General		133 12
Sundry-Specials—		
Cash Exchanges		$18,125 00
Photos—Lay Bros.	$ 368 75	
Films—Hynes	315 65	
Total Special Sundry		$ 684 40
Subscriptions—		
Efficiency Department	$ 4 00	
Administrative Department	15 00	
Total		$ 19 00
Cradle Roll Ass'n Fee		49 50
Floral Design—Dr. Booker		7 50
Night Watchman—Supplies		17 64
Lettering Doors		8 00
Re-charging Fire Extinguisher		9 00
House Printing—		
Admin.		$ 5,266 77
Voice		6,528 14
		$ 11,796 91

Payment on Memorial Tablet		500 00
1 Ink-o-gram Pen		3 21
National Congress—		
Parking Place, Delegates	$ 5 00	
Band Prorata	62 50	
Official Entertainment	39 90	
Total		$ 107 40
Dr. A. J. Stokes, burial expense		27 60
Annual Representation Fee, Council of Religious Education		200 00
Total—General		$ 52,894 56
Travelling Expense		
Executive—		
Secretary-General	$ 853 08	
Secretary Underwriters	262 11	
Total		$ 1,115 19
E. M. Lawrence		68 55
J. Francis Robinson		931 77
W. B. Flemings, (U. W.)		71 78
Who's Who		820 00
Otherwise—		
R. L. Bradby	$ 50 00	
L. A. Weaver	5 00	
V. W. Broughton (Mrs.)	24 30	
Underwriters	88 60	
S. N. Vass	188 32	
Wm. Haynes	55	
J. T. Brown	105 00	
Mgr. Hopkins Book Concern	16 00	
W. S. Ellington	29 00	
E. T. Brown	83 55	
W. G. Hynes	45 00	
Total		$ 635 82
Selling Department		48 31
The Voice		105 00
Sundry Allocated (U W)		1,048 50
Total		$ 1,201 81
Total Travelling		$ 4,844 92
Pay Roll:		
Salaries and Wages—		
Officials	$ 1,977 87	
Main Office Employees	3,769 02	
General Bookkeeping	6,680 65	
Cafeteria	4,928 59	
Stenographic	4,785 42	
Selling Department—		
Sales Manager	$ 1,665 00	
Filing Clerks	978 39	
Clerical Help	485 68	
Order Division	2,982 98	
Mailing Division	5,409 95	
Delivery	712 33	
Stock Clerk (½)	379 46	

Administrative Proration	$ 4,105 75		
Phone Exchange Proration	251 80		
St. Louis Branch	1,247 50		
Total		$18,210 62	
Morris Memorial Building—			
Janitors	$ 4,032 67		
Night Watchman	785 05		
Fireman	922 59		
Elevator Operators	1,193 39		
Total		$ 6,933 70	
The National Baptist Voice		3,096 83	
Historiographer (Dr Jordan)		841 27	
Administration Contribution Proration		2,000 00	
Field Men—			
Who's Who Campaign	$ 922 00		
E. M. Lawrence	1,800 00		
J. F. Robinson	1,456 00		
W. B. Flemings	1,379 51		
Gardner	5 00		
Total		$ 5,556 51	
The Matron		280 00	
Sundry Wages		150 00	
Total Admin. Salary			$59,210 78
Notes Payable:			
Factory—			
Material—Paper	$36,200 00		
Electric Repairs	1,000 00		
Machinery—			
Composing Room	$ 4,500 00		
Pressroom	3,490 00		
Bindery	4,760 00		
Total	$12,750 00		
Total Factory		$49,950 00	
Administrative—			
Banks, S. S. Pub. Bd.	$15,150 10		
Individuals—			
S. S. Pub. Bd.	22,425 00		
Total	$37,575 10		
Purchases—			
Furnishings	$ 6,420 00		
Office Equipment and Machinery	1,680 00		
Merchandise	10,000 00		
Delivery	255 00		
Sundry Loans	490 00		
Total	$18,845 00		
Total Administrative		$56,420 10	
Morris Memorial Building—			
Banks	$ 7,018 00		
Individuals	50 00		
Windham Bros.	3,000 00		
First Mortgage	5,000 00		

Second Mortgage McKissack and McKissack	3,000 00		
Total		18,068 00	
Grand Total Notes Payable			$124,438 10
Interest Payable:			
Factory—Machinery		$ 1,489 56	
Administrative—			
Banks	$ 2,342 35		
Individuals	495 00		
Purchases—			
Office Furnishings	$ 437 70		
Raw Material	298 87		
Electric Repairs	6 00		
Selling Department—			
Order Division	195 00		
General	98 34		
Delivery	22 95		
Total	$ 316 29		
Total Purchases		$ 1,058 86	
Total Administrative		$ 3,896 21	
Morris Memorial Building—			
First Mortgage,(N. L. & A. I. Co.)	$13,650 69		
Second Mortgage, (W. B. C. Co.)	25,095 00		
Bank	1,749 15		
Total		$40,494 84	
Total Interest Payable			$ 45,880 61
Advertising Space in Voice			$ 2,165 50
Uncollected Special Refunds			312 43
Reconciliation Accounts:			
Transfer Purchase	$ 29 85		
Returned Checks	1,578 85		
Returned Money Orders	47 86		
Refund "Overs"	188 23		
Total		$ 4,322 72	
Grand Total Disbursements			394,213 08
Cash Balance, June 30, 1927			10,782 08
			$404,995 16

BALANCE SHEET
SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLISHING BOARD
Year Ending June 30, 1927
ASSETS

Current Assets:			
Cash Balance, June 30, 1927			$ 10,782 08
Accounts Receivable		$ 40,107 23	
Notes Receivable—			
Customer's Ledger	$ 1,453 18		

Loans	160 00	
Building Fund Contribution	25 00	
Total Notes Receivable		$ 1,638 18
Raw Material—(Paper, Envelopes, Etc.)		$ 6,255 52
Periodicals—		
Manufactured	$ 9,499 49	
Purchased	692 05	
Total Periodicals		$ 10,191 54
Merchandise:		
Books—		
Manufactured	$ 3,461 16	
Purchased	2,792 97	
Total at Nashville	$ 6,254 13	
At St. Louis Branch	751 15	
Other Things—		
Manufactured	$ 7,289 38	
Purchased	3,004 59	
Total at Nashville	$ 10,293 97	
At St. Louis Branch	371 08	
Song Books—		
At Nashville	$ 22,312 98	
At St. Louis Branch	1,074 85	
Total Song Books	$ 23,387 83	
Total Merchandise		$ 41,058 16
Cafeteria:		
Supplies	$ 402 51	
Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures	$ 5,352 15	
Less Depreciation	535 21	
	$ 4,816 94	
Total Cafeteria		$ 5,219 45
Unpaid Checks (Less 25 per cent)		453 08
Postage—		
Mailing, Post Office Deposit	$ 109 23	
Mailing, Stamps	116 09	
Total Postage		$ 225 32
Unexpired Insurance		630 33
Piano	$ 700 00	
Less Depreciation	70 00	
		$ 630 00
Office Supplies—		
At Nashville	$ 237 60	
At St. Louis	24 60	
		$ 262 20
Office Equipment	$ 7,148 30	
Less Depreciation	714 83	
		$ 6,433 47

Total		$113,104 48
Total Current Assets		$123,886 56
Fixed Assets:		
Furniture and Fixtures, Nashville	$ 18,430 39	
Furniture and Fixtures, St. Louis	1,432 05	
Total Furniture and Fixtures	$ 19,862 44	
Less Depreciation	1,986 24	
Total Furniture and Fixtures		$ 17,876 20
Leasehold—Offices Morris Memorial Building		$ 54,130 00
Machinery and Equipment	$117,066 80	
Less Depreciation	11,760 00	
Total Machinery and Equipment		$105,306 80
Delivery Equipment	$ 1,875 00	
Less Depreciation	187 50	
Total Delivery Equipment		$ 1,687 50
Total Fixed Assets		$179,000 50
Grand Total Current and Fixed Assets		$302,887 06

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:		
Notes Payable—		
Machinery	$ 30,225 09	
Office Equipment	1,310 00	
Furnishings	3,000 00	
Raw Material	4,900 00	
Sundry Merchandise	14,541 20	
Total Notes Payable, Purchases	$ 53,976 29	
Banks	$ 45,500 00	
Other Loans	3,000 00	
	$ 48,500 00	
Total Notes Payable		$102,476 29
Accounts Payable		$ 18,047 73
Accruals—		
Interest Payable	$ 8,306 87	
Credit Checks	128 59	
Total Accruals		$ 8,435 46
Total Liabilities		$128,959 48
Assets Exceed Liabilities		173,927 58
		$302,887 06

MORRIS MEMORIAL BUILDING
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Year Ending June 30, 1927

RECEIPTS

Rents—Entire Building		$36,480 00
Contributions:		
Special Days	$ 744 31	
Who's Who	915 34	
Rallies and General	1,553 72	
Field Men 'Operations	1,269 60	
General	1,218 91	
Underwriters' Special	5,984 45	
National Baptist Convention	5,411 26	
Total		$17,097 59
Notes Payable		$ 9,462 50
Accounts Payable—Sunday School Pub. Bd.		7,683 96
Grand Total Receipts		$70,724 05

DISBURSEMENTS

Maintenance:		
Janitor Supplies	$ 754 92	
Heating—Coal	1,088 08	
Water and Ice	720 96	
Lights—Halls, Elevators, Engine House, Stairways, Etc.	270 52	
Repairs—		
Boilers	$ 70 54	
Elevator	0 00	
General	91 29	
Total Repairs	$ 173 83	
Insurance	581 21	
Salaries—		
Janitors	$ 4,069 59	
Night Watchman	803 25	
Fireman	922 59	
Elevator Operators	1,193 39	
Total Salaries	$ 6,988 82	
Total Maintenance		$10,578 34
Improvement:		
Cleaning and Painting Walls	$ 1,150 37	
Awnings	432 50	
Total Improvement		$ 1,582 87
Notes Payable:		
Banks	$ 7,018 00	
Individuals	50 00	
First Mortgage	5,000 00	

Second Mortgage	3,000 00	
Windham Bros. Contract Extra Note	3,000 00	
Total Notes Payable		$18,068 00
Interest Payable		40,494 84
Total Disbursements		$70,724 05

BALANCE SHEET
MORRIS MEMORIAL BUILDING
June 30, 1927

ASSETS

Current Assets:			
Unexpired Insurance		$ 2,332 80	
Underwriters' Pledge Receivable ($32,500.00x½)		162,500 00	
			$164,832 80
Fixed Assets:			
Grounds		$ 80,000 00	
Buildings	$877,673 26		
Less Depreciation	8,776 73		
		$868,896 53	
Building Improvements		1,582 87	
Total Fixed Assets			$950,479 40
Total Assets			$1,115,312 20

LIABILITIES

Current:			
Accounts Payable—			
Sunday School Publishing Board Current Payments		$ 7,683 96	
Sunday School Publishing Board Previous Loans		680 00	
Total			$ 8,363 96
Notes:			
Notes Payable (W. B. C. Co.)		$ 49,880 95	
Notes Payable Banks, Liquidation		$ 78,560 95	
Fixed:			
Mortgage Payable—			
First Mortgage (Second Payment, $5,000.00 due and paid just after close of year, not included)		$245,000 00	
Second Mortgage		317,000 00	
Total Mortgage Payable			$562,000 00
Total Liabilities			$698,805 86
Assets Exceed Liabilities			416,506 34
			$1,115,312 20

UNDERWRITERS' CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Year Ending June 30, 1927

RECEIPTS

Employees, Sunday School Publishing Board	$ 1,378 50	
Churches	1,469 57	
Sunday Schools	1,381 63	
Individuals	1,261 00	
Conventions and Associations	302 75	
B. Y. P. U.'s	141 00	
Women's Missionary Society	20 00	
Other Organizations	30 00	
Total Receipts		$ 5,984 45

DISBURSEMENTS

Travelling Expense, General	$ 333 89	
Sundry Expense, Allocated (Adv't, Etc.)	1,048 50	
Printing	658 08	
Total Disbursements		$ 2,040 47
Cash Balance for Liquidation Fund		3,943 98
		$5,984 45

NATIONAL BAPTIST VOICE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Year Ending June 30, 1927

RECEIPTS

Cash Subscriptions and Advertisement (140.40)	$ 382 81	
Advertisement, Sunday School Publishing Board	2,165 50	
Total Receipts		$ 2,548 31
Disbursements Exceed Receipts		7,541 66
		$10,089 97

DISBURSEMENTS

Postage	$ 360 00	
Travelling Expense	105 00	
Salary	3,096 83	
Printing	$ 6,528 14	
Total Disbursements		$10,089 97

NATIONAL BAPTIST VOICE BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 1927

ASSETS

Jacob Agency, Clinton, North Carolina	$ 332 14	
Sundry Advertisers (W-844.80)	1,359 00	
Boards (Sunday School Pub. Board excepted)	244 54	
Total Assets		$ 1,935 68
Liabilities Exceed Assets		$4,592 46
		$6,528 14

LIABILITIES

Sunday School Publishing Board, Publication	$ 6,528 14

SECRETARY'S OPERATING EXPENSE ACCOUNT
September 14, 1926 to July 31, 1927 Inclusive

Operative:			
Supplies		$ 47 70	
Postage		121 63	
Freight and Express Charges		104 19	
Telephone and Telegrams		32 08	
Printing		20 50	
Repairs, Office Equipment		7 50	
Total Operative			$ 333 65
Administrative:			
Salary—			
Secretary Hudson	$ 1,000 00		
Clerical Help Sec'y Office	420 00		
Extra Clerical Help Sec'y Office	26 87		
Janitor	30 00		
Total Salary		$ 1,476 87	
Travelling Expense—			
R. R. Fare Ft. Worth Conv.	$ 42 00		
Berth Ft. Worth Conv.	7 50		
Board and Lodging Ft. Worth Conv.	23 50		
Red Caps, Etc., Ft. Worth Convention	3 50		
		$ 76 50	
Taxi for Convention		6 50	
Loans—(Included in Auditor's Receipt Statement)			
Payment of Interest Selma Nat'l Bk. (3-28-'27)	$ 140 00		
Payment of Interest, People's Bank and Trust Co. (1-8-'27)	4 08		
Interest asked for $140.00 for 5 1-2 months at 8 per cent	5 13		
Morris Memorial Monument Funds	150 00		
Total Loans		$ 299 21	
Total Administrative			$ 1,859 08
Grand Total Secretary's Operating Expense Account			$ 2,192 73

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.
AMERICAN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Dr. W. T. Amiger, Dean
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

October 6, 1926-June 6, 1927

RECEIPTS

Conventions:			
National Baptist, U. S. A.		$4,050 00	
Southern Baptist		1,613 52	
Arkansas State		50 00	
Northern Baptists		11 00	
Total Conventions			$5,724 52
Churches:			
Mt. Sinai Baptist, Tennessee	$ 12 56		
Mt. Bethel Baptist, Tennessee	10 00		
Total Churches			$ 22 56
School Operations:			
Rent—			
Ground Rent	$ 61 37		
O. L. Hailey, Campus Cottages (3)	81 00		
W. T. Amiger (Tenants)	329 94		
		$ 472 31	
Commencement Exercises		25 05	
Total School Operations			$ 497 36
Laymen Movement			100 00
Notes Payable:			
Individuals—			
L. A. Bauman	$ 220 00		
E. W. D. Isaac, Sr.	50 00		
		$ 270 00	
Organizations—			
S. S. Pub. Board	$ 100 00		
B. Y. P. U. Board	200 00		
Tennessee Bapt. Conv.	174 31		
State Bapt. Conv.	182 00		
		$ 656 31	
People's Bank and Trust Company		668 00	
Total Notes Payable			$ 1,594 31
Total Receipts			$7,938 75
Cash Balance, October, 1926			178 44
Grand Total Receipts			$ 8,117 19

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries:		
W. T. Amiger	$2,075 00	
J. H. Garnett	1,700 00	
L. R. W. Johnson	710 00	
F. L. Sanders	522 50	
Wm. Haynes	205 00	
Total Salaries		$5,212 50

Travelling Expenses:			
W. T. Amiger		$ 184 82	
B. J. F. Westbrooks		25 00	
			$ 209 82
Maintenance:			
Coal		$ 245 50	
Lights		154 65	
Telephone		25 91	
Plumbing		43 35	
Disinfectant		15 00	
Janitor Service—			
Coozie Britton	$ 11 75		
Coozie Britton on Back Acct.	37 02		
	$ 48 77		
Mary Phillips	50 00		
W. A. Anderson	19 00		
W. T. Beatley	10 00		
		$ 127 77	
Water		33 43	
Postage (Amiger)		30 00	
Drayage—			
B. W. Holmes, Travelling Expense and Drayage	$ 8 80		
Drayage and Oil Can	3 10		
Other Drayage	24 37		
		$ 36 27	
Repairing Clock and Fence		5 25	
Castner Knott Company, Bedding		64 19	
Ambrose Printing Company, Office Supplies		7 00	
Total Maintenance			$ 788 32
Sundry:			
Furniture		$ 400 00	
Printing		167 00	
B. I. Nunion, Stenographer		69 60	
Other Clerical Help		13 10	
Hardware		35 60	
Taxi		15 70	
Stamp and Seal		9 80	
Textbooks		3 70	
J. H. Garnett, Certificate		10 00	
Irving Floyd, Work on Ground		2 80	
Davis Grocery Company, Cleanser		25	
W. H. Hodgkins, Attorney Fee		5 00	
Grocery and Merchant's Bureau, on W. A. Anderson's Account		13 12	
Engraving		4 50	
P. H. Hicks, Insurance—Treasurer's Bond		12 50	
Total Sundry			$ 762 87
Notes Payable:			
Conventions—			
Baptist Missionary and Educational	$ 182 00		
Tennessee Baptist	174 31		
		$ 356 31	

Individuals—		
L. A. Bauman	$ 220 00	
E. W. D. Isaac, Sr.	50 00	
		$ 270 00
Banks—		
People's Bank and Trust Co. (Note and Interest)	$ 54 67	
Citizens Bank (Note and Interest)	$ 126 31	
		$ 180 98
Total Notes Payable		$ 807 29
Interest Payable:		
People's Bank and Trust Company	$ 4 00	
Citizens Bank	16 95	
Total Interest Payable		$ 20 95
Fleming and Fleming, on Coozie Britton Acct.		37 23
Loan, to L. K. Williams, Jr.		25 00
Total Expenditures		$7,863 78
Cash Balance June 6, 1927		253 41
Grand Total		$ 8,117 19

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.

AMERICAN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1927

ASSETS

Current:		
Cash Balance, June 6, 1927		$ 253 41
Fixed:		
Buildings	$52,000 00	
Less Depreciation	5,200 00	
		$46,800 00
Grounds		32,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures	$ 5,000 00	
Less Depreciation	500 00	
		$ 4,500 00
Total Assets		$83,553 41

LIABILITIES

Current:		
Accounts Payable—		
Maintenance and Supplies	$ 2,234 93	
Teachers' Salary, Past Due	4,695 00	
Total		$ 6,929 93
Notes Payable—		
People's Bank and Trust Company	$ 117 00	
Sunday School Publishing Board	100 00	

B. Y. P. U. Board	$ 200 00	
Citizen's Bank	475 00	
		$ 892 00
Total Liabilities		$ 7,821 93
Assets Exceed Liabilities		75,731 48
		$83,553 41

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, 1927

RECEIPTS

Activities in Operation:		
Academic—		
Matriculation		$ 155 00
Boarding Department		7,536 63
Tuition—		
Regular	$ 3,211 48	
Music	311 00	
		$ 3,522 48
Room Rent		3,522 48
Total		$14,736 59
Commercial—		
Laundry		$15,941 69
Community Store		4,335 25
		$20,276 94
Total Activities		$35,013 53

Contributions:

Religious Bodies	General	Bldg. Fund	Total
Churches	$ 5,174 39	$ 1,709 25	$ 6,883 64
Conventions: Woman's Aux. N. B. C.	2,241 64	151 00	2,392 64
Other Conventions	119 01	1,645 24	1,764 25
S. S. and B. Y. P. U.	410 79	455 51	866 30
Associations	95 82	321 14	416 96
Lodges		227 00	227 00
Clubs	110 00	1,032 97	1,142 97
Individuals—			
Group Friends	1,408 74	1,572 32	2,981 06
White Friends	328 50	3,160 82	3,489 32
Phelps Stokes Fund	250 00		250 00
Missionary Societies	119 03	360 66	479 71
Other Organizations	75 40	100 00	175 40
Total	$10,333 34	$10,735 91	$21,069 25

Other Contributions:		
Undesignated	172 25	
Special Gifts	2,045 81	
		3,218 06
		$23,287 31

Other Receipts:		
Students Deposits—General	$ 217 82	
Student Deposits—Books	491 50	
		709 32
Grand Total Receipts		$59,010 16
Cash Forwarded, June 30, 1926		1,162 97
		$60,173 13

DISBURSEMENTS

Operative:		
Administrative—		
Salaries:		
Teachers	$ 5,532 95	
Clerical Help	1,497 23	
Field Worker	770 00	
Total		$ 7,800 18
Office Supplies		357 46
Boarding Department—		
Salaries: (Inc.-M)	1,540 02	
Laundering (Campus)	1,378 00	
Supplies	2,255 04	
Total		$ 4,173 06
Shop (Community Store)—		
Salaries	802 55	
Supplies	4,516 68	
		$ 5,319 23
Laundry Department—		
Salaries	9,499 89	
Supplies, etc.	5,332 91	
		$14,832 80
General Expense:		
Building and Improvements	$ 1,831 24	
Live Stock	6 85	
Repairs	902 30	
Interest on Notes	155 53	
Heat and Light	415 84	
Telephone and Telegrams	127 19	
Water Rent	114 25	
Travelling Expense	679 22	
Audit Expense	99 55	
Protest Fee	4 26	
Printing and Stationery	95 51	
Drayage	31 75	
Advertisement	9 75	
Cash Prizes	82 50	
Janitor Service	2,851 33	
Extra Labor	153 75	
Miscellaneous	530 46	
Total		$ 8,091 28

Other Disbursements:		
Notes Payable	$ 5,071 33	
Accounts Payable	6,918 22	
Student Withdrawals	529 79	
	$13,519 34	
	53 093 35	
Cash Balance, June 30, 1927	7,079 78	
		$60,173 13

BALANCE SHEET

NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS, INC.

Year Ending June 30, 1927

ASSETS

Current Assets:		
Cash (B. F. O. D. $4172.49)		
Building Fund ($11,065.57)	$ 6,893 08	
Student Deposit Fund	186 70	
	$ 7,079 78	
Accts. Rec. Wom. Aux. Con. N. B. C. (1076.65 Cont.)	$ 5,368 98	
Total		$12,448 76
Live Stock		140 00
Total Current Assets		$12,588 76
Permanent Assets:		
Land—		
School Campus Site (8) acres	$40,000 00	
Expansion—Four (4) lots at Anacostia	400 00	
		$40,400 00
Buildings	$61,943 05	
Less Depreciation	3,097 15	
		$58,845 90
Machinery, (School and Laundry)	$15,171 23	
Less Depreciation	3,034 24	
		$12,136 99
Furniture and Fixtures	13,278 01	
Less Depreciation	132 67	
		$13,145 34
Delivery Equipment	$ 1,200 00	
Less Depreciation	120 00	
		$ 1,080 00
Musical Instruments	$ 1,880 06	
Less Depreciation	376 01	
		$ 1,504 05

Printing Plant	$ 727 36	
Less Depreciation	72 73	
	$ 654 63	
Liberty Bonds and W. S. S.	190 00	
Heating Plant (without boilers)	10,111 81	
Library	2,700 00	
		$140,768 72
Total Assets		$153,357 48

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable—		
Miss Nannie H. Burroughs,		
Salary forwarded, 6-30-'26	$ 184 71	
Salary, current	1,800 00	
	$ 1,984 71	
Purchases	8,760 05	
	$10,744 76	
Notes Payable—		
Miss N. H. B. (15330.65-1315.14) (Salary and loans)	$14,015 51	
Purchases	19,020 38	
	$33,035 89	
Building Fund—		
Cash	$11,065 57	
W. S. S.	5 00	
	$11,070 57	
Student Deposits	186 70	
	$11,257 27	
		$55,037 92
Permanent Liabilities:		
Mortgage Payable	$12,000 00	
Total Liabilities		$ 67,037 92
Excess Assets		86,308 56
Total Current		$153,346 48

WOMAN'S CONVENTION, AUXILIARY TO THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Year Ending June 30, 1927

RECEIPTS

Contributions:		
Designated—		
Foreign Students (c)	$ 172 25	
Home Missions (c)	139 50	
National Training School (c)	613 75	
Building Fund (c)	151 00	
		$ 1,076 50

Salary, Miss N. H. Burroughs	$ 1,315 14	
Sale of Supplies	635 49	
Undesignated Receipts (c)	3,438 89	
Cash Balance, June 30, 1926 (Special Fund)	699 02	
		$ 7,165 04

DISBURSEMENTS

National Training School, designated funds—		
Foreign Students	$ 172 25	
Home Missions	139 50	
National Training School	613 75	
Building Fund	151 00	
	$ 1,076 50	
Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, Salary (Notes Pay)	1,315 14	
Salary and Expenses, Officials (c)	1,116 60	
Supplies	125 56	
Salary (Clerical Help)	180 00	
Insurance for Foreign Students	41 30	
		$ 3,855 10
Cash Balance, June 30, 1927		
Hayford Fund	$ 337 61	
General Fund	361 41	
	$ 699 02	
Current	288 63	
Convention's retained balance	2,322 29	
		$ 3,309 94
		$ 7,165 04

BALANCE SHEET

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION
June 30, 1927

ASSETS

Cash Balance—		
Hayford Fund	$ 337 61	
General Fund	361 41	
Current	288 63	
Total, Corresponding Secretary	$ 987 65	
Convention Bal., not reported to Cor. Sec'y	$ 2,322 29	
Office Furniture	98 16	
Less Depreciation	19 20	
	$ 76 96	
Supplies and Cuts, (Est.)	100 00	
	$ 3,486 90	
Excess Liabilities		$ 5,173 50
		$ 8,660 40

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable:		
Miss Nannie H. Burroughs		$ 3,181 22
National Training School		5,368 98
Mrs. E. E. Whitfield		110 20
		$ 8,660 40

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.
OFFICE OF SECRETARY
R. B. Hudson, Secretary
Selma, Alabama, July 31, 1927

RECEIPTS

Representation Fee:		
During the Fort Worth Session	$10,674 50	
Since the Fort Worth Session	25 00	
		$10,699 50
Door Receipts		422 61
Sale—		
Of Visitor's Badges	$ 68 00	
Of Reports and Other Badges	53 29	
		$ 121 29
Laymen Movement Contribution		200 00
Cincinnati Board Meeting—		
In Business Session	$ 1,498 92	
Other than Business Session	113 01	
		$ 1,611 93
Notes Payable, Selma National Bank		3,500 00
Individual Loans (Jan. 7, and Mar. 16, 1927—$4.08 plus $140.00, respectively Secretary)		144 08
Payment on Morris Monument, (per L. W. K.) Hudson's Loan		150 00
Total Individual		$ 294 08
Total Receipts		$16,849 41
Less unpaid checks to Hudson		67 31
		$16,782 10
Cash Balance forwarded June 30, 1926		35 11
		$16,817 21

DISBURSEMENTS

Administrative:		
Officials—		
Grand Total Receipts		$16,849 41
President L. K. Williams balance 1926 expense bill	$ 775 15	
Secretary R. B. Hudson, Salary, 1926	$ 1,000 00	
Unpaid expense previous year	1,390 49	
Office expense, current year	1,139 76	
Office expense, August current year (N. V.)	534 00	
Badges, current year	637 55	

"Raised" bill (10-$50)	$ 50 00	
"Local expense"	29 46	
"Special Finance Committee"	55 00	
	$ 4,836 26	
Auditor, E. D. Pierson, Convention allocated expense	263 02	
Treasurer, A. D. Williams, travelling expense	164 95	
Attorney, Chas. M. Roberson, service and expense	544 80	
Assistant Secretaries—		
J. A. Nabrit	50 00	
E. A. Wilson	40 00	
E. H. McDonald	40 00	
	$ 130 00	
Total Official		$ 6,714 18
General:		
T. O. Fuller, Publicity	$ 100 00	
E. H. S. Boatner, Chorister	200 00	
Mordecai W. Johnson, Special Address	150 00	
J. H. Branham, Transportation Donation	50 00	
Committees—		
Finance—$15.00 each, R. T. Sims, S. A. Owen, S. S. Odom, C. H. Johnson, M. L. Glenn, C. A. Wallace, W. F. Graham, $25.00, M. F. Washington, $25.00, and Taxi $7.30	147 30	
Enrollment—$15.00 each, G. W. Robinson, J. S. Simmons, O. C. Maxwell, Wm. Madison W. L. Varnado, and N. J. Robinson; W. H. Stewart, $25.00	115 00	
Ushers—$5.00 each, G. J. Love, R. N. Hall, A. L. Russell, E. Taylor, M. L. King, A. J. Green, E. C. Hicks, C. H. Black, S. A. Bostic, S. L. Green, Jacob McQueen, E. V. Young, J. A. Gordon, J. N. Adams, J. A. Shields, E. L. Blackman, E. P. Columbus, H. Leonard, Tenny Robinson, J. S. Borders, H. C. Cristy, R. L. Williams, T. J. Hall, G. F. Arnold, H. H. Lowe, C. A. Greer, E. Williams, H. Green, A. W. Nix; J. W. Whitfield $12.00, and Geo. McNeal $25.00	182 00	
		$ 944 30
Notes Payable—		
People's Bank and Trust Company	$ 1,232 00	
Douglas National Bank, Crenshaw's Note	100 00	
Selma National Bank	3,000 00	
J. D. Crenshaw, Balance on Note	486 04	
May's Printing Company	359 00	
L. G. Jordan, Note	600 00	
J. W. Gayden, Church Extension Note	200 00	
Bethel Baptist Church, Church Extension Note	200 00	
		$ 6,177 04

Interest Payable—			
Selma National Bank			$ 280 00
People's Bank and Trust Company—			
On $500.00 Note, 10-11—12-8-'26 3-14-'27	$ 30 00		
On $204.00 Note, 1-7-'27; 3-10-1927	8 16		
		$ 38 16	
Douglas National Bank—			
On $1,850.00 Note, 10-16-'26	$ 32 38		
On $1,850.00 Note, 1-25-'27	43 16		
On $1,850 00 Note, 5-16-'27	43 16		
		$ 118 70	
			$ 436 86
Accounts Payable—			
E. M. Lawrence on account	$ 100 00		
Federal Council of Churches	200 00		
		$ 300 00	
A. D. Williams, Exchange		4 25	
Morris Monument, (Hudson Loan)		150 00	
American Baptist Theological Seminary—			
Treasurer Wm. Haynes, 10-16-'26	$ 450 00		
Treasurer Wm. Haynes, 10-9-'26	100 00		
Treasurer Wm. Haynes, 2-3-'27	900 00		
Treasurer Wm. Haynes, 3-7-'27	400 00		
		$ 1,850 00	
Grand Total Expenditures			$16,576 83
Cash Balance, July 31, 1927			240 38
			$16,817 21

INVENTORY SECRETARY'S OFFICE
Selma, Alabama
June 30, 1927

One Remington Typewriter	$ 35 00	
One Typewriter Desk	10 00	
One Mimeograph	50 00	
One Duplicator	12 50	
Total		$ 107 50

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.
OFFICE OF TREASURER
Rev. A. D. Williams
501 N. E. Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia

RECEIPTS

At the Convention, September 7-13, 1926:			
Cash Forwarded 1925-1926			$ 35 11
Received from Secretary, General		$11,167 55	
Received from Secretary, Sale of Badges, etc.		53 29	

Received from Secretary, Laymen Movement—			
Contribution		$ 200 00	
			$11,420 84
Since the Convention:			
Notes Payable—			
Selma National Bank	$ 3,500 00		
L. K. Williams	89 61		
		$ 3,589 61	
Representation Fee—			
Rev. C. T. Stamps	$ 10 00		
Rev. W. F. Graham	10 00		
		20 00	
Cincinnati Board Meeting		1,611 93	
			$ 5,221 54
Total Receipts			$16,677 49
Less "returned" checks			120 00
Net Cash Receipts			$16,557 49

DISBURSEMENTS

Administrative:			
Operative—			
President L. K. Williams, Balance 1926 expense bill		$ 775 15	
Secretary R. B. Hudson—			
Salary, 1926	$ 1,000 00		
Unpaid expense previous year	1,390 49		
Office expense current year	1,139 76		
Office expense August current year	534 00		
Badges, current year	637 55		
"Raised" bill ($10.00-$50.00)	50 00		
"Local expense"	29 46		
"Special Finance Committee"	55 00		
		$ 4,836 26	
Auditor, E. D. Pierson, Convention allocated expense		263 02	
Treasurer, A. D. Williams, Travelling Expense		164 95	
Attorney, Chas. M. Roberson, Service and Expense		544 80	
T. O. Fuller, Publicity		100 00	
E. H. S. Boatner, Chorister		200 00	
Assistant Secretaries—			
J. A. Nabrit	$ 50 00		
E. A. Wilson	40 00		
E. H. McDonald	40 00		
		$ 130 00	
Special Address, Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson		150 00	
Committees		437 00	
American Baptist Theological Seminary		1,850 00	
Notes Payable		5,018 04	
Interest Payable		446 86	
Old Accounts		1,259 00	
Donation		50 00	
Miscellaneous		217 37	
Total Disbursements			$16,442 45
Cash Balance, July 1, 1927			115 04
			$16,557 49

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.
OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

L. K. Williams, D. D.
3101 South Parkway Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Year Ending August 22, 1927

RECEIPTS

Organizations:			
Churches	$ 359 50		
Conventions	65 00		
Mass Meetings	72 07		
Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress	40 00		
Total		$ 536 57	
Sales of Addresses		180 00	
Loans:			
Morris Memorial Fund	$ 150 00		
N. B. Convention Proper—Bk. Deposit	89 61		
Total		$ 239 61	
Morris Memorial Contribution		350 00	
Railroad Fares, (Gratuitous 9383.42 M.)		281 50	
Total Receipts			$ 1,587 68
Disbursements exceed Receipts			563 53
Grand Total			$ 2,151 21

DISBURSEMENTS

Travelling Expenses:			
In Transit—			
Railroad Fares (G. $23.00)			
Regular	$ 97 27		
Gratuitous	281 50		
Total		$ 378 77	
Berths (D. R. $42.51)		82 51	
Taxis		27 25	
Porters		8 05	
Red Caps		6 85	
Total		$ 503 43	
Board and Lodging		56 45	
		$ 559 88	
Salaries:			
Regular Secretary	$ 682 31		
Extra Help	34 00		
		$ 716 31	
Office Sundries:			
Telephone (L. D.)	$ 40 45		
Rent (8-15-'27)	180 00		
Supplies	5 83		
Postage	22 19		
Printing	179 00		
Subscriptions and Publications	87 36		
Cut for "Who's Who"	10 00		

Sundry Papers	$ 1 40		
Telegrams	69 31		
		$ 595 54	
General:			
Morris Memorial Fund	$ 150 00		
Nat'l Baptist Convention, Bk. Deposit	89 61		
		$ 239 61	
Taxes on Mizpah Lots	$ 1 12		
Drayage on President's Message	3 75		
Delphi Trip—			
L. G. Jordan, R. R. Fare	$ 5 00		
L. G. Jordan, Other Expense	2 80		
L. G. Jordan, Tips	40		
Other Expense and Loan	4 30		
	$ 12 50		
Donations	22 50		
Total		$ 39 87	
Total Expenditures			$ 2,151 21

NATIONAL BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

RECEIPTS

Contributions:			
Mass Meeting, Cairo, Illinois	$ 50 00		
Churches-Jackson, Tennessee	40 02		
Churches-Chattanooga, Tennessee	65 10		
Other Churches and Conventions—			
Texas, Okla., Mich., Ill., and Tenn.	641 65		
Sunday School, Pastor D. C. Harper, Jackson, Tennessee	34 00		
Total		$ 830 77	
Cincinnati Board Meeting		1,498 92	
Excess Disbursements		1,455 06	
			$ 3,784 75

DISBURSEMENTS

Sent Wm. Haynes, Treasurer, 10-22-'26	$ 500 00		
Sent Wm. Haynes, Treasurer, 12- 2-'26	500 00		
Sent Wm. Haynes, Treasurer, 1- 4-'27	400 00		
Sent Wm. Haynes, Treasurer, 4- 2-'27	150 00		
Sent Wm. Haynes, Treasurer, 5- 2-'27	350 00		
Sent Wm. Haynes, Treasurer, 5- 3-'27	50 00		
Sent Wm. Haynes, Treasurer, 5-26-'27	330 00		
Total		$ 2,280 00	
Sent Secretary and Treasurer National Baptist Convention		1,498 92	
Interest on Seminary Loan		5 83	
Total Disbursements			$ 3,784 75

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE INVENTORY

One Stenographic Lap Board	$ 1 50
One Convention Seal	8 75
One Numbering Machine	6 00

One Remington Typewriter	$ 55 00	
One Steel, Fireproof Letter File	27 08	
One Typewriter Desk	50 16	
One Carpet	70 45	
Total		$ 218 94

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.
BALANCE SHEET
Year ending June 30, 1927

ASSETS

Current:

Cash Balance, June 30, 1927	$ 240 38	
Schedule, President's Office	218 94	
Schedule, Secretary's Office	107 50	
Total	566 82	
Rent (Earned and Accrued) M. M. Bld'g.	36,490 00	
Total Current Assets		$37,046 82

Fixed:

Grounds, at Nashville	$80,000 00	
Grounds, at Mizpah	450 00	
Building and Improvement, Nashville	870,479 40	
Total Fixed Assets		$950,929 40
Total Current and Fixed Assets		$987,976 22

LIABILITIES

Current:

Accounts Payable—		
E. A. Morris	$ 15 00	
E. M. Lawrence	126 00	
Sec'y. Service and Expense	2,102 93	
Pres. Annual Exp. and Loan Bal.	2,065 59	
Auditor's Allocated Conv. Exp.	182 44	
Total Accounts Payable		$ 4,581 96
Notes Payable—		
Banks—		
Ch.	$7,000 00	
Ch.	1,850 00	
Total	$8,850 00	
Nh. (G)	$ 204 00	
Nh. (L)	500 00	
Nh. (I)	704 00	
Nh. General	21,680 00	
Total	$23,088 00	
Sl. (H)	3,500 00	
J. W. Gayden, Ch. Ext.	$ 900 00	

New Bethel Church	$ 500 00	
	$1,400 00	
Total Notes Payable		$36,838 00
Total Current Liabilities		$41,419 96
Fixed:		
Mortgage Payable, Morris Memorial Building		$562,000 00
Total Fixed and Current Liabilities		$603,419 96
Assets exceed Liabilities		384,556 26
		$987,976 22

There are a few other sundry liabilities, upon the actual status of which, the Auditor prefers Executive Board approval before they become fixed liabilities of the Convention: the full report of same to be made during this session.

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A., SUMMARIZATIONS

Year Ending June 30, 1927

Boards	Cash Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Assets	Liabilities
	1926	1927	1927	1927	1927
Home Mission	$	$ 22,098 50	$ 26,207 60	$ 725 81	$ 6,014 71
National B. Y. P. U.	2,216 03	67,979 93	69,022 15	64,152 46	3,833 24
Foreign Mission	1,257 54	102,792 77	101,695 83	62,613 67	3,081
Sunday School Pub. Board	20,446 54	398,467 02	385,519 44	302,887 00	125,953 41
Schools Amr. Bap. Seminary	175 44	9,117 19	7,463 78	89,253 43	7,891 83
Nat. Tr. School for W. and G	1,162 97	60,173 33	53,093 35	153,367 45	87,037 91
Women's Auxiliary Convention	699 02	7,165 04	4,842 75	3,486 90	3,869 46
Nat. Bap. Con., U. S. A., Sec.	35 11	16,817 21	16,576 93	107 50	3,193 72
Nat. Bap. Con., U.S.A., Pres.		1,587 66	2,151 21	218 94	2,064 94
N. B. Conv. M. M. Building		70,726 05	70,726 05	1,118,312 20	698,805 36
Historiographer		1,614 25	530 60		495 65
Totals	$ 25,995 65	$756,936 80	$738,227 69	$1,792,115 63	$940,098 92
Excess Receipts			18,708 21		
Excess Assets					1853 016 71
Eq.	$ 25,995 65	$756,936 80	$756,936 80	$1,792,115 63	$1,792,115 63

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS LINO OPERATION

1925	Old Way		New Way		1926 Standardized		*Monthly Gains by Department	
Ems Set	Amt. Rec'd		Amt. Rec'd		Ems Set	Amt. Rec'd	Dept.	Amount
December	1,051,433	$ 502 45		$ 210 29	2,313,451	$ 528 96	Linotype	$ 1315 61
January	1,249,398	536 65		249 88	2,014,471	514 50	Hand Comp.	891 87
February	1,324,778	488 68		264 96	1,677,183	526 75	Pressroom	282 51
March	1,712,146	689 88		342 43	2,654,749	536 31	Bindery	283 87
April	1,453,478	567 97		290 70	3,316,114	622 20	Proofroom	78 61
May	2,230,024	698 80		446 00	3,009,677	584 98	Stenogs	70 77
June	2,301,885	778 94		460 38	3,171,986	541 48	Supervision	141 84
							Per year	
	11,323,143	$ 4243 35	2264 64		18,157,631	3859 17	$16,960 32	$1413 36

*Departmental Gains prorated from Standardization.

REPORT OF STATISTICIAN

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

I beg leave to submit the following as my Statistical Report for the year ending September 12, 1927:

Several years ago you were kind enough to assign to my notice the work as statistician of our great denomination.

The report submitted to you on September, 1926, may somewhat indictate the wisdom of your action from the information assembled in said report. The report was voluminous and stands out today as a distinct achievement along the line of statistical reports. The facts assembled have been printed in our Journal for 1926, and from the double publication the denomination has the advantage of Baptist facts, which they could not have gotten from other sources, so that said former report has been largely used as a reference statistical report of our National Baptist Convention.

Strenuous efforts have been put forth this year by the United States Census Bureau to gather the statistics of all religious denominations. Their representatives have visited Secretary Hudson in his home office at Selma, Alabama, and Rev. A. M. Townsend in his office in Nashville, Tenn., and the office of the statistician, C. H. Parrish, in the city of Louisville. They spent three days in our office classifying the facts which we had gathered, promising us that they would give us an advanced sheet of the Baptist standing in this country just as soon as the matter was completed.

We had the following letter sent to our office which explains the situation up to date, but before reading it would say that Dr. Jernagin has been of invaluable service in trying to secure statistics from all our churches. Through him I was summoned to Washington and spent the day in discussing with the census agents how to obtain the information they desire. We soon found out that they were not willing to finance the matter, so as to get the accurate figures. So they appointed in some sections special agents but depended largely upon sending statistic blanks to pastors and leading Baptists throughout the South. They have thought that the pride of colored Baptists would be sufficient to have voluntary service of this important work. But as we stated to them, these statistics cannot be gathered accurately by sentiment. That the work required responsible agents well paid to canvass the situation and we offered our service to assist them in selection of such agents throughout the country.

After the investigation and conference with other Baptist leaders, they said they were unable to make such a canvass on account of heavy expenses attached.

May we say they took what information the statistician had in his office and classified the information. We went over more than 100 minutes, state and county associations and conventions. We, also with the clerk, classified the information in hand as our time permitted. But none of our facts are complete and we have only this partial report to make.

On consultation with the leading brethren, we would not make a printed report this year, as we thought it best after the Convention, as it would be incomplete without the information gathered by the United States Census.

As far as we have been able we have corrected the names of ministers and their addresses.

Would say, the most reliable account of churches, schools and ministers, may be found in the Baptist Year Book and with their improved facilities for collecting facts there are numerous corrections yet to be made. For instance, in our denominational schools they list 61 with an explanatory note; they left off many of the academic schools, whereas our report which was submitted and used by them until this year numbers 98 schools under Baptist notice in this country. The statistics as given by them are as follows and the names of ministers thus corrected we here submit.

SCHOOLS

NAME	When Founded	LOCATION	PRESIDENT OR PRINCIPAL	Students Male	Students Female	Students Total	Students for the Ministry	No. of Buildings	Total Value of Property (not including Endowment)	Amount of Endowment	Income from Endowment	Total Income Last Year	Total Expenses Last Year	Volumes in Library	Commencement	
1 Central) Bap. Theo. Seminary	1920	Topeka, Kans.	J. H. Van Leu, D. D., Director						$ 6,0001							1
2 Nat'l Bap. Theo. Seminary	1918	Nashville, Tenn.	Louis R. W. Johnson, S. T. D.	5												2
3 Negro Bap. Theo. Seminary	1920	Nashville, Tenn.														3
4 Arkansas Baptist College	1884	Little Rock, Ark.	Rev. Joseph A. Booker, A. M.	9	16											4
5 Benedict College	1870	Columbia, S. C.	Rev. B. W. Valentine, A. M.	9	16											5
6 Friendship College	1891	Rock hill, S. C.	M. P. Hall, D. D.	6	6											6
7 Jackson College*	1877	Jackson, Miss.	Z. T. Hubert, A. M.	5	11											7
8 Roger Williams University	1866	Nashville, Tenn.	Rev. Samuel A. Owen	6	15											8
9 Selma University	1878	Selma, Ala.	R. T. Pollard, D. D.	11	21											9
10 Simmons (State) University	1879	Louisville, Ky.	C. H. Parrish, D. D., LL. D., F. R. G. S.	9	8											10
11 Virginia Theo. Sem. and Col.	1888	Lynchburg, Va.	R. C. Woods, D. D.	17	8											11
12 Bertie Academy	1895	Windsor, N. C.	W. S. Etheridge, Sc. B.	2	6											12
13 Western College, The	1870	Macon, Mo.	P. H. Thompson, D. D.	3	6											13
14 Albemarle Training School		Edenton, N. C.	Rev. C. S. Sessoms													14
15 Americus Institute*	1897	Americus, Ga.	M. W. Reddick, D. D.	3	12											15
16 Arkadelphia Bap. Academy		Arkadelphia, Ark.														16
17 Atlantic District Institute		James City, N. C.	A. H. Dudley													17
18 Bluestone-Harmony School	1898	Keysville, Va.	M. C. Rux, B. D.	2	6											18
19 Burgaw High School		Burgaw, N. C.	Rev. C. F. Pope													19
20 Cadiz Nor. and Theo. School		Cadiz, Ky.														20
21 Carmel Industrial Academy	1903	Eudora, Ark.	Rev. W. J. Murry	1	3											21
22 Central Miss. College		Kosciusko, Miss	S. S. Lynch													22
23 Coleman College*	1887	Gleuland, La.	Q. L. Coleman, A. M.	7	6											23
24 Columbia Bap. Academy	1891	Magnolia, Ark.	S. Leon Horton, A. B.	1	3											24
25 East Ala. High School*		Opelika, Ala.	L. H. Ingraham	1	3											25
26 Falson Nor. and Ind. Inst.	1905	Falson, N. C.	Rev. R. W. Underwood, Sc. B.	1	3											26
27 Florida Nor. and Ind. Inst.	1892	St. Augustine Fla.	Nathan W. Collier, Litt. D.	4	12											27
28 Fordyce Academy		Fordyce, Ark.	Rev. J. W. McCrary													28
29 Fredericksburg Nor. Inst.		Fredericksburg, Va.	J. G. Bacots													29
30 Grenada and Zion College		Grenada, Miss.	Rev. A. L. Hill													30
31 Greenville Nor. and Ind. Sch.	1904	Greenville, Miss.	L. J. Jordan, D. D.	4	4											31
32 Greenwood Seminary	1913	Greenwood, Miss.	D. W. Higgins, D. D.	1	3											32
33 Gundalupe College*	1884	Seguin, Tex.	J. Washington	7	9											33
34 Halifax Institute*	1899	Houston, Va.	B. W. Tyrell, Ph. B.	3	1											34
35 Harper College		Chester, Miss.														35
36 Higgs-Roanoke Institute	1898	Parmele, N. C.	N. S. Hargrave	2	3											36
37 Hodges Institute	1908	Clarkton, N. C.	J. H. Isley	1	3											37
38 Houston College *	1899	Houston, Tex.	J. S. Hodges	4	5											38
39 Johnston Dist. High School		Smithfield, N. C.	Rev. J. C. Melton													39
40 Kinston College*	1903	Kinston, N. C.	Levi E. Rasbury, A. M.	3	6											40
41 Livingston Baptist Academy	1909	Livingston, Ala.	A. S. Plomp	1	3											41
42 McDaniels Institute	1911	Kinston, N. C.	Rev. A. A. Smith	3	1											42
43 Meridian Baptist Seminary	19-3	Meridian, Miss.	G. M. Reese, Sc. B.	2	4											43
44 Ministerial Inst. and College	1891	West Point, Miss.	John W. Spann, A. B.	3	5											44
45 Monroeville Bap Ind Acad *	1902	Monroeville, Ala.	I. W. Smith	1	3											45
46 Mound Bayou Ind. College*		Mound Bayou, Miss	F. L. Winchester	1	4											46
47 Natchez College	1885	Natchez, Miss.	S. H. C. Owen	4	6											47
48 National Training School for Women and Girls, Inc.	1907	Washington, D C.	Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, A. M.		12											48
49 Neuse River Academy	1900	Weldon, N. C.	Rev. G. W. Penny	1												49
50 Newbern College Institute*	1902	Newbern, N. C.	Rev. A. L. E. Weeks	1												50
51 Northern Neck Ind Academy	1900	Ivandale, Va.	Rev. J. R. Henderson	1												51
52 No. Georgia Bap. Inst *	1888	La Fayette, Ga.	Prof. R. B. Nichols	2												52
53 Okla. State Baptist College	1910	Muskogee, Okla	M. H. Eldridge	4												53
54 Quachita Bap Ind. Institute*	1900	Camden, Ark.	C. J. Allen	2												54
55 Pee Dee Institute		Hamlet, N. C.	M. N. Newsome, D. D.													55
56 Pittsylvania Academy	1902	Gretna, Va.	G. W. Goode, D. D.	2												56
57 Prairie Industrial School*	1904	Prairie, Ala.	W. S. Stratman, D. D.	3	4											57
58 Rappahannock Academy*		Ozrana, Va.	Rev. W. E. Robinson	1	6											58
59 Reedy River Institute		Littleton, N. C.	Prof. W. H. Warwick													59
60 Rome High and Ind. School*	1908	Rome, Ga.	Rev. J. H. Gadson	1	5											60

*Previous reports.

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					$ 6,0001							1
15	22	37	6	3		[National Convention unincorporated]					May	2
						[Affiliated with Negro National Baptist Convention]						3
398	286	484	16	8	160000	$ 20000	$ 1250	$ 45000	$ 46000	1001	June	4
273	445	723	42	11	600000	133000		49758	476171	11000	May	5
116	120	236	30		35400			11600	11500	300	April	6
125	200	325	15		96000			22857	23101	1500	May	7
114	115	229	29	4	125000	38758	1552	20000	20000	2100	June	8
198	483	681	58	8	125000			67642	64281	1500	May	9
164	170	334	51	12	42000			17436	16325		May	10
260	280	540	95	4	250000	5000	300	56470	56244	4000	May	11
82	137	219			16000			4300	4500	300	May	12
36	55	91	17		50000			25000	25000	1000	June	13
												14
51	172	223		1	30000			14498	14195	300		15
				1								16
				1								17
33	97	130	4	1	20000			5625	5533		May	18
				1								19
				1								20
24	36	60	2	1	4200			2500	4000		April	21
				1								22
130	170	300		1								23
42	82	124		2	15000	800		1850	1456		May	24
46	76	122		1	5000			1400	1400	300	May	25
61	91	152	1	2	25000			5040	4560	540	April	26
97	105	202	8	6	100000			36392	36892		May	27
				1								28
				1								29
				1								30
100	150	250	20	3	50000	3500	150	3800	3400	3000	May	31
80	240	320	4	3	12000			4220	6360	400	May	32
69	82	151	23	1	271950			15621	15621	500		33
37	45	82	1	1	6400					540	May	34
				1								35
58	50	108	2	3	50000			8000	11400		May	36
12	66	108	2	2	10000			2538	2538		April	37
23	32	55	10	1	38000			5494	5094	300		38
				1								39
118	285	403	2	1	35000			8654	6010	100		40
75	85	160		4	3000			1500	1300		April	41
63	100	163	10	2	8000			2200	2650	500	May	42
150	253	403	16	1	14000			7500	7500	360	May	43
87	108	195	10	6	35000			11540	12356	400	May	44
50	88	143	1	1	3200			1925	1680		April	45
41	49	90		1	6000							46
98	182	280	6	3	75000			27873	27873	300	May	47
	110	110		7	16000			41268	40496	4000	June	48
20	32	52	2	2	14044			1500	1540		May	49
30	23	53	2	1	4000	1600	50	3040	3280		May	50
28	18	46	2	3	10040						April	51
	62	117	1	1	30040			2950	2950			52
30		30		4	30400			5400	5400			53
50	55	105		1	4000							54
				1								55
39	45	84		2	20000			7645	8285	100	May	56
60	90	150	3	1	20000			2800	2700	100	May	57
31	34	65		1	12000			3353	4314			58
				1								59
39	60	99	1	1	6000			2033	2733	500		60

	NAME	When Founded	LOCATION	PRINCIPAL OR PRESIDENT	Instructors Male	Instructors Female	Instructors Total	Students Male	Students Female	Students Total	Students for the Ministry	No. of Buildings	Value of Property (not including Endowment)	Amount of Endowment	Income from Endowment	Total Income Last Year	Total Expenses Last Year	Volumes in Library	Commencement	
61	Rosedale Industrial College		Rosedale, Miss.	W. S. Ellington								1								61
62	Rowan Institute	1920	High Point, N. C.	O. S. Bullock, D. D.								1	10000							62
63	Sardis Industrial College		Sardis, Miss.	N. S. Cox								1								63
64	Smallwood-Carey Industrial and Collegiate Institute	1920	Claremont, Va.	Rev. R. J. Langston	4	5	9	54	79	133	11	1	250000					550	May	64
65	St. John Industrial School	1906	Austin, Tex., R 3	Capt. W. B. Campbell, A. B	6	5	11	52	110	162	14	1	250000						June	65
66	Tar River Institute	1906	Greenville, N. C.	W. M. Wiggins, D. D.	1	4	5	85	102	187	9	1	16000					300	May	66
67	Thomasville Normal School*	1893	Thomasville, Ala.	Rev. Marshall C. Cleveland	2	2	4	83	121	204	5	1	7500			2228	2070			67
68	Thompson Institute	1906	Lumberton, N. C.	W. H. Knuckles, D. D	1	5	6	27	75	102		1								68
69	Tidewater Institute*	1906	Chesapeake, Va.	U. G. Wilson, A. B.	2	2	4	41	84	125	2	1	15000			3841	3789			69
70	Trent River-Oakey Grove Institute	1910	Jacksonville, N. C.	Rev. J. E. Kornegay	1	2	3	43	79	122		3	6000			1250	1250		May	70
71	Walker Institute	1888	Augusta, Ga.	Geo. W. Hill, A. M.	4	14	18	117	283	400	20	2	40000			12828	14296	2000	May	71
72	Waters Normal Institute	1886	Winton, N. C.	C. S. Brown, D. D	2	6	8	145	221	366	4	5	40000							72
73	Western Union Academy	1902	Rutherfordton, N. C.	Rev. R. J. Davidson	1	3	4	23	69	92	3	4	13000			1741	1763			73
74	White River Academy		Brinkley, Ark.	E. N. Glover								1								74
75	Wynne Normal and Industrial Institute	1895	Wynne, Ark.	W. F. Lovelace, D. D.	1	5	6	38	49	87		1	7000			3304	3304		May	75
76	Bishop College	1881	Marshall, Tex.	C. H. Maxson, B. S., B. D.	10	12	22	176	215	391	46	20	350000	13000		34270 57	33245 78	5000	May	76
77	Hartshorn Mem. College	1883	Richmond, Va.	Rev. Geo. W. Rigler, A. M., D. D.		13	13		305	305		5	200000			37936	38196	2800	June	77
78	Kountze Baptist College	1910	Kountze, Tex.	Rev. W. H. Jermany, A. B., D. D.	2	5	7	42	50	92	8	3	25000			15000	15000	1000	May	78
79	Morehouse College	1867	Atlanta, Ga.	John Hope, A. M., LL. D.	20	2	22	473		473	21	9	550000	321000	16100	31827 18	34802 47	4800	June	79
80	Morris College	1908	Sumpter, S. C.		10	14	24	257	381	638	36	7	225000			41600	40000	2000	May	80
81	Shaw University	1865	Raleigh, N. C.	Jos. L. Peacock, A. M., D. D.	16	18	34	212	230	442	35	11	600000	354700	15944 42	36533 24	36322 79	8506	June	81
82	Storer College	1867	Harpers Ferry W. Va.	Henry F. McDonald	9	11	20	76	112	188		13	150000	88500	4540		61477 26	8000	May	82
83	Virginia Union University	1865	Richmond, Va.	Wm. J. Clark, A. B., B. D.	25	3	28	450	140	590	51	12	400000	410623 69	20000	100000	100000	13000	June	83
84	The Clayton-Williams Uni.	1902	Baltimore, Md	Rev. W. J. Winston, A. M., D. D.	5	1	6													
85	Southeast Industrial Baptist Academy	1901	Dermott, Ark.	S. P. Nelson, A. B., A. M.	2	6	8	191	19	120	78	2	25000			7648	7723	3000	May	84
86	M. and F. College	1898	Hopkinsville, Ky	Rev. W. H. Leavell, D. D.	1	3	4	83	125	208	2	6				9000	8506 63		May	85
87	Howe Institute	1888	Memphis, Tenn.	Rev. T. O. Fuller, A. B., A. M., Ph. D., D. D.	3	12	15	10	12	22	6	2	6000					200	May	86
88	Baptist Interstate Academy	1905	Bet. Helena and New West Helena, Ark.	D. B. Marshall, B. S.	1	4	5	184	186	370	20	6	76000			13638 77	13206 45	2000	May	87
89	Jerusel Baptist Institute	1881	Athens, Ga.	C. H. S. Lyons, A. B.	3	6	9	35	49	84	3	3	20000			5000	5000	250	May	88
90	Mather Industrial School	1868	Beaufort, S. C.	(Miss) Carrie A. Hunt	1	10	11				9	3	25000					360	May	89
91	Nelson Merry College	1895	Jefferson City Tenn.	Rev. J. M. Thompson, B Ph.	3	6	9		105	105		8	65000			18154 36	18455 41	900	May	90
92	Oklahoma Baptist College	1912	Muskogee, Okla.	M. H. Eldridge, B. A.	3	7	10	61	73	134	4	2	25000			4292 63	4107 12	16	May	91
93	Palo Alto and St. Johns High School	1907	Ita Bena, Leflove Co., Miss.	P. M. Smith	1	4	5	35	90	125	12	3	25000			23080	27000	300	May	92
94	Rich Square Institute	1910	Rich square, N. C.	W. S. Creecy, A. B., B. Th.		1	1		46	62		2	10000			1364 82	1364 82		April	93
95	Roanoke Institute	1890	Elizabeth City, N. C.	C. F. Graves, A. B., A. M.	3	5	8					8	100000				10000	313	May	94
96	Shiloh Mts. Baptist Ins.	1888	Norlina, N. C.	Rev. C. H. Williamson, A. B., A. M.	2	6	8	72	133	205		2	40000				8000	500	May	95
97	Spelman College (1924)	1881	Atlanta, Ga.	Lucy Hale Tapley, Litt. D.		36	36	68	72	140	6	2	10000					300	May	96
98	W. Va. Industrial School and College	1902	Hill Top, W. Va.	H. Walden, A. M., Ph. D.	1	4	5		314	314		12		48348 76	2145 36	36435 93	34008 68	8000	May	97
	98 Institutions				129	228	370	30	36	66	22	1	25400			12080	12000	250	May	98
								3552	2607			1	2837000				50728			

In our report of last year we reported, "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 statistician 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 years; 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.

No action was taken on these plans and no money provided the statistician had he undertaken it.

We suggest here a word from one of our most scholarly and successful statisticians, Rev. D. D. Crawford, on "The difference between history and statistics."

HOW TO SECURE HISTORY AND STATISTICS

As to how we may secure history and statistics, the best plan I know is the one we use in Georgia. I think our rule would apply to all states alike.

First, all the Baptists in each state should be united under a single constitution into one group or convention. Very little can be done without this. Without it, appeals will not be heeded and interest will not be created.

Second, each state should be organized as nearly as possible after the same fashion. Uniformity of organization will produce a nation-wide system of doing the work of the denomination.

Third, each state should have headquarters to serve as a clearing house for the work of the denomination in the state. These headquarters should be all that the term implies, in fact, as well as in theory. All workers should report there and all reports, minutes, catalogs and records should be filed and stored there. It is from such records that history and data must be culled.

Fourth, every state should have an executive secretary in charge of the headquarters and in personal charge of the work in the state. They should give him a competent and sufficient support and he should give his entire time to the state work. The duty of his office should be outlined about as follows:

1. Collect statistics and records.
2. Collect history.
3. Department of correlation.
4. Supervision.
5. Correspondence.
6. Finances (Receiving and disbursing funds) as well as planning and pushing drives.
7. Book department including denominational literature.
8. Denominational bureau of information.

He should receive annually from clerks of associations, their annals or minutes; from presidents of denominational schools catalogs, and from all denominational enterprises and institutions annual reports as well as monthly reports. He should keep a list of all the preachers in the state, a list of the churches, associations and other organizations. These lists should be changed each year when the new records come in.

He should also be furnished with accounts of deaths, ordinations, new churches organized, new churches dedicated, new associations organized and so on.

Fifth, each state should have a state-wide program, which should embrace every interest in the state and there should be no crossing of that program.

Every church and district organization should be loyal to this program and help work it.

Sixth, each state should have an Annual Budget, thereby allowing all to know at the beginning of the year how much money is needed to run the state work, and this budget should include our national work also.

Seventh, each church and association should be asked to pledge at the beginning of the year how much she will give on the budget and the pastor should see that it is raised.

I ask if the Convention has no time to consider these recommendations, that they be given to the Executive Board with the power to decide on a workable plan and submit it as soon as possible, so as to give the statistician ample time to launch the project.

Yours in Christ,
C. H. PARRISH

SUMMARY OF DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS

STATES	Associations	Churches	Ordained Ministers	Church Membership: Baptisms	Church Membership: Total Membership	S. S. Record: Schools	S. S. Record: Enrollment	Church Property: Meeting-houses	Church Property: Parsonages	Church Property: Total Value of Church Property	Contributions: Current Expenses	Contributions: Benevolence	Contributions: Total	
Negro Baptist Conventions														
1 Alabama 1	104	2,300	2,139	4,794	285,573	1,852	106,267	2,648	38	$ 2,364,400	$ 73,105	$ 67,009	$ 140,114	1
2 Arkansas 1, 2	34	1,437	750	1,270	83,879	1,437	48,318	800	6	905,800	25,700	33,000	58,700	2
3 District of Columbia	1	69	174	500	39,879	69	4,500	69	3	2,500,000				3
4 Florida 1, 2	19	685	369	2,780	105,000	622	30,059	639	70	650,000	5,225	10,308	15,533	4
5 Georgia	121	3,798	4,920	36,792	567,773	2,829	167,034	3,756	25	15,306,200	1,114,971	57,489	1,172,460	5
6 Illinois 2	7	214	299	1,104	48,867	200	22,042	159		1,631,900	181,913	7,630	189,543	6
7 Indiana	8	115	200	600	32,000	112	3,900	92	16	1,000,000	600,000		600,000	7
8 Kansas	6	139	138	821	20,500	121	11,070	139	25	1,134,300	141,000	20,500	161,500	8
9 Kentucky 1	19	599	400		90,000	521	28,306	560	20	1,000,000	110,000	30,500	140,500	9
10 Louisiana 1, 2	41	1,377	836	2,365	146,891	1,265	63,090	1,374	10	1,715,300				10
11 Maryland 1	3	69	17	736	17,000	45	1,016	46		500,000				11
12 Michigan	3	62	86	878	20,000	62	4,057	62	5	1,000,000				12
13 Mississippi 1	64	2,210	2,500		400,000	1,028	111,058	2,000	250	1,065,600				13
14 Missouri 1	13	254	267	1,264	35,000	241	11,264	273	10	1,065,600	83,342	11,703	95,045	14
15 New Jersey	4	159	179	934	30,872	260	5,302	146		2,290,500	148,451	13,398	161,849	15
16 New York	1	120	124	802	19,662			100		1,894,300	156,155	5,419	161,574	16
17 North Carolina 1	46	1,421	1,200		200,000	1,123	75,507	1,177	78	1,451,000	75,338	27,224	102,562	17
18 Ohio	5	268	398	1,926	63,000	276	19,000	248	30	2,850,500	468,927	76,720	545,647	18
19 Oklahoma 1, 2	23	792	545	1,070	113,000	413	35,896	385	55	850,000	35,500	1,500	37,000	19
20 Pennsylvania 1	4	135	358	694	50,000	27	10,000	100	6	1,210,000	74,506	11,427	85,933	20
21 South Carolina 1	56	1,783	504	1,250	220,000	1,306	86,356	1,337	10	1,400,000	126,500	14,120	140,620	21
22 Tennessee 1	35	1,233	600		216,000	700	33,679	695	35	1,126,000				22
23 Texas 1, 2	51	1,752	1,102	7,500	216,000	1,643	82,516	1,659	100	1,868,000	150,000	86,800	236,800	23
24 Virginia 1, 2	75	1,969	1,250	2,510	267,512	1,643	107,000	1,643	112	3,500,000		360,335	360,335	24
25 West Virginia	8	350	260		27,000	345	19,000	218	11	774,000	124,500	21,100	145,600	25
26 Shenandoah Valley Y. M. (Free Baptists	1	23	12	50	1,450			23	6	61,600	1,850	500	2,350	26
Total, 1926	758	22,412	20,050	59,370	3,310,969	18,032	1,088,986	19,485	821	$50,664,800	$3,697,083	$851,682	$4,548,765	
Total, 1925	751	21,868	19,276	55,145	3,044,528	17,276	996,566	18,684	874	$33,956,100	$3,173,384	$811,168	$3,984,552	
Grand Total U. S., 1926	12,168	67,215	48,793	365,159	8,327,262	47,151	5,105,411	48,297	8,023	$391,981,700	$59,496,872	$15,364,959	$74,810,831	
Grand Total U. S., 1925	12,169	68,157	47,851	331,013	8,025,348	46,514	4,651,816	47,126	7,602	$343,540,300	$56,010,894	$18,493,737	$74,504,631	

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BENEFIT BOARD OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, OF THE U. S. A.

Sixth Report by H. W. Holloway, Ph. D., Corresponding Secretary, Submitted at Detroit, Michigan, September 7-12, 1927

Mr. Chairman, and Brethren of the Convention:

In coming to you to submit this, the twenty-fourth annual report of the Board, and my sixth report as your secretary, I admit that I do so with some embarrassment. I do not deem it necessary to tell you why I am embarrassed, but suffice it to say that some embarrassment exists.

Our activities have not been what they should have been this year, but the reason is best known and not necessary to be stated. We have gone forth to do the biddings of the Convention and the Board of Directors of the Convention in the best way we knew how, and if we have failed to do exactly as you have desired that we, as your secretary should have done, it was not on account of any wilful disposition on our part to disregard your orders and instructions, but it was because we did not understand exactly what you meant in the orders given.

Indeed, we feel that our efforts have fallen short of our mark and our expectations, and because of the weakness and feebleness on our part. But we feel that we have done the best we could, in the year that has passed, under the circumstances, yet, we are sorry the circumstances were not different so that we could have contributed more to the advancement of our great cause under the banner of Jesus Christ.

We have faith in our heavenly Father; faith in our brethren; faith in ourself and faith in the work that you have assigned to our hands, and it is this that has made us labor on under adverse criticism and disadvantages. For we felt that if we labor on and faint not, that success would crown our efforts on the end.

What We Have Undertaken

In obedience to the orders of the Board of Directors at its January meeting in Cincinnati, your secretary went to St, Louis, Mo., immediately on the adjournment of the meeting of the Board of Directors in Cincinnati, and held a conference with Dr. S. A. Mosley, President of the Convention of the State of Missouri, and Rev. J. A. Shields, Board Member for the State of Missouri, and told them that you had allowed that the headquarters be established in that city. The new order met with the hearty approval of these brethren. We then spoke to the Ministers' Alliance of the City of St. Louis, informing it of the actions of the Board of Directors, which met its hearty approval also. On the recommendation of Dr. Mosley and Rev. Shields, the following persons were selected as the men to form the Executive Committee for the New Headquarters in St. Louis: Dr. George E. Stevens, Dr. P. W. Dunavant, Dr. J. W. Brown, Dr. Wm. L. Perry, Dr. J. T. Caston, Rev. G. W. Clemmons, Rev. M. Owen and Rev. J. A. Shields.

It was our intention to have moved our office to the City of St. Louis, in July, but we did not want to move there without doing so with some kind of a demonstration, and the high waters that covered a part of the country made it impossible for us to get up such a program as we felt would be creditable to the removal of your Board from one state to another, hence we have not moved yet, nevertheless, we have held the meetings of the Board with the newly selected members regularly each month, and on account of some of the Arkansas brethren complaining that we had no right to move until the Convention proper passed on the order, we held a meeting with the old Board in Arkansas each month going over the same business that was transacted in St. Louis, thus eliminating the possibility of any complaint by the brethren of Arkansas at this meeting.

Our Trip West To Inspect the Tuberculosis Sanitorium Proposed Site

The Board of Directors ordered that your secretary, in company with a committee appointed by Dr. Williams, President of the Convention, go to Delhi, Colorado, and make further investigations about the proposed site for the Tuberculosis Sanitorium. We suggested to Dr. Williams that we make the trip out there in April, but he stated that he thought we would make a mistake if we deferred going out there that late, so we told him that we would go as soon as he sent us the names of the committee that was to go with us on the trip. He gave us the names of Dr. D. A. Holmes, of Kansas City, Mo., Dr. E. W. Perry, of Oklahoma City, Okla., Dr. A. M. Townsend, of Nashville, Tenn., Dr. L. G. Jordan, and Dr. Wm. Madison, of Chicago, and Dr. I. S. Powell, of Colorado, as such committee. Immediately on receipt of this information, we notified the committee that we had set the third day of March to meet at Delhi. After sending out this notice to the members of the committee, we received a letter from Dr. B. J. Patterson, the person making the offer, telling me that he thought we had selected a bad time to make the trip, on account of weather conditions in that section at that time of the year, and suggested March 20 as a better date. We immediately sent special delivery letters and telegrams to the proposed members of the committee giving them this information, and confirming March 20 as the time to meet there. President Williams was furnished with a copy of each letter written the committee, and Dr. Patterson, at Delhi, and when he received the information that we had agreed to the change of date, he wired us that he had wired Dr. Patterson that the date could not be changed, and the members of the committee from Chicago had gone already. This wire come to me just three hours before the time for the train to leave that would get me to Delhi the first date named, March 3. Accordingly I wired Drs. Townsend, Perry, Holmes and Powell that we would have to go on the date first set, and that I was leaving at four o'clock the afternoon for the place, and for them to meet me there.

We reached Delhi on the morning of March 3, about six o'clock, over the Santa Fee Railway and was met at the station by Mr. Dyche, son-in-law of Dr. Patterson, and was driven to the site of the sanitorium. After breakfast we went over the grounds, and looked over the papers of the corporation, and about nine o'clock received a telegram from Dr. Jordan stating that they would arrive there about noon. At which time Drs. Jordan, Madison, Powell and Smith arrived. The day was spent in going over the grounds inspecting the buildings and materials, and plans for the sanitorium. The people of the community gave us a very cordial reception that night, at which people from twenty miles around were present, but perhaps it will interest you, to tell you, that all of these are white folks. No Negroes live in this community, but they were loud in making your commission welcome to the place, and pledged themselves to do all in their power to cooperate with us in making the sanitorium a success.

The corporation held a meeting that night, and passed a motion to donate all of its holdings to your Convention. We requested them to reduce what they had to say regarding the matter to writing, over the signature of the president and secretary of the corporation, and to place their corporate seal impression on it, so that we might more fully study the proposition. This they did, and we found that there were legal matters connected with it that your commission did not want to take the responsibility to pass on, therefore, we referred the whole matter to the attorney of the Convention and asked him to make such legal investigations as should be made, then report to us his findings. After some considerable time, we called on him for his opinion of the matter, and he informed us that he had taken the matter up with the authorities in Colorado, and found conditions to be of such nature that he preferred making his report to the Board of Directors or to the Convention proper, so we did not proceed further with that part of the work referred to us, waiting the report of the attorney.

The Baptist Home in New Jersey

On March 19, we arrived at Summit, N. J., going to the home of Rev. R. H. Cooper, our Board Member for that state. We spent the remainder of that day and the next, which was Sunday, with him and his congregation. We spoke to his congregation twice on Sunday, and they seemed to be quite responsive to what we had to say.

We visited the Ministers' Alliance at Newark, Monday morning, and spoke to them. We found from our conversation with Rev. Cooper and others in New Jersey that they were not favorable to the idea of the Convention building the Baptist Home in that state, for they have an Old Folks' Home at Jersey City, but I am sure that they have a mistaken idea about the kind of home that the Convention plans to build. From Newark we went on to Philadelphia, and there met Mr. Rathblott, President of the Rathblott Development Company, and in company with him visited Mizpah, and this land that has been given to your Convention by his company. We were favorably impressed with the site, and feel sure that the Convention will make no mistake if it throws all the force it can behind the proposition to build the Baptist home on this site.

Because the floods came, we were not permitted to go back to New Jersey, as we had planned to do, and make a campaign in the interest of this home. We feel that the home can be built, and will add much to the advancement of the work of your Convention to establish this home out there.

The Ministers and Missionaries' Pension Fund

We have made some careful investigations about the establishment of the Ministers and Missionaries' Annuity and Pension Fund. It was at a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Benefit Board held at Vicksburg, Miss., in October, 1925, that your secretary recommended to the Board that it discontinue to issue the kind of certificates that were being issued, for the reason that the Board was not in position to compete with the insurance companies, fraternal and otherwise, and because of the practice of fraud by persons holding certificates in these companies, and that an organization of this kind could not afford to hold out an opportunity to persons to practice fraud, that the Board undertake to establish the Ministers and Missionaries' Annuity Relief Fund from a foundation to be created from funds raised from individuals, churches, associations and conventions. This recommendation of your secretary was adopted, hence the order of the Board of Directors simply endorse what your Board has already adopted to do, as can be seen by the records of the Board held at Vicksburg. We have some recommendations to be submitted here for your consideration regarding the creation of the foundation for the Pension Fund.

Retirement of Insurance Policies

There are quite a number of certificates out in the hands of persons against the Board and Convention, but the business of retiring these certificates was given to the Convention Attorney, and he stated to your secretary that he (secretary) should receive the dues on the certificate as long as the holders paid them on time, but not to write any new certificates on the old order and not renew any. This order has been carried out to the letter.

Financial Statement

We herewith submit to you our financial statement for the year. Our accounts have not been audited by your Auditing Department this year,

but it is because he deemed it not necessary to make such audit, but we have here receipts for all money paid out and for what purpose and a record of money collected and from what source, and for what purpose the collections were made. We have done but a little bank keeping for the Board, for the reason that we have collected the money in such a way that banking it was impossible in some cases, and it really did not mean anything to bank it any way, however, our failure to put all our collections through the banks was not a wilfull disposition on our part to disregard the instructions of the Convention to do a banking business, but was because of the hardship that it would have worked on us to have done so. I herewith submit you a condensed statement of our collections and expenditures for the year, but as before stated, we have an itemized account and record on the books of your Board which is available whenever called for.

Receipts

June 30, 1927—By amount brought forward as shown by that report	$667 55
Collections for July	174 79
Collections for August	75 90
Collections for September	111 85
Collections for October	57 20
Collections for November	74 45
Collections for December	40 75
Collections for January, 1927	88 63
Collections for February, 1927	14 75
Collections for March, 1927	51 82
Collections for April, 1927	112 13
Collections for May, 1927	22 18
Collections for June, 1927	26 65
Total collection with the balance brought forward	$ 1,518 59

Disbursements

Paid out in July	$ 55 95
Paid out in August	62 81
Paid out in September	139 93
Paid out in October	29 67
Paid out in November	48 00
Paid out in December	23 00
Paid out in January, 1927	181 82
Paid out in February, 1927	32 13
Paid out in March, 1927	82 61
Paid out in April, 1927	62 44
Paid out in May, 1927	20 54
Paid out in June, 1927	666 80
Total paid for the year	$ 1,401 60

Recapitulation

Paid to members for benefits	$ 100 83
To secretary for service during the year	165 05
To secretary, traveling expense	211 33
Paid for rent of office	60 00
Paid to field workers	108 71
Paid to office help	9 20
R. R. Fare for chairman of Board	12 86
Postage and box rent for the year	27 62
Printing and advertising	56 00

Secretary for back salary	$ 650 00
Total	$ 1,401 60
By balance brought forward	$ 667 55
By amount collected from dues, etc.	$ 742 24
By amount from associations and conventions	108 80
Total	$ $ 1,518 59
To amount disbursed	1,401 60
Balance	$ 116 99

Estimated Value of Office

Furniture and supplies	$ 250 00
Cash balance, June 30, 1927	116 99
Total valuation	$ 366 99

Outstanding Obligations

Balance due on old claims	$ 850 00
Balance due secretary to June 30, 1927	104 50
Total of all outstanding obligations	$ 954 50

Inventory of Office

1 roll top desk, 1 desk chair, 4 office chairs, 1 library table, 1 Underwood typewriter, 1 Bates adding machine, 2 old steamer trunks, 1 library chair, 1 seal press, 1 set of spool cases used for filing cabinet, office stationery such as letterheads and envelopes and Membership Certificate Blanks.

We repeat, that we have not measured up to our own expectations, to say nothing of yours, in the years that we have held this position, but our failure has been because of the circumstances that have surrounded the situation, and not because we have not striven hard to do our best, but you know, it is human to make mistakes, and to fall short of our mark, but it is God-like to forgive mistakes and to give another chance to make good.

But now, as we come to the close of this year and nearing the beginning of another, we are very much reminded of the saying of the immortal Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, in his letter to the Phillipians: "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth to those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

This is what I do, forget the past, and press onward. I am sure that I can accomplish what I set out to accomplish if I can get your cooperation. I believe in you. I don't believe that you are going to fail me. I believe in the work, I believe in God, and I believe in myself.

Recommendations

First—In the event that the attorney makes a favorable report on the sanitorium proposition, and you accept the gift and turn it over to this Board to operate, I submit the following recommendation:

(a) That amendments to the articles of incorporation of the corporation

be filed with the proper authorities in the State of Colorado to permit the outstanding stock to be abolished, and a bond issue to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousands ($150,000.00) be authorized.

(b) The bond issue be offered for sale by the Convention, first to Baptist churches, associations, conventions and individuals, then to the public at large.

(c) That the bonds be ten year, four per cent interest bearing Coupon Bonds.

(e) That as soon as one-third of the bond issue shall have been sold, and that at least one-third of the issue be sold before operation at the sanitorium be undertaken.

(e) That as soon as one-third of the bond issue shall have been sold, then the Convention require that the proposed givers of the sanitorium properly execute deeds to the property in the name of the Convention.

(f) That a suitable person with technical knowledge of the operation of such an institution be employed, and work commenced on the establishment of the institution.

Second:—(a) That in order to establish the Baptist Home on the land in New Jersey, we undertake to raise a Foundation Fund from a per capita of twenty-five cents for every Baptist affiliated with this Convention, and from donations from churches, conventions, associations, and from other legitimate ways of raising funds for the establishment of the home and the creation of the Endowment Fund for Ministers and Missionaries.

(b) That twenty-five per cent of the gross amount as set out above be reserved for the erection of the Baptist Home and its maintenance; forty per cent preserved to create the Annuity Pension Fund, and thirty-five per cent be reserved for operating expense.

(c) That no part of the collections made, aside from the thirty-five per cent operating expense, be used until a per capita of five hundred thousand dollars shall have been collected, but that all such amounts aside from the thirty-five per cent be placed on interest with the best security obtainable, and that as soon as five hundred thousand dollars shall have been collected, operation of the Pension Fund be commenced.

(d) That the deeds for the land at Mizpah be turned over to this Board, and the Board be authorized to negotiate for a loan in sufficient amount to be used in the erection of the Home.

Third:—I recommend that the commission basis on which the office of corresponding secretary has been run the past four years be abolished, since from time to time mention is made by the president of the Convention in his annual address to the secretaries devoting all of their time to the work of their Board, and that the secretary of this Board be put back on a stated salary like the secretaries of all the other Boards.

I further recommend that the salary of the secretary of this Board be placed at two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars per year, and all necessary office expense.

I further recommend that the salary begin with the month of November, when the Board's headquarters are permanently transferred from Helena, to St. Louis, and that the commission basis obtain up to that time.

I recommend that the salary as above recommended remain as such for one year from the time of setting, and then be increased in proportion to the increase of the ability of the Board to pay and, in keeping with the worth of the service rendered.

Fourth:—Because the headquarters of this Board are ordered by the Convention to be moved from Helena in the State of Arkansas, to St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, and because of the State of Arkansas will not be entitled any more to more than one Board Member. I recommend that Rev. D. S. Shadd, D. D., who has served as president of the Board for a number of years doing all he could to assist in the progress of the work of the Board, and Rev. S. H. McKinzie who has been officially connected with the Board from its beginning doing all he could at all times to aid it in its struggles, be elected members for life, and that their election to life membership shall not affect the rule that allows one member for the State of Arkansas.

I further recommend, that Rev. D. S. Shadd be elected chairman emeritus, and Rev. S. H. McKinzie be elected vice chairman emeritus, and that their membership hereafter be subject to their standing in the National Baptist Convention. That is to say, should they lose their standing in the National Baptist Convention the standing in this Board will be reduced accordingly.

All of the foregoing recommendations are submitted for your careful consideration.

H. W. HOLLOWAY, Corresponding Secretary.

Board Members

Arkansas—Rev. D. S. Shadd, D. D., H. W. Holloway, Ph. D., Rev. R. M. Caver, D. D., Rev. W. B. Brownlee, D. D., Rev. S. H. McKinzie, Rev. J. T. Brooks, Rev. J. S. Drew, D. D., Mr. C. H. Jackson, Mr. W. B. Sturkey:
Alabama—Rev. R. H. Moton.
Colorado—Rev. I. S. Powell, D. D.
Connecticut—Rev. C. A. Long.
District of Columbia—Rev. Jas. L. Penn, Rev. J. A. T. Washington.
Florida—Rev. J. M. Wells.
Georgia—Rev. J. H. Evans.
Illinois—Rev. J. S. Patton.
Indiana—Rev. J. H. Abernathy, Rev. G. W. Smith.
Kansas—Rev. G. W. Ramey.
Kentucky—Rev. W. H. Ballou.
Louisiana—Rev. J. W. White.
Maryland—Rev. L. G. Reynolds, Rev. Matthew Wilkerson.
Massachusetts—Rev. F. S. Stubbs.
Michigan—Rev. Moses Williams.
Minnesota—Rev. E. L. Lewis.
Mississippi—Rev. Z. M. Winder, Rev. E. D. Payne, Rev. L. S. Dee.
Missouri—Rev. J. A. Shields.
Nebraska—Rev. J. H. Bruce, Rev. W. E. Booker.
New Jersey—Rev. R. H. Cooper.
North Carolina—Rev. A. B. Askew.
New York—Rev. D. S. Riley.
Ohio—Rev. J. F. Frances, Rev. E. W. Wright.
Oklahoma—Rev. J. W. Jones.
Pennsylvania—Rev. F. M. Mitchel.
South Carolina—Rev. J. I. Goldston, Rev. H. Lepherd.
Tennessee—Rev. L. A. Kemp.
Texas—Rev. U. S. Keeling.
Virginia—Rev. L. K. Jackson.
West Virginia—Rev. N. B. James.

The Benefit Board of the National Baptist Convention

Rev. D. S. Shadd, D. D., Chariman; Rev. S. H. McKinzie, Vice Chairman; Rev. Z. M. Winder, Recording Secretary.

H. W. HOLLOWAY, Ph. D., Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer.

Thirtieth Annual Report

of the

Sunday School Publishing Board

A. M. TOWNSEND, D. D., Corresponding Secretary

To the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Detroit, Mich., September, 1927:

Brethren:

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 Ft Worth, Texas, September, 1926, the following were elected members of the Sunday School Publishing Board:

Name	State
Rev. R. N. Hall	Alabama
Rev. E. E. Burkhalter	Arizona
Rev. W. E. Watson	Arkansas
Rev. A. T. Hines	California
Rev. J. E. Allen	Colorado
Rev. S. T. Eldridge	Connecticut
Rev. W. A. Taylor	District of Columbia
Rev. G. D. Griffin	Florida
Rev. J. H. Evans	Georgia
Rev. J. H. Branham	Illinois
Rev. A. T. Allen	Indiana
Rev. F. K. Nicholson	Iowa
Rev. W. H. Young	Kansas
Rev. W. P. Offut	Kentucky
Rev. J. E. Evans	Louisiana
Rev. A. J. Payne	Maryland
Rev. D. S. Klugh	Massachusetts
Rev. J. Francis Robinson	Massachusetts
Rev. J. H. Mastin	Michigan
Rev. L. W. Harris	Minnesota
Rev. D. W. Higgins	Mississippi
Rev. C. T. Stamps	Mississippi
Rev. S. A. Moseley	Missouri
Rev. E. H. McDonald	Nebraska
Rev. S. M. Smiley	Nebraska
Rev. H. T. Borders	New Jersey
Rev. C. T. Hughes	New Mexico
Mr. J. W. Hunter	New York
Rev. S. L. McDowell	North Carolina
Rev. A. Hawkins	Ohio
Rev. J. H. Burks	Ohio
Rev. E. O. Crockett	Oklahoma
Rev. T. J. Goodall	Pennsylvania
Rev. W. B. Preston	Rhode Island

Rev. J. W. Boykin	South Carolina
Rev. M. W. Withers	So. Dakota
Rev. A. M. Townsend	Tennessee
Rev. E. M. Lawrence	Tennessee
Dr. J. B. Singleton	Tennessee
Rev. J. R. Statton	Tennessee
Rev. J. C. Fields	Tennessee
Rev. E. M. Seymour	Tennessee
Rev. G. P. Woodson	Tennessee
Rev. S. A. Owen	Tennessee
Rev. J. L. Campbell	Tennessee
Rev. J. E. Knox	Texas
Rev. C. E. Miller	Virginia
Rev. J. J. Nickerson	West Virginia
Rev. F. W. Penick	Wisconsin

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rev. E. M. Lawrence	Nashville
Rev. A. M. Townsend	Nashville
Rev. J. C. Fields	Nashville
Rev. J. R. Statton	Nashville
Dr. J. B. Singleton	Nashville
Rev. E. M. Seymour	Knoxville
Rev. G. P. Woodson	Paris
Rev. S. A. Owen	Memphis
Rev. J. L. Campbell	Memphis

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. M. Townsend, E. M. Lawrence, J. C. Fields, J. R. Statton, J. B. Singleton.

OFFICERS

Chairman	E. M. Lawrence
Vice Chairman	L. W. Harris
Corresponding Secretary	A. M. Townsend
Assistant Corresponding Secretary	S. P. Harris
Recording Secretary	C. T. Stamps
Assistant Recording Secretary	J. B. Singleton
Treasurer	Wm. Haynes

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 WORLD'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The World's Sunday School Convention will meet in quadrennial session next year (1928) in Los Angeles, California. We are recommending that the Sunday School Publishing Board be authorized to send a delegate or delegates to represent the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., in this world's organization of Sunday school leaders and workers.

THE INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are retaining our membership and relationship in the International Sunday School 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.

On the Education Committee: S. N. Vass.

In the Publishers' Section: E. T. Brown, S. P. Harris, E. M. Lawrence A. M. Townsend.

In the Daily Vacation Bible School Section: A. A. Bennett, Mrs. Mattie Fisher, Mrs. Audie Roberts.

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.

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 Emeritus.
Rev. J. T. Brown, A. M., S. T. D., Editor-in-Chief.
Rev. S. N. Vass, D. D., Editor the Teacher.
Rev. W. S. Ellington, A. B., D. D., Editor Abdemetech and Debbora Magazine.
Rev. M. W. Talley, D. D., Editor Adult Quarterly.
Rev. C. L. Fisher, D. D., Editor Intermediate (Advanced) Quarterly.
Mrs. M. J. Brockway, Associate Editor Home Department.
Mrs. L. U. Chambers-Ellington, Editor Primary Quarterly.
Mrs. A. M. Townsend, Editor Beginner's Quarterly and Music Editor.
Mrs. R. T. Sims, Editor Cradle Roll Director.
Mrs. C. M. Davis, Blackboard Review.
Miss Frances E. Thompson, Artist.

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It is noted that Rev. M. W. Talley, D. D., has been added to the staff as Editor of the Adult Quarterly. Dr. Pauline E. Dinkins, who has been writing the "Health Hints" for the Cradle Roll Director, leaves us to take work with our Foreign Mission Board as Medical Missionary to Africa.

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 Baptistic 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 is the Secretary, and has charge of our Religious Education Department. The work is being rapidly extended and great strides were made this year.

By reference to page 24 of the International Journal of Religious Education for the present month, which is the official organ of the International Sunday School Council, it will be seen that our department is the only one within our own race group that issued any credits at all in religious education during the past year. These credits go toward securing the regular diploma for the Standard Leadership Training Course consisting all together of twelve units. Our department issued one thousand six hundred and seventy-five credits, which are duly recognized by the International Council of Religious Education. We have issued about a hundred diplomas certifying the completion of five units of the course. We shall not issue any more diplomas hereafter except to those who have completed the entire twelve units of the course so that our own diploma will stand for the same work as that of the International Council.

We therefore, issue only credits until twelve such credits are won, when the regular standard diploma will be awarded. Those completing our own teacher training book, "How to Study and Teach the Bible", will receive five units for that book, leaving only seven other units to be won under our supervision. We charge only One Dollar enrollment fee, and there are no other expenses. One difficulty we are having is to get each person who purchases a book to enroll regularly and regularly send in the examination papers. There are six thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven persons who are now taking our course of study.

There should be a Teacher Training class in every Sunday school. Write us and we will be glad to tell you how you may organize and have a successful class in your school.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

Dr. W. S. Ellington, has charge of our Young People's Department. This department known as the Abdemelech and Debbora organized classes, show a constant and permanent growth, both in new classes organized during the year and in work done. There is a growing demand for the Abdemelech and Deborra Magazine. Every issue of the Magazine is illustrated with the pictures of one or more of the organized classes of the Young People's department. These pictures are instructive, inspiring and a great stimulus to the various Sunday schools. We would be glad if more of our Sunday schools would have these class pictures taken and sent in to Headquarters with the price that we must pay for having each cut made. No other charges are made.

The last annual session of the National Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress held in Nashville was a great stimulus to the young people and to Sunday school work in general. Several thousand Sunday school workers saw the Publishing House for themselves. They went through our book department and examined the books, charters, paraphernalia, etc., for themselves. In the departmental meetings of the Congress they got fresh information and a new vision of the possibilities of the well organized Sunday school.

Wherever a Sunday school has given the organized classes a fair and impartial trial they have found the young people growing more efficient, loyal, liberal in their donations and more Christ-like in their characters. Every Sunday school should have an Abdemelech (young men), and a Debbora (young women) class. Write us and let us tell you how to organize, equip and maintain these classes in your Sunday school.

THE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U. CONGRESS

It is said that the session held in Nashville this year was the best in the history of the Congress—in attendance, in interest, in enthusiasm, in program, in spirit and in finances. It was a veritable school of organization, methods and operation in Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work. The Congress is operated under the auspices of the Sunday School Publishing Board and the B. Y. P. U. Board, and the leaders are determined that no pains shall be spared to make this the greatest organization of young people among Christian forces, and the denomination's largest and most efficient school of methods, etc., in Sunday school work.

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 forefparents, 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, in every church pew, and in every home. No

choir can do 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. The second edition, revised and enlarged is just off the press. It is a new collection of slave melodies, or "Jubilee songs" as they are familiarly called. This book contains a hundred pages 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. Willia A. Townsend, Music Editor of the Sunday School Publishing Board, and as sung by the great National Baptist Convention Chorus. In the arrangement, 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.

The Baptist Sunday School Board (Southern Baptist Convention) has requested us to furnish them with descriptive matter of our "Spirituals Triumphant", in order that they may list it in their catalogue. This is evidence of the merit, appreciation, demand and general worth of our collection of "Spirituals" or "Jubilee Songs."

CRADLE ROLL DEPARTMENT

Our Cradle Roll Department is in charge of Mrs. B. 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.
Iowa—Mrs. Ida S. Bates, Des Moines.
Kansas—Mrs. P. H. Walton, Wichita; Mrs. S. A. Fitzhugh, Kansas City.
Kentucky—Mrs. Cora Barlow, Bowling Green; Mrs. W. P. Offutt, Bowling Green.
Louisiana—Mrs. B. W. Smith, Shreveport.
Michigan—Mrs. Pearl Colbert, Detroit.
Mississippi—Miss Josie Turner, Natchez; Mrs. S. D. Minor, Jackson; Mrs. M. A. Vaughn, Yazoo City; Mrs. M. E. Moody, Canton; Miss L. Caldwell, Canton; Mrs. M. A. Terrell, Winona; Mrs. M. L. Redmond, Tchula; Mrs. B. B. Syfax, Greenwood.
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 Ozelia Moore, Cleveland.
Tennessee—Mrs. Pearlie 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. Janie Morris, Miami.
Illinois—Mrs. C. C. Cullers, Evanston.
Iowa—Mrs. M. E. Jefferson, Des Moines.
Kansas—Miss Mae 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. Leola Caston.
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, although unable to be active on account of continued illness, yet, he is perhaps, the most enthusiastic devotee, defender and booster of the New Publishing House and its interests. Willingly he answers every call, unselfishly he performs every duty assigned. He knows no compromise, and withal, he is sincere, loyal, honest and dependable as he in sincere. He is a one hundred per cent advocate and fighter for Convention ownership and control.

Rev. W. B. Fleming, D. D., has done commendable work in the field as Assistant Field Secretary, and in helping to underwrite the Publishing House debt. He too, is loyal, jealous in his defense of the interests of the Publishing House, and a tireless worker.

Rev. E. M. Lawrence, D. D., the financial agent for the Sunday School Publishing Board has done some splendid work in the Memorial Underwriters' Campaign.

Rev. Wm. G. Hynes and wife, Mrs. Emma Hynes, full of zeal, have continued to do general field work in the interest of the Publishing Board, and the Underwriters' Campaign. They have been of great help to us by carrying the Publishing House, by moving pictures and stereopticon views, to the people, and giving to them the facts.

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. Sims, 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. Lourelha Ellington, Rev. William J. Hall, Miss Ada L. Berry, Rev. Wm. G. Hynes, Miss Mae Buckner, Mrs. Callie Brown, Mrs. Edna Vass, Miss C. L. Felder, Miss Delorah M. Johnson, Mrs. Della Williams, Mrs. Lottie Wilbanks, Mrs. Martha Hendricks, Mrs. C. M. Davis, Mrs. Marion Cosey, Mrs. Sarah Burrell, Miss Ozella Moore, Mrs. Irene Hudson, Mrs. Marcella Rogers, Mrs. Opal C. Fleming, Mrs. Susie A. Jordan, Mrs. Sallie Williams, Mrs. Ida A. Drew, Mrs. Mattie G. Anderson, Rev. H. T. Sims, Mrs. Celia H. Washington, Mrs. B. W. Smith.

OTHER AGENCIES

The following agencies in different sections are doing splendid work for the Board:

In St. Louis, Mrs. Hattie J. Smith, in charge of our Branch Store there; in New York, Mr. J. W. Hunter; in Philadelphia, the Foreign Mission Board, Rev. J. E. East, Secretary; in Baltimore, Rev. John W. Davis; in

District of Columbia, Mr. Wm. R. Williams; in North Carolina, Rev. M. W. Williams, Manager Colored Sunday School Store at Raleigh; in Atlanta, Mr. J. A. Hopkins, Manager Hopkins Book Concern; in Louisiana, Rev. J. E. Evans, at Shreveport, and Mr. James E. Gayle at New Orleans; in Chicago, Rev. W. L. Petty; in Tennessee, Rev. A. Terrell and Mr. H. C. Thomas, at Memphis, and Mr. Manson Flowers at Chattanooga; in Florida, Mr. W. T. Thompson, at Pensacola; in Alabama, Mr. P. C. Kooncey at Birmingham; in Indiana, Mr. Wm. Martin, at Gary; in Michigan, Mrs. A. W. Hutchins, at Detroit; in Ohio, Rev. J. H. Smiley at Cleveland, and Rev. Chas. T. Isom at Columbus.

THE WORK OF THE YEAR

The activities of the Board this year have, for the most part, been centered in the efforts to underwrite the Publishing House debt, and in raising funds. Of course, its regular routine work in publishing our Sunday school literature and supplies has been carried on to the satisfaction of our patrons, evidenced in our increase of business as the financial report will show.

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.

OUR EMPLOYEES AND THE SALARY BUDGET

We have now a splendid organization for efficient operation of the printing plant, and the other departments of the Publishing Board. It must be borne in mind, however, that the task is ours to train and develop our efficient help. Our young men and women have not had the chance to learn the real printing art, nor do they have the opportunity to become real bookkeepers and accountants.

Our printing plant has now grown to be a mammoth concern, and in reality the only well equipped and modern plant where our boys and girls can become real printers, and real bookkeepers and accountants, etc. It is the policy, therefore, of the Sunday School Publishing Board so soon as it is relieved of its present burdensome financial situation, to open a school there and give to our own boys and girls an opportunity to become first class printers, linotype operators, efficient bookkeepers, accountants, etc.

The wage scale is controlled by circumstances and conditions. We believe in paying employees well for conscientious, faithful and efficient services rendered. We are fully aware of the fact, that the strictest econ-

omy must be used, the overhead expense kept down, the waste minimized and the output increased, in order to make the profits necessary to meet the heavy and increasing demands of operation, and to help liquidate the indebtedness on the building and equipment.

For the employees at the Publishing House, we must commend them for their loyalty, and faithfulness, and their willingness to work at a sacrificial wage, to see the task completed. Out of their meagre earnings, as it were, they contributed freely the funds with which the "Old Commercial Hotel" was razed; and then, when the building was completed they contributed largely toward the furnishings and office equipment. They have from time to time in addition, given when called upon. Every employee has underwritten on the Publishing House debt in the Memorial Underwriters' Campaign, and every one has paid the first installment of his pledge, in keeping with the plan of Campaign. They are therefore, 100 per cent underwriters.

We pay our employees about on an average with other Publishing Houses among us in Nashville, and we wish to repeat and emphasize, that their contributions to the Publishing House in dollars and cents are at a great personal sacrifice. And even yet, they are willing to make even a greater sacrifice if need be, but—they alone should not be expected to make the sacrifice. This Publishing House belongs to the Baptists and we must pay for it. No group of us, either churches, organizations, or otherwise should be expected to make the sacrifice alone, but 'tis a duty devolved upon every one of us to come to the rescue now and pay the debt.

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. James Watkins, Enon, Baltimore, Md.	Rev. Arthur J. Payne
Rev. F. I. Light, 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, Wash., 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. W. T. Johnson
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, Philadelphia, 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
Rev. T. J. Searcy, Metropolitan, Memphis, Tenn.	Rev. S. A. Owen
Rev. C. T. Walker, Tabernacle, Augusta, Ga.	Rev. D. F. Thompson

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For full statement of the business and financial transactions of the Sunday School Publishing Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, see the Auditor's report.

SOME OBSERVATIONS

No doubt it will be marvelous to the interested, as well as to the "curious" to note the progress that has been made by the Sunday School Publishing Board since 1915. When we awoke and found ourselves in 1915, we had no Publishing House. Our inheritance was a lawsuit. The battle waged hot. Crenshaw with his trenchant pen and the Voice, and Morris and Haynes, and Lawrence and Harris, and Isaac and Bryant, and Barbour and Taylor, and Rodgers and J. Francis Robinson, and L. K. Williams and Booker and Parrish and Stewart, and others, in the forum, in the thickest and bloodiest of the fray, reminded a listening universe that:

"Right is right since God is God
And right the day will win,
To doubt would be disloyalty
To falter would be sin."

The warfare ended, muffled drums were heard to beat retreat. The tramp of the funeral cortege was heard dying away in the distance.

But it was a new day for the Sunday School Publishing Board. 'Twas Harris who laid the sub-soil, being the first Secretary; 'twas Haynes who cultivated it, following as Secretary; 'Twas Lawrence as Chairman, and Isaac who wisely directed through the stormy period; 'twas Brown, who watered; and it was God and the loyal Baptists, who believed in Convention ownership and control, that gave the increase.

Starting anew, without even a stick of type or a lead pencil, the progress was marvelous, when we consider the ravages of the long strung out lawsuit, and the divers discouragements and impediments otherwise thrown in the way.

Note by Comparison: In the first five years, that is to 1920, we had increased from nothing to 35 employees,—now we have 130; in 1920 we had two stenographers,—now we have 12; in 1920 we had two editors, and four contributors,—now we have ten editors and six contributors, two of whom are giving all of their time; in 1920 we were putting out four periodicals,—now we are putting out ten, and two Sunday School Lesson Commentaries; in 1920 we were buying Sunday school helps, such as record books, class books, collection envelopes, catechisms, etc., from other publishers,—likewise we were buying from them song books, Teacher Training books, etc., paying them hundreds of dollars per month,—now we are printing and publishing all these ourselves; in 1920 the average monthly pay roll was $2,120.00—this year the monthly pay roll averaged around $10,000.00; in 1920 the year's business amounted to $94,939.23—for this year it is $404,995.-11; in 1920 our net assets were $17,217.54—at the close of business this year they were $302,887.06; in 1920 we had around 9,500 Sunday schools as our patrons—now we have around 16,000 Sunday schools as our patrons, out of the 22,000 which the statistics give our denomination; in 1920 we were crowded into the first floor of one building—now we are in our beautiful New Home, constructed at an initial cost of $650,000, and which with the cost of the equipment and the value of the lot on which it is built represents a million dollar investment. What hath God wrought!!

THE NEW PUBLISHING HOUSE—ITS STATUS

DAMAGING PROPAGANDA

From time to time the enemy has been circulating false rumors, and promulgating false suppositions as to the building of our new Publishing House, its financing, its re-financing, and so on. From the very beginning they have tried to intimidate us with "taunts and jeers." Said they, "They will never come out of that mud hole"; "They will never do it, they were fools in undertaking such an impossible task"; "Our great grandchildren will be dead before it can be finished"; "Even if they would complete it, the white folks would own it"; "It is waste of money to attempt to put up such a portentous building"; "That money might have been used more profitably in the building up of better Sunday schools, and the training of Christian workers." Some said: "Such a huge undertaking is the result of the vaunted ambition of the leadership, the same leadership that failed in the building of Roger Williams University, and every other project lead by them Denominational leaders."

YES—

"Somebody said it couldn't be done;
But we, with a chuckle, replied
That maybe it couldn't, but we would be one
Who wouldn't say so till we tried.

So we buckled right in with a trace of a grin
On our face. If we worried we hid it
We started to sing as we went at the thing
That couldn't be done and we did it.

Somebody scoffed, "Oh, they'll never do that,
At least no one ever has done it."
But we took off our coat and took off our hat
And the first thing we knew we'd begun it.

With the lift of our chin and a bit of a grin,
Without any doubting or quibbling,
We started to sing as we tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and we did it.

There were thousands to tell us it could not be done,
There were thousands to prophesy failure;
There were thousands to point out to us, one by one,
The dangers that awaited to assail us.

But we buckled right in with a bit of a grin,
Then took off our coat and went to it;
We started to sing as we tackled the thing
That couldn't be done and we did it."

Matters not how it was done, we "done it". And on yonder spot, where once Negro slaves were bargained and sold as chattel, now stands

a beautiful, imposing, modernly equipped Publishing House, the cynosure of all eyes that behold it, owned, operated and controlled by Negro Baptists, as represented by the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America. Yonder it stands, towering toward the blue vaulted sky, and from whose flag pole floats "Old Glory", unfurling its stars and stripes to the gentle breezes, expressive of freedom; and within its walls the clicking of the machines, and the humming of the presses are singing praises to Him who broke from the ankles of Negroes the shackles of slavery and set them free; and from there is being sent forth daily the printed page carrying out the command of our Lord and Master when He said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Now they are saying: "Yes, they did build it, but they will never pay for it"; "the overhead operating expense is top-heavy", etc., etc. Well, we were inclined not to pay attention to these suppositions, until they began to circulate, as malicious propaganda, statements which we know are absolutely false; statements intended not only to keep their own adherents from knowing the truth, but to intimidate and throw shadows of doubt and distrust and discouragement among our own constitutents, and to curb their enthusiasm, pride and loyalty, and their spirit to help pay for their own Publishing House.

Brethren, we know there are some among us who are weaklings, and stand ready to catch on to and believe even every false statement, or untruth that floats near them. We know that their propaganda is malicious and false, and we know we can prove it to be so; and while we know that we are going to pay for the Publishing House, and know what splendid progress we are making toward it, yet, the circulation of these glaring falsehoods will make our burden the heavier to overcome. So therefore, for the sake of saving our brethren, that are weak among us, who also are inclined to be lethargic and pessimistic; and too, that even the brave among us might not falter, and fall into doubt and discouragement from the continued propagation of falsehoods and malicious rumors, we must now proceed to put a stop and we mean an eternal stop, to the statements that are being propagated not known to be facts. Let me cite just two such statements that have recently appeared.

In the Afro-American, of Baltimore, in the issue of June 25, 1927, there appeared the picture of our New Publishing House, above which was this statement: "MAY BE LOST TO RACE"; and below the picture it states: "The Morris Memorial Building, the home of the National Baptist Publishing Company at Nashville, Tenn., which was constructed at a cost of $800,000, and may now be lost unless the denomination makes a concentrated effort to save it. ONLY THE INTEREST HAS BEEN PAID SINCE ITS ERECTION IN 1920, ACCORDING TO RUMOR."

Then, in the Union-Review, the official organ of the National Baptist Convention, Unincorporated, and of the National Baptist Publishing Board, in its issue of August 20, 1927, there appeared this glaring headline: "CONTROLLING INTEREST IN NEW PUBLISHING HOUSE SOLD. THE PURCHASE OF THE NEW PUBLISHING HOUSE OF THE INCORPORATED BAPTIST CONVENTION BY THE AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA, PA."

We are prepared to prove that these statements in these papers respectively are absolutely false, and we must conclude that they were issued with a malicious intent. If these statements about the Publishing House had been prompted by a spirit for the good of the Race in the place of the statements that were made, there would have been these words: "Before this magnificent building, erected by a group of Negroes among us, as rep-

resented by the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., shall be "lost to the Race", every Negro irrespective of denomination, or class, in whose veins courses one drop of blood of Negro pride, will come to the rescue and pay the debt now."

Brethren, it is a fact, that the debt is a stupendous one. It is far beyond anything that has ever been done by any group of Negroes before. But I rejoice when I note that it is a "mighty" fine compliment to this group of Negroes, that we stand high enough in the confidence and financial integrity of the business world that we could make a debt of $600,000. It means that we must be somebody, and if we did come from "nowhere" that we are on our way "somewhere" worth while. Our heart again rejoices, when we note that the construction of the Publishing House was done by Negroes, and that it was financed by Negroes—more and more are we convinced that it was God's way to bring out the possibilities among us if we will cooperate. So therefore, we are sanguine in our belief that we are going to pay for our own Publishing House, but every loyal Baptist must do his part.

HOW IT WILL BE DONE

It must not be thought nor expected that the Publishing Board pay from its own resources this entire debt. It must be remembered that the Building Committee had no money with which to build. All they had when they started out were "instructions" to go forth and build a publishing house. It must be remembered also, that the building cost much more than was originally planned, and that practically all the money, both for the initial payment and the construction had to be borrowed. And then the machinery, other equipment and furnishings had to be bought on time. And then bear in mind, that when the entire proposition was re-financed, that there could not be included many items and obligations made in the completion of the building, including even some borrowed money. For some time then, the denomination must necessarily be called upon to make investments of voluntary contributions to this enterprise or agency.

THE MEMORIAL PUBLISHING HOUSE UNDERWRITERS' CAMPAIGN

Convinced that the spasmodic methods we have been following to raise monies to pay off the debt, are too uncertain and unsatisfactory, and not sufficient to early pay the debt, and being further convinced that the responsibility of paying for our New Publishing House directly and indirectly, rests upon our churches, we worked out a plan—which we believe to be a Divinely inspired plan—for the debt to be underwritten and paid. At Ft. Worth, Texas, last year, the campaign scheme was launched. Wherever presented, this Underwriting scheme has met with happy response, and we are glad to report that $325,000 of the $600,000 debt has already been underwritten. Let us push this plan, and complete NOW the balance of the underwriting. We are only appealing to the loyal-hearted and interested among us, for we want only those to pledge, who will pay their pledges, for we shall count and depend on them. Further, in this report you will find names of all underwriters and pledges and amounts paid on pledges to date. Read it carefully and if your name does not appear there, see to it that you underwrite some amount at once so that you, too, will be in the Memorial record of those who are determined that our Publishing House shall be paid for, and that too, "right early." Your name, the name of your church or organization should be there!!

THE FACTS—FINANCIAL STATUS
COMPLETE STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS (BUILDING)

We are here giving complete statement of the financial status or indebtedness of both the building and its equipment. We do this in order that you may have the full details and facts, and that you may in turn be in position to refute rumors and false statements that you may see or hear.

The Building-(Morris Memorial):

On Saturday morning, July 11, 1925, the entire transaction of re-financing the building was closed—in the surrender of the $450,000 temporary bonds, in the settlement of all claims against the building, in the refunding of all monies loaned the Building Committee, save $10,000 to the Douglass National Bank of Chicago, and $8,500 to the People's Bank & Trust Co., of Nashville, and two individual loans amounting to $800; and in the execution of a First mortgage of $250,000 to the National Life and Accident Insurance Company of Nashville, and a second mortgage of $320,000 to Windham Bros. Construction Company, and (2) two open Time notes of $15,000 and $25,000 respectively to Windham Brothers Construction Company, and (2) two Demand notes of $3,000 and $9,880.95 to Windham Brothers Construction Company.

This made a total balance indebtedness on account of the building, when re-financed, July 11, 1925, $642,180.95, itemized as follows:

1.	National Life and Accident Insurance Co., First Mortgage		$ 250,000 00
2.	Windham Bros., Const. Co., Second Mortgage, Bond Issue		320,000 00
3.	Windham Bros., Construction Co.:		
	1-Open Time Note	$ 15,000 00	
	1-Open Time Note	25,000 00	
	1-Demand Note	3,000 00	
	1-Demand Note	9,880 95	52,880 95
4.	Note—Douglass National Bank of Chicago		$ 10,000 00
5.	Note—People's Bank and Trust Co., Nashville		8,500 00
6.	Notes—Individuals		800 00
	Total		$ 642,180 95

THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE MORTGAGE AND NOTES

First Mortgage: $250,000. Payable: $5000 annually plus interest at 5½%, 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 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 8, 1926.

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.

PROGRESS MADE ON MEETING PAYMENTS ON DEBT OF BUILDING

We have met promptly the payments on Principal and the Interest on both the First and Second Mortgage as they fell due. The first Principal payment of $5,000 on the First Mortgage fell due July 2, 1926, and was paid. The second Principal payment of $5,000 on the First Mortgage fell due July 2, 1927, and was paid.

It is noted that we pay 5½% Interest on the first mortgage, and 7% on the second mortgage, and the same is payable semi-annually. The first semi-annual interest, amounting to $18,075 fell due January 2 1926, and was paid. The second Interest payment of $18,075 fell due and was paid July 2, 1926. The third Interest payment amounting to $17,387.50 fell due January 2, 1927, and was paid. The fourth Interest payment of $17,282.50 fell due and was paid July 2, 1927.

You will note that the Second Mortgage Bonds are to be paid $25,000 annually, the first payment to be made January 2, 1928. So therefore, on January 2, 1928, we must take up $25,000 of the Second Mortgage Bonds, and we must pay the semi-annual Interest amounting to $17,695.00. This makes a total of $42,695.00 which we must pay on January 2, 1928. There can be no renewal nor extension, not even for one day. Every bond then due and every Interest Coupon then due MUST be paid.

So therefore, $50,000 must be had on January 2, 1928 to meet these and other note obligations, or we will be in the vortex of an awful crisis. We must begin to get it together now for every dollar of it will have to be raised.

Brethren—it's up to you. Yes, we have wrought well, but this is not the time to console ourselves by what we have done, for all is endangered if we fail to meet these obligations on January 2, 1928, and even, if we fail to hold out to the end. Our denomination and the whole race are now on trial in this matter. The burden of the responsibility rests upon us as leaders. Now is the time for us to show our Denomination and Race pride. Now is the time to prove that we are leaders in deed. Now is the time to do our part, and let it be recorded. If we, occupying the exalted place as leaders among us, for indeed, the preachers are the leaders of my people, if WE fail the failure will be upon our heads, and when unborn generations come tripping on the scene, and in the search of the records they fail to find my name or your name, they are going to marvel and ask the question, "WHY"?

It will be noted that all obligations that were made at the time the building was re-financed have been met, save the open notes of $15,000 which fell due January 8, 1926, and $25,000 which fell due January 8, 1927, respectively. It was understood at the time these notes were made that they might be renewed which privilege we have taken.

The following has been paid on the indebtedness on account of the building since the refinancing:

On Principal—First Mortgage	$ 10,000 00
On Bonds—Second Mortgage	5,000 00
On Open Notes	6,016 00

Interest:

On First Mortgage	$ 26,125 00
On Second Mortgage	44,695 00

On Open Notes	8,146 00	78,966 00
Total		$ 98,016 00

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS ON EQUIPMENT

The records show that we have paid on equipment, (machinery, printing equipments, office equipment, furnishings etc.) since the building was re-financed July 1925, $47,155.87. Our equipment is conservatively valued at $125,000. The record further shows that $3,035 will clear balance due on the office equipment, furnishings, etc.; and that $28,690 will clear balance due on the machinery, printing equipment etc. In other words, $31,725.00 will pay all we owe on our entire equipment (printing equipment, office equipment, furnishings etc.)

NOTED SUMMARY

You will observe that since the building was re-financed July, 1925, we have paid out:

On account of building debt	$ 98,016 00
On account of equipment	47,155 87
Additional building cost items (odd jobs, carpentry etc.)	5,245 94
Insurance	4,319 71
Total	$154,737 52

When it is noted that salaries, stock, supplies and other operating expense are not included in this amount, paid; and when we further note that our open accounts, and bills payable, and notes payable are all taken care of to the current quarter, we think we have done "pretty well".

THE PLAN TO UNDERWRITE AND PAY THE DEBT.

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 Convention, and the Board of Directors of the Sunday School 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 Publishing 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 classified as follows:

CHURCHES, ASSOCIATIONS, CONVENTION, INDIVIDUALS

Class AA-1, $1000 a year; Class A-1, $500; Class A, $300; Class B, $200; Class C, $100; Class D, $50; Class E, less than $50.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS, B. Y. P. U'S, MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

Class A-1, $50.00 a year; Class A, $25.00; Class B, $15.00; Class C, $10.00; Class D, $5.00.

(c) The period to be covered is seven (7) years.

(d) Churches, Sunday schools, B. Y. P. U.'s, associations, conventions, women's 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 Underwriters' 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.

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RESOLUTION
UNDERWRITING AND PAYING FOR OUR 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, by whose favor this house was built; to the honor of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord and Savior; 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 only 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 and 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 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 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 the members of the General Publishing Board, and such others as may be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Commission, and to be known as the "Publishing House Underwriters' 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. That is, voluntarily to agree to pay so much on this debt each year for a period of seven years. This Campaign to continue until the debt is underwritten.

That the Commission through its Executive Committee have full power to direct and manage this 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 on our Publishing House, to the end aforesaid, and that the financial integrity 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.

Adopted at Ft. Worth, Texas, September 10, 1926.

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 "scant" 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 of 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 however 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.

How much of the debt will you underwrite? In which CLASS will your name, your church, or the name of your organization be enrolled?

Forty-seventh Annual Report

OF THE

Foreign Mission Board

J. E. EAST, D. D., Corresponding Secretary

REPORT

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

Forty-seven years have passed since our fathers organized and dedicated themselves to the task of carrying the Gospel of the Son of God to our brothers and sisters in darkness across the sea. For forty-seven years this organization has put forth increasing efforts, year after year, to achieve their noble purpose. Your Foreign Mission Board comes to give an account of its stewardship for the forty-seventh year's work.

To God must be the glory and praise for all that has been done. We realize that all the funds which have come to us to be used in the Foreign Mission Board program, the consecrated lives that are laboring in the regions beyond, the sustaining of their lives, the success with which they are meeting in their various fields of labor, and even our own health and strength to direct and prosecute the work on the home field, are precious gifts of our infinite Father. We are absolutely reliant on him. We have observed his sustaining grace throughout the fiscal year; for he has multiplied our few loaves and fishes, increased the meal in our barrels that were practically empty, and many times miraculously cheered our hearts with great blessings when we were wondering just how to "get by."

We are realizing more and more that we are co-laborers with God. He has set himself to the task of bringing back to his loving heart a prodigal world that is torn and devastated by sin and heathen darkness. He has called us to the noble task of helping him. We are instruments in his hands. We are co-laborers with him—not he with us. He takes the initiative; he bears the responsibility. He sends us forth with the assurance that all power in heaven and earth is given unto him, and that he is going with us. Under his leadership, and by his power, we shall never fail. The means to effect the great purpose of conquering a heathen world will be amply supplied by the Infinite One. He leads forth to the battle. We have the assurance that our small army of supporters in this cause will constantly grow until not one thousand but fifteen or twenty thousand will be taking a part in mission work. We also have the assurance that our list of consecrated workers on the foreign field will increase until there shall be a mighty force fighting under the leadership of our Master. In the not very distant future, young men, well trained for the ministry and consecrated, will come, offering themselves for this work even as the young women of our race are now doing. Instead of raising $100,000, in God's name and by his power, we shall raise $1,000,000 in the not very distant future for the spread of the gospel in dark Africa and other parts. The position of those who are diverting mission funds and refusing to use their influence to have their churches make mission work a part of their programs will soon become untenable, and they will leave the shameful stand of doing nothing and link up with those who are cooperating to give the world the gospel. There is a

bright day ahead for foreign mission work among Negro Baptists. In the very near future rapid progress will be noted. This is true because of the possibilities of progress. Out of our 25,000 Baptist churches, we have over 24,000 to work on for recruits to join in co-operating with the foreign mission program. Out of the twenty ordained ministers laboring in Africa under our Board, only four of them are American-born Negroes. We know of only two other ordained American-born Baptist ministers laboring on the continent of Africa. We know of none in any other field. That is to say, out of 20,000 ordained ministers in the Baptist church, we have the opportunity of greatly increasing our number in Africa, for we have so many on whom to work.

The Le Zoute Conferance

In late years there has been a great growth of interest in African evangelization and development on the part of the Christian church everywhere. Many writers have turned their attention toward conditions in Africa. Many conferences have been held by religious workers to discuss methods and means of redeeming Africa. These conferences have been called by white people, though colored persons have been invited. Thousands of dollars have been spent in sending commissions to Africa to study conditions both on the East and West coasts. The reports of these commissions have been written in large volumes. With the exception of one, these individual commissions were composed solely of white people. As a result of the surveys and publications by these commissions, a large conference was called in Hartford, Conn., to which all returned missionaries were invited. Representatives of all Boards doing work in Africa were invited to participate. Your Board sent two delegates. We saw representatives from no other colored Board. The meeting was far-reaching. Later a very large missionary conference on African Missions was held in Le Zoute, Belgium. At this conference all the missionary societies conducting work in Africa were allowed to send representatives. All the European governments holding territories in Africa were represented. Many missionaries were called from the field to attend the conference, and many educators and others who have a knowledge of conditions in Africa were called as consultative members. It was one of the greatest conferences on Christian Missions in Africa ever held. Three colored Boards were represented as such, namely: the A. M. E. with two delegates; the Lott Carey, with one, and the National Baptist, with two. There were other colored people at this meeting from America, but they were invited as consultative members.

The meeting was most remarkable. The zeal of the African missionaries present who had spent years of service for the redemption of that dark land was very noticeable. We give here the report of this meeting compiled by Rev. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, D. D., which is a very true and excellent survey of the wonderful conference.

The all-important question of American Negroes entering the mission field of Africa had a very prominent place in this great conference. A very large committee was appointed, on which were placed several American Negroes. It was the business of this committee to go thoroughly into this knotty question and make report to the conference, with recommendations. The attitude of some white African missionaries and of many government representatives was none too favorable to American Negroes going to Africa as missionaries. There seemed to have been a feeling that we are not practical enough in our missionary endeavors; we do not have enough actual accomplishments to our credit as a result of our past missionary endeavors in Africa. These, together with the failure of some colored missionaries who have been to Africa, and the Garvey movement seemed to have been the leading factors in the fight made against Negroes entering Africa. One Belgium Government official frankly said that he thought the American Negro might advance the African too rapidly; that the growth must be slow. Underlying all of this was the fear that the

American Negro might create within the mind of the African a love for liberty, a knowledge of his own power, a faith in his own possibilities to work out his salvation. Such a teaching is so contrary to the theory of racial inferiority and superiority that is being taught by white people in many parts of Africa. Such teaching does not inspire the natives to imitate and emulate his white brother. Colored American representatives fought to get the very best terms possible in the recommendation presented to the body for adoption. While it was not all we wanted, it went a long way in opening the doors of Africa to American Negro missionaries.

THE COMING NEW ERA IN AFRICA

The International Conference on African Missions

By Ralph E. Diffendorfer

Out from Flanders fields, on the Belgium seacoast, within sight of the mole of Zeebrugge made immortal by the unparalleled bravery of the English Navy in May, 1918, the Conference on the Christian Mission in Africa closed a week's session on Monday evening, September 20th.

We had come down from Ostend, crossing the Channel from Dover after spending eight strenuous days in London interviewing missionary and government officials regarding mutual problems in India. The drive of twenty-one miles in big auto busses from Ostend to Le Zoute, the seat of the conference, was along the coast sand dunes and through the very towns which constituted the German base for submarine and other naval operations during the great war. In places we passed immediately behind massive and now broken stone and concrete mounts for the great German defense guns. It was reported to us that was the first summer since the war that Germans have come to the Belgium seacoast for their holidays. Our conference, of course, had its full quota of German delegates, who enjoyed the fullest fellowship and respect of their brothers.

The conference was called by the International Missionary Council, one of whose secretaries, Mr. J. H. Oldham, widely known also as the author of "Christianity and the Race Problem," was its chief executive. The printed list of Who's Who for the conference shows the presence, as far as I can judge, of delegates and advisors from secretaries and members of 22 American, 19 British, 20 Continental and four African missionary and related societies. Our own Board of Foreign Missions was represented by Bishops Johnson and Clair, R. L. Embree, President of the College of West Africa at Monrovia, Liberia, Mrs. Priscilla Berry of the Congo, Mrs. T. S. Donohough, Associate Secretary, and myself. Miss M. L. Fuller of South Rhodesia was the delegate of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The official delegates also included 96 missionaries, superintendents and bishops representing practically every part of equatorial and southern Africa. There were also 25 representatives of educational foundations, funds and institutions in America, Europe and Africa; among them the General Education Board, the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Memorial, the Phelps-Stokes Fund, the Slater and Jeans Fund, the School of Tropical Medicine, Harvard University, the Hartford Foundation, several Negro institutions in the United States and the International Institute of African Languages and Culture.

Never has Africa had a light concentrated from so varied and representative an array of experts on its human, economic, and political, moral, intellectual and spiritual concerns.

Officials and Scholars

The government administrators included Sir Frederick Lugard (with Lady Lugard), late Secretary of State for the Colonies for Belgium; General de Meulemeester, Ex-Governor of the Belgian Congo; Senor Albert

d'Oliveria, Portuguese Minister in Belgium; Sir Edward Garraway, late Resident in Basutoland; Mr. W. T. Welch, Magistrate of the Transkei; the Hon. E. B. Denham, Colonial Secretary to Kenya Colony; Dr. Gilks of the Kenya Medical Service; Major Hanns Vischer, Secretary of the African Educational Committee of the British Colonial Office. These men brought the aims of governments today in an authorative way into the heart of the conference. They revealed that the stage of development is now fully opened and governments have come to see that central to the whole raison d'etre and success of government is the development in health, and body, and equipment of mind and in morale of the African himself, the real wealth of the continent.

They were flanked by scholars like Prof. Julius Richter of Berlin, who has given a third of a century to the intensive study of Africa; Prof. D. Westermann of Berlin, the great philologist of African languages and Director of the International Institute of African Languages and Tribal Cultures; and the Rev. Edwin W. Smith, whose "Ela-speaking Peoples of Northern Rhodesia" is already an anthropological classic; who, alongside with education experts like Dr. J. T. Lorani, Native Affairs Commissioner of the South African Union; Mr. James L. Sibley, Educator Advisor in Liberia, and Dr. Anson Phelps-Stokes, with Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, famous for his leadership of the Phelps-Stokes Fund Commission of enquiry, that have published the epoch-making reports on "Education in Africa," brought the light of first-hand research to the deliberations.

Negro leadership from America, as well as Africa, was brilliantly represented in a large and varied group of men and women, educators and preachers, whose speeches, actual presence and personal talks throughout the conference kept the members face to face with living realities.

A fine group of specialist workers in the Moslem world: Bishop Gwynn of Egypt and the Sudan, Dr. Zwemer, and Miss Constance Padwick, Secretary of the Christian Literature Council for Moslem Lands, brought valuable light on that great vital religion which is penetrating Africa from so many directions.

"Infinite Variety"

The presentation of diversified subject matter seemed at the outset to bid fair to reduce the mind to chaos. As the conference considered race-relationships in Africa, evangelism, the present condition and the future of education, land and labor, men rose one after another and presented a bewildering range of pictures that revealed "infinite variety" that is Africa.

Windows opened through which we caught glimpse here of a cocoa plantation in West Africa, there of the deafening glamour of gold-mining in Rhodesia; yonder into the smoky huts of a central African village, or here again, labor on a Boer farm. The conference saw the inadequately trained African teacher doing his best in his mud and wattle church-school; the student in the new African college with its modern equipment and technique; the aeroplane, the steamer and the railway invading the primeval fastness of the Congo; the flood of new wealth pouring into the Baganda or the West Coast Africans in payment for cotton or cocoa; while civilization in South Africa fearing for its future in face of the Bantu and the Indian; the Negro wishing to grow to a truly African manhood, and not in mimicry of European civilization; the pagan customs of pubertal initiation woven into the very warp and woof of tribal life in some areas, confronting the Christian ideal of youth; the growth of an industrialized landless proletariat without rights in South Africa, and the menace that lay within it; the primitive mother and child in their still inviolate animism; the adolescent son drawn away to the compounds of Johannesburg and coming back a sceptic of the spirits and the tribal law, and a disintegrator of the clan. So the long, fascinating, moving panorama of the life, the need, the opportunity, the marvelous capacities of Africa passed before the eyes of the conference, with side glimpses of the parallel, yet widely differing Negro scene in the United States of America and in Brazil.

What unity of practice or aim; what co-operation in method or policy can be possible in so vast an area, so diverse in its ways, languages and governments and in the types of pressure from without that are transforming it?

Africa's Human Wealth

Gradually with increasing clearness, however, there came into view the outline of some great movements and demands affecting all workers everywhere. It became clear for instance, from the invaluable evidence of the different governments that all the European powers ruling in Africa have discovered that the time has passed when they need only occupy themselves with securing conditions of peace and order and facilities of transport and revenue. The human wealth of Africa is seen to be the primary concern of government; some see it from the angle of self-interest, others with the larger spirit of trusteeship. As Sir Frederick Lugard put it, the increasing acceptance of the principle underlying the League of Nations Mandate conception will bring as great a change to Africa as was the abolition of slavery. One immediate effect of this is that everywhere governments are entering the field of the education of the African, which has been the almost exclusive field of missions. When, however, the Gold Coast Government, which a few years ago voted some $200,000 a year for education, mostly missionary, this year gives $500,000, and within a decade will give $1,750,000, and other governments are following suit, the trend is clear. Missions must reshape their policy to meet this new situation.

Both within and beyond the range of education, the conference saw the field also of health, where clearly Christianity and government have equal interest, as they do also in relation to right conditions of labor, the just tenure of land, the development of motherhood and home life, the preservation and purification, where possible, of the tribal social structure, and elsewhere the growth of right race-relationships with the new civilization intruded from without.

A Gospel Laboratory

The conference came to see Africa as—so to speak—a varied laboratory of experiment towards a life in which the gospel in itself and in all its implications would create through human effort an order nearer to the Divine Idea. The alternative of the conversion of the individual or the tribe was seen not to be an alternative of "either-or," but of "both-and."

The same was true of the question, "Shall the native be African or belong to Western civilization?"—both elements must integrate in the new Africa. Shall he take a European Christianity or an African? Neither and both—he takes the gospel through Western and through African hands from Christ.

The conference found in periods of devotion a fellowship in prayer that saturated its spirit through and through. It also discovered in the opportunities for meeting men and women of different, but parallel experience from other parts of Africa, and of the world, a way of sharing experience and gleaning new ideas of priceless value.

The value of all these discussions is not, however, to evaporate. They were conserved in clear, positive aim and method. The conference defined with the greatest attainable precision the conclusions to which its spiritual and intellectual fellowship had led it. This was secured in a remarkable way in a series of pregnant resolutions. Resolutions are often, and not wrongly, objects of cynical scepticism. The resolutions of "Le Zoute," however, arising directly from the discussions in the sectional groups, threshed out carefully by men and women responsible in the field and in the home boards for working them in practice have this unique value. They present in outline, for the first time in the history of Africa, a coherent practical policy of action, which if pursued by the

forces represented at Le Zoute, can in time profoundly influence for good the destinies of that continent and its peoples.

They will be immediately communicated to the Mission Boards of Europe, America, Britain and Africa for their discussion, decision and action. The Report of the Conference will be ready in a few weeks, and can be obtained from the Board of Foreign Missions, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. Price, $1.00.

The Conference Findings

The resolutions cover the great area of influence in the life of the Africa of today and tomorrow—evangelism, education, health and native welfare, land, labor, the status of women, language and literature. Any summary must fail to convey the force and penetration of the resolutions. Their significance, however, is so far-reaching as affecting the policies of both government and missions that a short resume may be of interest and value.

1. **Evangelism**—The spirit of evangelism is at the heart of all missionary work in Africa. In approaching the African mind with the gospel message, the aim should be to conserve and develop all that is good in African life, remembering that the life of the African is essentially social and based on tribal conditions and customs. A Christian family life can only be reared on a monogamous marriage. The conference strongly recommended the missionary societies provide full opportunity and time to African missionaries, by means of organized courses at home and on the field, to study native language, customs and religion, that they may make an effective approach to the heathen mind.

2. **Education**—The conference realized that native education is a co-operative undertaking of government, missions, nations and the commercial community. After defining the function of schools, the resolutions call for the creation in each territory of an Education Advisory Board, on which all the co-operating parties shall be represented.

The most important discussion was the effort to outline the respective spheres of government and missions in the field of education.

Higher and technical instructon such as that given in colleges and advanced industrial, agricultural and medical institutions, should ordinarily be conducted by the government through the agency of governing bodies on which missionaries are represented. This, however, should not prevent missions or united groups of missions from conducting such colleges and institutions, provided they conform to conditions laid down by the government.

Education other than higher, such as is given in village, central village, intermediate and secondary schools, as well as teacher training institutions, should ordinarily be conducted by the missions. This elementary education should be supported by funds derived from the native tax or general revenue of the country.

In this policy, the situation in Africa is different from that of almost every other mission field in the world. Elsewhere the missions, sometimes perforce, are due to surrender elementary and secondary education to government and confine their efforts to the higher education of the Christian community. The policy recommended for Africa grows out of the fact that today missions are conducting 90 per cent of Africa's total education and, what is more important, made clear by government representives at Le Zoute, governments having Colonial or Mandate responsibility in Africa not only do not want religion and education separated, but feel keenly that no good can come from the failure to develop the African's essentially religious nature.

The resolutions propose a curriculum related to the total life of the community, with character development based on religion covering all, especially health, the building of a sound home life, an informed use of recreation, and concludes with a strong plae for a specifically religious education of the highest efficiency, including religious knowledge, ethical practice and worship.

In order that all this should be pursued in practice with that maximum speed and efficiency, a commission is proposed to survey the whole field of religious education in Africa to advise the societies thereon.

3. **Language and Literature**—The conference recorded with thankfulness that as a result of missionary devotion and labor, there are now at least some portions of the Christian Scriptures in 243 African languages, and that 190 of these there are other books. We were, however, profoundly impressed with the inadequacy of existing vernacular literature for the needs of the African people. From the results of a recent survey, it appears that in only 17 of the languages are there more than 25 books and more than half of the African languages have less than five books as their entire library. The survey revealed the lack of any definite plan of production and suggests the necessity for a selection of the more important languages in which literature should be developed. For the most part, existing African books are the work of foreigners and have the foreign outlook. African authorship has to be discovered and encouraged.

The conference was convinced that for the purpose of education and for the full development of the life of the Christian Church in Africa, the use the vernacular is essential.

We welcome the establishment of the International Institute of African Languages and Cultures, and earnestly commended to all the missions working in Africa and to the home boards, the importance of cooperating with it to the utmost extent.

The missions were urged to consider without delay what is the minimum program of publications needed in their own language areas and publication of literature wherever possible.

After outlining a series of graded textbooks in the vernacular for use in schools, and after providing for the publication of pictures suitable for African homes, schools and churches, special books for women, periodicals in African languages, a special literature on Islam for use in the African churches, the conference saw no way to accomplish this vast piece of necessary pioneer work than to recommend the creation of cooperative literature committees with special agents set aside for this purpose.

4. **Land and Labor**—It was urged that all lands to which the natives have prescriptive or other rights should be secured to the native community to afford it adequate opportunity for economic cultivation and for stock-breeding and other forms of agricultural or pastoral pursuits suitable to the locality.

Having reviewed the conditions prevailing in different parts of the continent, the conference was convinced that in many localities the rapidly increasing demands for native labor arising out of industrial enterprises may prejudice the healthy growth of native communities cultivating their own lands under tribal conditions, and may tend toward the disintegration of native society. Economic considerations, therefore, no less than Christian and humanitarian interest in the welfare of the native peoples, led the conference to place itself squarely against enforced labor and slavery, however disguised, which utilizes the product of African labor against its will for private profit or for public purposes without adequate compensation.

5. **Health and Native Welfare**—In view of the conviction that good health is basic in any plan for the sound development of Africans, the village schools everywhere were asked to give in all grades health education in the simplest line. The subjects should include housing, food, personal and moral hygiene, general sanitary habits and simple measures against disease. Native teachers must be trained in these subjects and the education carried to the upper grades.

The possibility of creating an International Advisory Board was referred to the International Missionary Council. Such a Board would survey the whole field of medical missionary work in Africa and assist the cooperation of medical missions with governments, with various philanthropic and

scientific agencies, and with the League of Nations, in the campaign against disease. Sleeping sickness, tuberculosis, venereal diseases and helminthiasis especially require attention. It would also advise concerning the training of an African medical staff.

6. **American Negroes in Africa**—A special committee was appointed on this subject and after reviewing the facts as they now exist and after prolonged discussion, the conference recommended:

(1) That the Negroes of America should be permitted by governments and encouraged by missionary societies to play an increasingly important part in the evangelization and education of Africa, and that the number of their missionaries should be increased as rapidly as qualified candidates are available.

(2) That governments should be supported in requiring that American Negroes wishing to enter Africa for missionary purposes should go out under the auspices of responsible societies of recognized and well-established standing, and that owing to the difficult and delicate interracial situation in Africa, exceptional care should be used in the selection of men and women of character and a fine spirit of cooperation, who can meet the same tests as white missionaries.

These resolutions of the conference were all passed under a clear conviction that the development that they envisaged is so enormous in its range and so profound in its implication, that human resources are totally inadequate. The members of the convention saw clearly that throughout the whole range of the mission and the churches a new calling upon the adequate power of Almighty God can alone carry through the tasks to which he has called them in Africa.

Cordially yours,

RALPH E. DIFFENDORFER.

The Year's Work

In the past year your Foregin Mission Board has made progress in many directions. Our education of the home church on missionary work has made steady progress. Many new contacts have been formed. Three field workers have assisted the secretary in forming these contacts. Two of these, Rev. J. E. Philpot and Mrs. Lula F. Smith, have been added to the staff during the past year. These noble workers go from town to town, appealing to the churches and all of their organizations to make mission work a part of their program; getting the names of the pastors of the churches and the key workers of the congregations and sending them into the office so that we may send out literature to them. They are making a careful study of the attitude of these various church workers and reporting the same to the Foreign Mission Board. For these we have different letters prepared. If the pastor is reported as being against mission work, we have a certain approach to him. If he is reported as favorable or lukewarm, he is approached in a different way. We realize very thoroughly that the question of more support for our foreign mission cause is simply a question of more information about the mission field and the education of the church to do mission work.

During the year practically all the indebtedness on the machinery in our printing department and office was paid off. We now have a well equipped printing establishment to send forth information to the thousands of Baptists who will act as soon as they get light on the subject.

We are glad also to report that the building adjoining the headquarters of your Board has also been purchased, thus making room for future development. This building is not being used yet, but is being rented. The purchase was made in such a way that the rents from this building together with the third floor apartment of our present building practically keep up the payment on the two installment mortgages. This means that after a few years both buildings will be clear of debt without having to divert the money coming in for foreign missions to pay for the same. While our offices do not have fine mahogany furniture, excellent work is being done by our force with the present equipment. Other modern conveniences such as addressograph and machine for making addressograph plates, mimeograph machine and other office equipment are all paid for. No other colored Missionary Board has as well equipped headquarters as your Board.

On foreign field's progress has been made all along the line. Our missionaries from their stations at four different points in Africa have reported time after time great success. Five boarding schools have been packed beyond capacity during the entire year. The little naked children who have knocked at our doors, pleading for entrance, have been received by our large-hearted missionaries until these schools have been overcrowded with these tots, sleeping about on the floors. It has been a tremendous task to clothe and feed them, but the doors have been kept open, and these schools have gone on increasing during the whole year.

We regret that we are not able to give the exact number of baptisms during the year, as we did last year. Our missionaries sometimes delay the filing of their reports, thus many of their statistical returns haven't reached us. Four missionaries, however, reported over 400 baptisms. There are still some 15 ministers to report. We know that nearly 100 have been baptized at Bassa, but the actual returns haven't come in yet. Last year we reported 581 souls baptized. This year we believe that number will be greatly exceeded when all returns come in.

Liberia

In Liberia we have an open door, and there we send more missionaries and spend more money than in any other part of Africa. In Liberia we have six missions stations, namely: Monrovia, Suehn, Bendoo, Bassa, Cape Palmas and Royesville. We also support teachers at Arthington, where a large school is conducted.

We have the following missionaries in Liberia, namely—Suehn: Misses Sarah C. Williamson and Ruth G. Morris, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Spencer, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Goll. Bassa: Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Sisusa, Miss P. A. Bryan, Revs. H. E. Connor and J. H. Martin, Mrs. E. F. Butler (home on furlough), Monrovia: Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Bouey, Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Horton (suspended). Krootown: Mrs. E. E. Harris. Bendoo: Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Blake. Arthington: Miss L. A. Hill, Mr. Solomon Askie. Cape Palmas: Rev. D. S. Nichols (home on furlough). Missionaries under appointment to staff our hospital, Monrovia: Miss Ruth Occumy, R. N., Pauline E. Dinkins, M. D., A. F. I. De Walt, D. D. S.

Your Board has three boarding schools in Liberia, namely: Suehn, 31 children; Bassa, 56, and Bendoo, 46. We have a very large day school at Arthington, with about 150 children; one at Krootown, Monrovia, with about 100 children, and one each in Royesville and Cape Palmas.

Only eternity will reveal the good done by these teachers at these many schools where our consecrated workers are putting forth every effort to enlighten the many little souls who sit at their feet day by day.

Suehn Industrial Mission,
Suehn, Monrovia, Liberia, W. Africa.

Dr. J. E. East,
701 S. 19th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. East:

I take great pleasure in writing you this letter. I have been extremely busy, trying to get something accomplished on the farm. I found the bush about cut when I came here.

I took some of our large mission boys, and have planted a large field of cassava. We have planted some corn and sweet potatoes. I am trying to put in a large field of sweet potatoes, so we will have plenty to help

feed the children at Suehn in a few months. I have also set out a few cabbage in the garden.

I trust that I will receive the seed which you said that you would try to send me from America.

I am anxious to get the seed before the heavy rain comes. I shall try to have a nice garden this year.

Most of my farm work is done morning and after school. The boys work three and a half hours for four days a week. During the rush they work about eight hours on Monday and five hours on Saturday.

In the near future I shall start a class in gardening, which will meet every Monday afternoon. The course will be on Soils, Manures and Manuring, Tillage and Rotation of Crops.

We are doing all we can to raise enough food so that it will not cost the Board so much money to feed the children at Suehn next year.

My wife and I teach four hours a day. There are many other things we do to help Miss Williamson carry on the work.

Rev. and Mrs. Goll are good workers. They are doing their bit to help the workers from America to put over a program for God.

I have not been able to go out to do any evangelistic work among the natives. My duties at Suehn keep me busy every Sunday. I trust that the time will come when I will be in position to make visits in the interior, where I can preach and tell many boys and girls about the love of Jesus.

I thank you for my salary. I am paid in full. I do think that you are doing what you can to make us happy by keeping our salary paid up.

You will find a report for March and April.

This missive leaves my wife and myself getting on nicely with our work. I am enjoying good health, but Mrs. Spencer has not been so well. Every few days she has fever.

Mrs. Spencer joins me in sending best wishes to you, your family and the Board.

Yours in Christ,

JOHN L. SPENCER.

Suehn Mission, Monrovia, Liberia, W. Africa.

Rev. J. E. East,
701 S. 19th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Brother East:

This is my first letter to you since I received my January salary. I was very glad to receive it, as I had used all the money I brought out with me. Thank you for it.

I like the work which I came to Africa to do. In fact, I am well pleased with Suehn. I am able to say that I shall do all I can to keep peace and harmony where I work. Whether I agree with Miss Williamson's program in every respect or not, I assure you that I shall cooperate with her and do all I can to make her administration a success. I am willing to suffer for the work's sake.

I have given my life to the Lord—I shall strive to do his will. When persecutions come, I shall ask for more grace to help me suffer for the Lord that his kingdom may be established on earth in the hearts of men.

I shall start a class in horticulture in a few days. I trust that the class will be doing good work by the time you receive this letter.

If I can raise the money I shall get a stump puller. It is very much needed here to remove the stumps when the land is cleared off. The only way we can use the land here is to employ hoes. This method requires too much time. Then, too, the best results cannot be obtained.

Since oxen are much cheaper to feed and will thrive better on African food, I am suggesting that we purchase two oxen. I am not in position to tell you what they would cost.

It will take money to get the proper farm tools that are needed here. I do not ask for tools that we can get along without, but I am anxious to have a farm that will produce all the food necessary for the children and workers at our station. I think we ought to raise all the rice, sweet

potatoes, etc., required to supply the school. At present Miss Williamson has to buy all the rice used. I do not think I am expecting too much because I mention a few things I feel are needed for the farm.

Give my best wishes to all in the office. My wife joins me in sending love to you and your family.

Very sincerely yours,

JOHN L. SPENCER.

Suehn Industrial Mission,
Monrovia, Liberia, W. Africa, June 28, 1927.

My Dear Dr. East:

I can only say from the depths of my heart this afternoon, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name."

The past six months have been so full of blessing it is difficult to form a letter to the dear folks at home whose prayers have largely been responsible for my being in Africa today.

Time flies out here. Before we realize it, another month has been ushered in and another record of our stewardship has been required of our Father in heaven. For we always like to begin each new month with a clean slate and a verse to comfort and strengthen us from God's Word.

When I look back upon the time that has passed since I left America, I know that God has held my little life in the hollow of his hand. It has been wonderful how he has kept me from anxious care concerning my precious invalid mother. I feared the separation from a natural standpoint, but God has kept mother in a most wonderful way, and her cheering, sunny letters have been an untold blessing ever since I've been on the field.

It pays to follow Jesus. It pays to do his bidding, even though the answer to his call may sever some very tender family ties.

"It pays to serve Jesus, it pays every day;
It pays every step of the way;
Tho' the pathway to glory may sometimes be drear,
You'll be happy each step of the way."

We are in the midst of our rainy season, and it surely is rightly named. The heavens seem to almost fall at times, and the days are very trying, because one never knows when another downpour will come.

Since May we have had a most generous supply of rain. It would be lovely if we could share our season with many of the farmers at home, whose crops so often suffer from the drought.

This is also a season of much sickness among foreign born residents, although the natives themselves suffer terribly from fever and kindred ailment during this trying season of the year.

A few weeks ago an epidemic of what was said to be yellow fever broke out in Monrovia, and a number of fatalities resulted. God has been so infinitely precious to our little group of missionaries. We have been preserved from serious illness, for which we do praise him.

Occasionally our hearts are saddened by one going down with fever, but God remembers that one always, and in a little while we are all well and happy again.

My darling sister, Miss Williamson, had been having daily attacks of fever for more than a week, and I insisted upon taking her to the lovely missionary hospital at Muhlenburg, where the white Lutheran missionaries are doing such wonderful work for Jesus. She strongly refused at first, but I continued to insist, until finally she consented reluctantly to go.

We left Suehn in hammocks. Both hers and mine were carried upon the heads of our faithful workmen. We walked about half the distance, because we both are far from "hag's weight," and we knew that it is always best to keep the carriers in good humor. I have heard of ham-

mocks being unceremoniously dropped in the middle of a swollen stream during rain time because the "Mammy be heavy too much."

We had a long, hot journey from Suehn to the hospital, but we reached it safely, and Sister seemed to have stood the trip well. Dr. Neilson examined her and said she was in a very nervous condition, as well as full of malaria, and insisted upon her remaining for a week that she might be treated. He said she must stay in order to prevent a severe nervous breakdown. I stayed two nights with her, because it rained so hard it was impossible to get back home. Indeed, one could not get out of doors. I reluctantly left her in the kind care of the Christian doctor and nurses to return to the busy life at Suehn.

The children all seemed happy to welcome their "God Sister" back, but were keenly disappointed that Sister could not come. Everybody on the place loves her. But who wouldn't love such a dear, loyal worker who has not spared herself one bit in service for Jesus! I had a busier time than usual, you may imagine. Yet it was wonderful to know that Sister was having a few days of well earned rest.

We have had such beautiful times of working together at Suehn. Our thoughts and aims have been one since we have been together on the field, and it is hard when we are separated even for a brief period.

Everything went beautifully, and the boys had the trees all trimmed and the campus lovely when Sister returned to us six days later. She is greatly improved, but still far from being well, and I have to insist upon her resting some each day in order to avoid the collapse the doctor predicted if she went too swiftly.

I kept her quiet last week by doing more of the running around than before. I have not had any time to rest, though, since I've been on the field. Africa is no place for lazy people. May God help our future missionaries to come out with the very spirit of Jesus, to suffer, to sacrifice, yea, to literally wear out for the sake of souls.

Sister scolds me repeatedly for going when I'm not well. But, I surely do my part of scolding back, for she never stops unless she drops.

This is our gardening time, and we are as busy as bees. My darling father sent us a wonderful assortment of seeds for the farm, garden and flower beds. There must have been more than fifty varieties altogether, and a lovely little hand-plow, which we shall use in making rows for the planting of flowers on our campus.

Well, we surely worked last week! My back was sore from bending, for I loved to help lots with the planting of the seed. We had three large seed beds made upon scaffolds to hold the more delicate seed which the heavy rains might wash away. And we had a nice, large garden spot dug deeply, manured and prepared for planting.

Before we put a single seed in, I ran off to ask God to bless the planting of each and let us have a wonderful garden. God surely heard, because today—one week later—everything is growing by leaps and bounds. Our beans, [illegible], spinach, beets, cucumbers, squash, carrots, kale, collards, cabbage, tomatoes and parsley are looking wonderful. The flowers, too, are just as fine looking, and we have made five new beds to hold the zcias when they are large enough to transplant.

Suehn will be wonderful when our new flowers are in bloom. The ones blooming now make the campus lovely.

Father also sent us $100 several weeks ago to use in buying rice for our children, as well as for any other urgent needs. We used one-half of the amount for rice and part of the other went for material to make dresses for our little girls, who were so sorely in need. We knew he would be happy if we got a comfortable bed, for our straw mattress had caused many a sleepless night. So we used the remainder of the money he sent to buy a bed from a missionary who was about to return home. It is very comfortable with a soft mattress, and God has blessed us so much in making it possible for us to get it. He never forgets us. Praise his holy name.

Officers of Sunday School Publishing Board

Since the heavy rains are on we are not able to use the truck, because several of the bridges are washed away. It is difficult to get away from Suehn. In fact, one is almost afraid to venture far, because the rain comes so often. Our town evangelistic work has been hindered also, but now that June is ending we hope July may bring less rain.

The last trip we made to Vengepo was memorable. It was Sunday afternoon just after our morning service when we started out singing, "We're Marching to Zion." I had about sixteen girls and boys with me, all eager to take the story of the love of Jesus. We had a long, hot tramp through the bush and finally reached the town, where the people were eagerly awaiting our coming. The town palavar kitchen was swept and clean (?) mats were spread upon the mud floor for us to sit upon. The crowd gathered—and, Oh, such a crowd—to hear the gospel. Our children lustily sang, "Come to Jesus" in the native tongue of the people and they were charmed. God helped me to give a simple message about Jesus, and the poor soul-starving people understood. Truly, the "Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." A light came into the faces of many of those sin-blighted souls, and one woman said out in a loud voice, "Yes, Mammy's story be true." Hands were raised for prayer when I asked how many wanted to find Jesus, and one man came forward and said he wanted to trust God. Only eternity will reveal the work that the Holy Ghost did in hearts that day. It is not ours to know, but we do know that God's Word never returns unto him void.

We left Vengepo happily singing, "When the saints Go Marching in—" and, somehow there was a strange and wonderful feeling in my heart that Jesus might soon come suddenly for his own and I wanted ever so much to be ready to meet him.

After all, our primary mission is to win souls—to tell the love of Jesus far and wide. We love our mission school, we praise God for our lovely hospital and buildings at Suehn, but these are simply to be used as a means to an end—not that end itself. May God send us home if we simply come to teach and build, with no thought of the perishing souls who are in the deepest sin and darkness in this sad land. Sister and I pray every day that God may somehow make it possible for us to get away often with the gospel. There is always so much to do here on the station that we have to take our little rest periods for our itinerary, but God blesses us so richly in it that we are happy to make any sacrifice for him. After all, we don't know the A-B-C of suffering for Jesus. Sometimes I wonder if we are at all entitled to the name we bear—that of missionaries of the Cross. May God help us to honor the name and use it rightly.

We have not been down to Monrovia for quite a while now, but the hospital building was looking fine. We shall be so happy when it is completed, and we trust it will be one of God's greatest blessings to Liberia. We rejoice over the beautiful response that our loyal Christian women at home have made to the appeal.

Our buildings at Suehn are coming on slowly, but surely. The rains are hindering some, but the greatest problem is the getting of lumber. It is impossible to find it at any price now, but we are hoping to get some soon. The teachers' house is all covered and can be completed shortly after the lumber is here.

School is going on nicely. All of our boys and girls are looking forward to vacation next month, for several weeks. Sister and I have been hoping we might take a little evangelistic trip during the time, because we need a little change and, too, our hearts are so eager to tell souls about Jesus. But we are not at all sure that we can go, because there is so much we hope to get accomplished during the time, in order that everything may go beautifully after our reopening. Our children have tried real hard to make good in their class work this term, and we are greatly encouraged.

I wish the folks at home could hear the boys and girls in my Bible class trace the journeys of the children of Israel. They loved the Book of Exodus, and are now studying Numbers. Our Bible work comes first at Suehn, they are doing well in all of the classes when we consider the darkness from which most of them have come. .

Surely God's blessing is upon his work at Suehn. Praise his holy name!

Our literary society will meet again tomorrow night. Every one is stirred to his depths because we are having a thrilling debate, "Resolved, that the palm tree is more useful to Liberia than the coffee tree." Such material as the debaters have! We wonder where they found it all.

Several weeks ago we had a lovely little play, and the children did beautifully. We hope to take them down to Monrovia before school closes and have them give a play in the Hall of Representatives, so many people may know what God is doing for us. Our boys' glee club rendered several selections at the Sunday School Convention which met in Careysburg during May. Every one has been speaking of how well they represented our music at Suehn. It was lots of fun to teach them, because they love to sing. They do wonderfully with our own beloved spirituals. Mrs. Spencer has been teaching them some lovely songs also, and they help a great deal with our B. Y. P. U. programs which she has charge of.

I am so happy that God keeps us in love and unity as workers here at Suehn. If there is one thing essential to missionary life, it is to have the spirit of getting along one with the other. What we need in Africa is rugged consecration, plus good common sense, and the ability to do team work. We are not working for fame—God forbid. We are co-workers together with Christ in his vineyard. May he keep us humble and lowly before him in order that souls might be redeemed in this dark land.

I do thank you, Dr. East, for my salary which has come so promptly every month since I've been on the field. I know of no missionaries who are dealt with any more kindly than we when it comes to loyal support in our work.

I am sending in our financial report under separate cover in this same mail. I trust it will meet the full approval of the Board. God has blessed us so wonderfully in providing for all the little mouths in school. Rice has come almost like the manna in the wilderness, and our hearts are full of praise to God. We are looking forward to our own crops this fall. Rev. Spencer is doing so well with the assistance of the farm boys. Father sent us soja beans, alfalfa and Sudan grass, which he hopes to get planted next week.

We are praying every day for you, Dr. East, our Board, and the praying friends at home. May God help you to keep your eyes fixed upon Jesus in order that his program may be put over out here. Give Sister's love and mine to all of our friends and thank them for every dollar given for Africa's redemption. Assure them that their sacrifice has not been in vain. We are trying to prove faithful to our Saviour. When we change we shall come immediately home.

When you see my darling father, give him loads of love. He writes both of us such beautiful, fatherly letters. Sister is his missionary daughter also, you know. He always sends lovely things to her, just as he does to me.

I have such a devoted family. I thank God for each member of it.

Before I close this letter I should like to share the words of a beautiful poem that expresses my very heart:

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
  In living echoes of thy tone;
As thou hast sought to let me seek
  Thy erring children, lost and lone.

O, lead me, Lord, that I may lead
  The wand'ring and the wavering feet,
O, feed me, Lord, that I may feed
  The hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

O, give thine own sweet rest to me
  That I may speak with soothing power,
A word in season as from thee,
  To weary ones in needful hour.

O fill me with thy spirit, Lord,
  Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindly thought and glowing word,
  Thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

O, use me, Lord, use even me,
  Just as thou will, and when, and where,
Until thy blessed face I see,
  Thy rest, thy joy thy glory share.

May God make this prayer a living reality to each missionary on the foreign field and the greater family at home who want God's best.

With kindest regards and all good wishes to you, Mrs. East, and our Board, I am happy to remain,

Faithfully yours in Jesus,

RUTH G. MORRIS.

OUR WEST AFRICAN FIELD

I am now ending my seventeenth year on the West African Coast. I can keenly appreciate the commendable progress the Republic of Liberia has made along all lines during the past ten years. Her presidents have proceeded in every way in her relations with other nations with an eye single to retain and preserve her independence; but at the same time have been broad enough to open here doors to all nations. President King has already started great movements for the development of the country. There is a broad and ripe field welcoming enterprising, practical and professional men and women.

The widely discussed address of President King respecting missionaries and mission work in Liberia was simply an ideal set and hoped for in the future. No denomination or missionary on the field is disturbed by the message. The President has always shown great interest in all missionary enterprises.

Christian works of various denominations are spreading and results are being realized; but all of our works are faced with the embarrassing problem of so large a mass of untouched humanity, and so few Christian workers. Of all the mission boarding schools in Liberia, very few are in position to take over 200 students. All of the stations are thus faced with the cry for admission, and all have to go beyond their limits to somewhat satisfy the sympathetic cords touched by such cries.

God has blessed the work here during the past year in many ways. There were added to our ranks Rev. H. E. Connor, Rev. and Mrs. John L. Spencer and Miss Ruth Morris. The coming of these missionaries has meant a great blessing to the stations to which they were sent.

Rev. Connor was sent to our main station at Bassa to take charge of the evangelistic and agricultural work there. Great and encouraging results are being realized. The Bassa people are very proud of Rev. Connor and his contributions to the Bassa work. More than a hundred souls have yielded to the power of the gospel under his leadership. May God preserve his health and energy to continue.

Too much cannot be said of the untiring efforts of Dr. and Mrs. Sisusa and Miss Bryan. These good people have stayed at this post of duty against odds and kept the work going. A vacation would not be out of place for each of them.

The literary, industrial and religious work at Bassa has been exceptionally good during the past year. The main building has been undergoing some very needed repair.

Rev. and Mrs. John L. Spencer came to us with new life and great ambition. They were sent to our Suehn station, Rev. Spencer to take charge of the religious and agricultural work there, and Mrs. Spencer to engage in the literary work of the school. Rev. Spencer has already made a record of a God-called preacher and a hard, conscientious Christian worker. Mrs. Spencer is doing her part in the school room.

Miss Morris has been particularly interested in evangelistic work. Her messages have been encouraging and helpful. To have a traveling evangelist in connection with all of our work is a phase greatly needed. Mrs. Bouey and I have traveled in the interior on evangelistic tours. We have heard the cries, we have seen the needs, we have had requests that something be done that they might continue to hear the message.

Rev. and Mrs. Goll must be given credit for their faithfulness during the stay of many of our missionaries. These two experienced workers have remained at this station since employed by Dr. Amiger some years ago.

Miss Williamson has been a hard, conscientious worker and has done what she could to make Suehn a number one school.

The people are pleased that the Board is developing the efforts of the greatly lamented and sainted Miss Delaney, at Suehn.

Our Bendoo station, which is now in charge of Rev. W. T. Blake and wife, is our oldest Baptist station in Liberia. It is here where labored Colley, Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Coles, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Presley, Rev. E. B. Topp, Rev. Diggs, Dr. Bouey and sons and other pioneer workers. This field was left vacant until my wife and I reclaimed it in 1920.

Rev. and Mrs. Blake have a large number of boarding students and are doing commendable work.

Our Arthington school, under the leadership of Mrs. Hill, has grown to such an extent that one teacher could no longer do the work. The whole settlement is grateful to the Board for employing Mr. Askie, an additional teacher for this work. These workers are faithful to their post of duty.

There came to us a very crying plea for a Baptist work among the Kru people, and after investigating the whole situation in this section, we decided to answer the cry. As a result, we built and organized what is now recognized as the First Baptist Church, Krutown, Monrovia.

The school supervisor, Mrs. Bouey, has organized a day school in connection with the church. Mrs. E. E. Harris is the teacher. Mrs. Harris has shown much interest in both school and church. The Kru people have expressed high appreciation for these efforts in their behalf put forth by our Board. Both of these works are doing well. We are glad that the Board has seen fit to accept them.

I am sure that the many friends of America will rejoice to know that at last through many trials and difficulties the hospital is no longer a plan but a reality. We had hoped to have completed the hospital in six months, but we were faced with the peculiar and natural difficulties of this country, which greatly delayed the work. For instance, there are no lumber yards here, hence men must be employed to go into the forest and cut the needed parts. We cannot use unseasoned lumber successfully, hence that difficulty. The lumber is sawed so irregular that it requires much work before the materials are ready for use. Most of our cement was ordered from England. The block-making machine and roofing were sent from America. Other needed parts were also ordered from far distant places across the sea. The rainy season too caused the work to go a bit slow. But with all of these difficulties, the work has gone on wonderfully. The people here highly appreciate this great philanthropic work.

I have received since my return February 25, 1926: For missionaries' salaries, $4,066.70; support of stations, $716.08; hospital erection, $5,174.46; miscellaneous purposes, $1,445.04, making a total of $11,022.28 actually received. Amount sent before bank charges were deducted, $11,772. Amount sent for hospital erection, $5,300. The amount actually received for hospital erection, $5,174.46. Amount spent to date on hospital erection, $3,753.30. Amount spent from hospital funds for other purposes and for which you have a detailed account, $906.67. Balance on hand, $514.49.

Amount received for expenses, etc., $52.03. Total balance, $566.52.

We also received your shipment of foodstuffs for distribution among the missionaries, the block-making machine and roofing for the hospital, a truck for the Suehn Mission and the box of medicines for the different stations. The yaws medicine was a great blessing, as it is a positive and immediate cure for yaws, which is a very bad blood disease. Please send us more.

A large church bell was also received. Mrs. Bouey brought with her clothing, cooking utensils, a machine, a folding organ, a victrola and several miscellaneous articles.

I wish to express my high appreciation for having Mrs. Bouey return as soon as she did to join us in this great program for the King. Her information gained from the great conference held in Belgium on Christian Missions in Africa has been a source of inspiration to the workers on the field and to others whom she has addressed.

Mrs. Bouey has found much joy in her new duties as school supervisor. She has tried hard to carry out your program. The missionaries have cooperated most encouragingly. As soon as your shipment of school supplies arrives, she will be able to have all of your schools running alike on a number one basis.

I beg to make the following suggestions:

1. That a large cistern be built in connection with the hospital, as the water conditions here in Monrovia are very bad.
2. That a sewerage system be connected with the hospital. Since it is a fact that the hospital is on a hill, with a river close behind, a sewerage system could easily be arranged.
3. That a small river boat be given the work at Bassa.
5. That the Board complete the building started by Rev. J. B. Brandon at Royesville.
6. That the Board consider a large substantial boys' dormitory at our Bendoo station.
7. That an additional teacher be sent to our Bendoo station.
8. That the Board consider a cattle and poultry farm on 300 acres of the 1,200 acres of land on the Suehn road belonging to our Board. The other 900 acres be planted in coffee for the support of our Suehn station.
9. That the Board consider putting a regular traveling evangelist on the Liberian field.

"There are many souls that were dark as night,
All shadowed by the blackness of sin,
That are glowing now with immortal light,
Since the glory of God shone in.

"There are hungry hearts that were starved for bread,
But Jesus has supplied every need,
For on him the Bread of Life they have fed,
Till their spirits are glad indeed.
"The good work must go on and on,
Till the world for our Lord be gained,
Greater triumph midst be gained,
Till the glorious day of God shall dawn."

E. H. BOUEY,
Supt. of Baptist Missions, N. B. C., Inc., U. S. A.

Suehn Industrial Mission, Monrovia, Liberia,
June 27, 1927.

My Dear Dr. East:

How thankful and happy we were to receive the cable bringing money for work and building. The Lord is indeed good and we can't praise him enough for his goodness to us. We are grateful to the kind friends

who are giving in order that we might carry out his plans in his great vineyard.

The rains are very heavy now. We are not able to use the truck for hauling building materials, because many of the bridges have been washed away. Secretary Morris, of the Interior Department, invited Sister and myself to attend a meeting of the natives in this section of the country. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss plans for the road. It was most interesting, and we enjoyed the meeting, as we had never witnessed one of its nature before. If all goes as planned, we are going to have some good roads in another year so that the truck can be used during the rains as during the dries.

There are many trucks in Monrovia and one can be hired at almost any time. Up the river there are the government truck, Rev. Bryant's truck and ours. The ferry from Millsburg to White Plains is complete, we learned last week; but it is impossible to drive the truck from Suehn to Millsburg. As soon as the road is completed so that a trip can be made, we will be so happy to drive the truck from Suehn to Monrovia. This is impossible now, but maybe by next year this time the trip can be made. I tell you this so that you might know why the truck is at Suehn instead of being in Monrovia some time.

Rev. Bryant has been so kind to us in allowing his men to help us when our truck needs repairs made. He has been very kind in letting us use his truck when it is not possible to use ours. He never charges for services rendered, and we are indeed grateful to him and count it among the many blessings from our Father.

You will see from the report that there is always a small income from the truck, but this does not begin to cover the expenses of the truck. Gasoline and oils are very dear out here and there is always something needed. At the same time, we could not have done anything toward building as we have, had it not been for the truck.

The school work has indeed kept us busy. Mrs. Spencer has not been well, and we are thankful to say that her classes have not missed a single day as the teachers were all happy to help out by having an extra class or two. The children are all looking forward to the mid-year vacation, which comes about the middle of July. We will have mid-term examinations just before the vacation. The period for vacation is from two or three weeks. The faculty has not decided how long we will give, as yet. We want our school to be standard in every way. Some friends of the school were visiting us last week and said as they entered the chapel, "Oh, we thought there were just little children here, we had no idea you had so many large boys and girls." Our prayers are, though they be large or small, we trust that when they leave us they will be finer, because they have had the opportunity of attending our school. If Suehn, in years to come, can turn out one student as our own Mr. Frank Goll, of Muhlenburg Mission, our efforts would not seem all in vain. Let us pray that the Lord's hand be on us in training these boys and girls for his great vineyard.

It takes a great deal to support the school, but the Lord has blessed us in so many ways. It is wonderful! We pray and go outside and there stands just what we have been praying for. Praise the Lord!

It pays to serve Jesus. How the Lord blesses us with friends and loved ones! Dr. Charles S. Morris sent his daughter one hundred dollars last month and said that half of it was for me. He said that he wanted his missionary daughters to use it where it was most needed. A promise from our Lord is sure! The Lord took my precious father, and he has blessed me in that Dr. Morris calls me daughter and sends me everything that he sends to his own daughter, Miss Ruth G. Morris.

Having been out here almost three years, my little trunk looked almost forsaken, until a few weeks ago, when Dr. and Mrs. Morris sent out some things to Sister and sent me the same things and the same number of every piece. Praise the Lord!

The hundred dollars we divided into fifty each. We took twenty-five dollars and bought a bed from a missionary who was returning to the U. S. A. We took twenty-five and bought material to cover some of our children who had little clothing, and with fifty dollars we bought rice to feed the many children we have here to care for. The bed that my Sunday school in Dayton sent is still at Bassa with all my other things, especially my books. I've never seen that bed because I've never had enough money to send for my things. I do hope I can get my books, but there is always so much to do it doesn't seem possible to get away and go for them. The straw beds have done and are doing their part, but I tell you I never thought it would be so wonderful to rest upon a real bed after the day's toil is over. I cry in praise to the Lord every time I fall upon it. At Bassa there are many American beds, but the one we bought the other day is the first one Suehn has ever known.

Dr. Morris also sent many, many wonderful seeds and a real little hand-plow that we can use ourselves. How happy we were when these things came! The seeds have been planted and are all up. The garden is wonderful, and each morning we can hardly wait to dress in order to get out and see the garden. It is wonderful how things grow overnight.

The flowers are going to add a great deal to the beauty of our campus. Sister had all the trees trimmed the other day, and this adds much to the beauty. Sister planted many of the seeds herself. I am sure she worked harder than ever before in her life. God is so good to put us together. He is so good to all his children!

Rev. Spencer is indeed not allowing the grass and bush to outgrow him. His farms are looking wonderful and now that the rains are heavy, his thoughts are turned towards the coffee farm. We will write you a full report about it later.

I wish you could drop in some evening on our faculty meetings. I pray that Satan and his host can be kept away. The followship in Jesus is wonderful. Oh that we may live on our knees before him, that he will ever bless us. I wish you could have heard each missionary's report. Pray for us, that we might see nothing but Jesus and the cross. I do pray that before Jesus comes there can be love and fellowship among the home folks and among our missionaries here, that he will find us laboring together to do his will.

The other day we were marking off some new flower beds. We had a string and pointed the center, then marked the length of the string around until we had a nice circle. Twice the string slipped from the center and mismarked and spoiled the circle. We could not adjust this until the string was tightened to the center again. This thought came to me, so it is with us—we will work together and keep round and wonderful in his love and service until we get away or out-of-touch with heaven, then all goes wrong and it cannot be adjusted until each one of us get in touch with Jesus and straighten our line.

The delay in completing the teachers' hall has been because of lumber. You have been so good in sending money, and as I said to the faculty last week, that money was not the question now. I know you will send it if you can when needed, but it is very hard to get plank and the sawyer palavar seems to me is the worse palavar in this land. We are trusting in the Lord, and Mr. Goll hopes to get some plank next week that has been spoken for. The house went up quickly because all last year we struggled for the lumber and some kind friends helped us also. Too much cannot be said of Mr. Goll in this matter, and all others where he can help. He spares no pains to do all that he can in getting lumber, because he understands the native. He has let us have much that he had laid aside for his own home that he hopes some day to build.

During the heavy rains little mason work can be done. Morris Hall is moving nicely. We are trusting the Almighty. We hope to rebuild the students' dining hall during vacation and cover with zinc instead of thatch. There are some repairs to be made on the houses in the barnyard. We are so happy to report two newborn goats and one calf as an addition to the barnyard family.

More wire fencing would help a great deal, because we must fence the animals in as they enlarge their number, and as we hope to buy more from time to time. The entire campus is fenced—barnyard and garden spot. Rev. Spencer had the men to stick the farms in and we keep small boys behind the animals, so that they will not harm other farms.

Could you send some films size 22? We sent for some to England, and I made a mistake in the size and they are too small for the kodak. We are anxious to get some pictures to you. It is so good to have some help here; it gives me a chance to breathe and think and do some of the things that I have been scolded for not doing when there were just myself and Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Goll. Do plead for me when you hear many say that I have not written. I am getting down my writing list, and by God's help I hope to soon answer many of the long unanswered letters.

Thanks to you for praying for us. I know you are praying. We can feel your prayers. Thanks to you for our salaries and for all the kind things you are doing to make life a little easier in this far-away land. Let us live upon our knees. I want to ask for your very special prayers and for the prayers of all the churches for a trip we are planning for Jesus in the near future. We want, if it is God's plan, to leave Suehn—Sister and myself—about the first of the new year, for an evangelistic trip through the interior to the French boundary. Secretary Morris has promised to assist us in any way that he can. We don't want to miss a single town, and we are praying that we might shine for Jesus each step of the way. We want to cross over into the French territory and go on to visit some of the missionaries that were in school with Sister. We hope to be gone about two months, at which time the school will be having its summer vacation. Of course, Sister will have charge of the meetings and we hope together God will bless us to radiate the light and love and life of our Savior and Lord and all.

We need many things for this trip. We need army cots and nets for them more than anything else. The other things we are beginning to get one by one and lay aside until the time for going. Do pray for us. Do ask God's blessing upon his people. I am going to ask you, if it is not too much, to mail our Christmas boxes early, so that everything will get here in time, as we do want to make Christmas for our children and our native friends around us before we go. If it meets your approval, Rev. Spencer will be asked to be in charge while we are away. I am telling you this ahead that you might pray and write us concerning any wishes upon your heart about it.

My best wishes to our Board and yourself. May we all live near him in order that we might hear his voice and do his will. "Thy will, O Lord, not mine." Will it not be wonderful when he comes, to find us trying to serve him?

May the Lord bless and keep you, our Board and his children until he comes, prays

Yours faithfully,

SARAH C. WILLIAMSON.

Bible Industrial Mission
Fortsville, Grand Bassa, Liberia, W. C. Africa.

Rev. J. E. East, D. D.,
701 S. 19th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Dear Dr. East:

It is again a source of pleasure to write to the Mission Herald, the only organ of the Foreign Mission Board through which your missionaries can transmit their thoughts across the seas.

We are still on the job, and as busy as ever on the field—which takes every inch of time.

The Work

The year 1927 brought us Rev. Connor, who is now pastor of the church. He is very energetic and vigilant. The church has revived. He has got on to the work. The first thing he did was to seek the members, visit each native village around us and regulate the prayer meetings. Mrs. Sisusa and I by turns conduct Sunday morning meetings, and Dr. Sisusa the regular weekly prayer meetings, which are held on Tuesday evenings.

Since the erection of the main building, divine worship has always been conducted in the mission. This same room is used as a class room in teaching. The erection of a church is inevitable. It is Rev. Connor's sole object to build a suitable place for worshipping God. He is on the job and is putting forth every effort to see that this piece of work be accomplished.

Easter Sunday was a great day here. Early Sunday morning about 4 o'clock, Mrs. Sisusa, as is her usual custom, went to the chapel and sang many Resurrection hymns, reminding those who slept that 1,927 years ago our Savior rose. At 6:30 a. m., led by one of us, the regular prayer meeting was held. Divine service at 11 a. m., when Rev. Connor preached a soul-inspiring sermon. Following close on the sermon was an exercise from the Sunday school entitled "Easter." Our children lined up and each recited the story of the Resurrection. Each child carried in his hand a stick cross, dressed with Easter lilies. The organ led off with "Up From the Grave He Arose," when the children marched, singing as they went down the aisles, out and in, and back to their seats. It was indeed impressive. The collection raised is to be reported at the next Sunday School Convention in November as a special offering. Each Sunday school in this convention is called upon to hold an Easter exercise.

The Sunday following was our "Harvest Festival." This is the first service of this kind ever held among the Baptists here. Rev. C. B. Reeves, of Fortsville, preached the sermon from Prov. 3:9, 10. The chapel was well dressed with palms. In one corner was a large table with the offerings from each individual member. These were sold the following day. The envelopes brought us $5.00. Collection for the day amounted to $27.56. This amount is a beginning toward the new church building to be erected.

The church is preparing for the baptismal service on the last Sunday in May. We are now making fifty baptismal gowns for the candidates to be immersed. Rev. Connor was waiting to get from America an outfit, but the candidates are so anxious to put on Christ my immersion that he has decided to baptize earlier than he expected. A native man, with nine of his subjects, is anxiously waiting. They attend church and Sunday school each Sunday. The candidates' own eagerness and expressions resulting from their conversion bespeak a change from heathenism to Christianity. Brother Martin assists Rev. Connor by interpreting the Bassa tongue. He also leads a class in the Sunday school.

Dr. Sisusa received $160 for building work. The carpenter is put on to repair one end of the building that was in a very dangerous condition. The rains began earlier than usual with accompanying tornadoes, lightnings and thundering, making it imperative to rush the building work toward safety.

The boxes which have reached us contained good things, for which words alone fail to express our heartfelt thanks. The peanut butter and candies were quite a treat.

Mrs. Bouey spent days with us. We were happy to have her, and can assure you that her stay with us was profitable. She brought the school a few books, which we were glad to have.

We are looking forward to the coming of Mrs. Butler, an additional help to the work. We feel sure that more will be accomplished, for there is always room for more workers.

It is farm season. No rice is planted this year. Dr. Sisusa has planted a field of cassavas. Rev. Connor is planting another field of eddoes, also

vegetables and a few cassavas. The coffee crop is large this year; we are still gathering it in. The rains are against the drying. It is difficult work to gather it all in; but it should be, as money is much needed for our work.

The cattle and entire stock are still occupying our attention. One of the old cows died a few weeks ago from age and apparent disease. Polly is very troublesome. With all that can be done, he breaks down the fencing and goes off for days and days to native towns among other cows. When he feels like it, he walks home again. It is feared that he may be attacked by leopards or perhaps get hurt by destroying neighboring farms.

Many ailments among the children at this season of the year—ulcers, fevers, eye trouble, toothache, etc., which increases the work of the medical staff.

A returned missionary once said to the students in the Bible Institute I attended, that when he was in Africa, the prayer life was the only life that sustains a missionary on a mission field. It is so, I admit. We have concluded that it is the only life that counts. Rev. Connor believes it, too. Early Monday and Friday mornings we find our way to a quiet room in the mission, each with his Bible, and there we meet the Master. We are praying—will you pray for us?

Yours sincerely,

PRISCILLA A. BRYAN.

Arthington, Liberia, West Africa.

Rev. J. E. East, D. D.,
701 S. 19th St., Phila., Pa., U. S. A.

My dear Dr. East:

I hope that at this time you have received my letter written some time ago. First, I must thank you for accepting me as an assistant teacher to Mrs. Hill in her school work at Arthington under the Foreign Mission Board.

We opened school in the month of March with 71 students, with whom Mrs. Hill and myself are laboring very hard. The people in Arthington are delighted with this school and make it their duty to visit the school frequently.

Mrs. Bouey has been with us and spent several weeks. We were pleased to have her. The children are constantly asking when she will return to us. We believe that the stay of Rev. and Mrs. Bouey in Africa will prove a great benefit. It appears they are the right persons in the right place.

I do not fail to mention our dear Miss Williamson, who is laboring so hard at Suehn, for during her short stay there she has made it lovely to all who visit the mission. We pray God that she may be able to accomplish her undertaking.

We would be glad, Brother East, when the day presents itself that our schoolhouse will be enlarged and a church placed there that we may be better able to do service for God.

We are in great need of books. Mrs. Bouey has given us some for the school, but they are not enough. There are also many native children attending this school who have no clothing. We are asking you please send out a box of clothing for them.

Trusting that I may hear from you as soon as possible, I remain

Yours in the Master's cause,

SOLOMON ASKIE.

Nigeria

In Nigeria we have two workers: Rev. Samuel Martin and Rev. R. I. Anagolt. These are paid workers under our Board. Under Rev. Martin's leadership reports show that much work is being done in Nigeria. A building has been erected during the past year. Rev. Martin spent several years in this country, in which he took more than one trade. He is applying his knowledge of industry in our mission there. Some children are kept as boarders, and there are many who come as day students to the school. One out-station has been opened during the year where a day school is carried on. Our station in Nigeria is situated at Asaba in a thickly populated native territory, a good distance from the coast. For some reason Rev. Martin's annual statement did not reach us in time for this report, but we give below a letter from him, which will give you a better idea of his work.

Baptist Mission, Issele-Uku, Asaba, Nigeria, W. Africa.

Rev. J. E. East, D. D., Cor. Secretary,
701 S. 19th St., Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A.

Dear Brother East:

I have the pleasure at this time to write you this letter and to report of our work here, how it is going on, and I have to thank you very much for your care and kindness towards us here and to the other stations abroad.

Our work is going on nicely and the Carpentry Department is progressing well in their work. The only trouble to them is that we haven't sufficient tools in the workshop to go on with.

The chief trouble here now especially, being dry season, is that there is no water, and before the teachers and myself can get drinking water, we have to send eleven or twelve miles away in another town. The water that the natives are using is filthy, not fit for human consumption. Drinking bad water will injure many of us. So you will please see what you can do for us. With no sight of a stream in the town, it would be better if we could make our own water—that is by digging a very deep place and cement it all over. I think that will serve us better, for when the rain falls we can reserve the clean water for the dry season, and if we can get $200 or more, I think it will help us in making this.

Do, brother, remember us in the building for the money you said you will send, not for our salary, but for help in the work.

We are putting up bricks now, and the Carpentry Department is doing all it can in the building.

The new station we are opening is now improving. I visited the station recently and found the work there all right. We need your prayers for these two stations, that God will help us to do all we can for his work. The school children are getting on well in their studies.

It is now being recently ruled by the government, and we should be paying a tax. The Native Administration's rule is that everybody has to pay for the house and his head per year. This is only a hint to you now. Of course, it has not been started here at Issele-Ukue, and I shall inform you later if they will really carry out the system, for we are pleading to them and asking them, but no way as yet.

We traveled on a missionary journey to some distant places that have never heard anything of Jesus Christ. We spoke to them of Christ, how he came to the world to save us, and they were very pleased to hear such news, and they all wondered. They are ready to receive us, but have no funds for teachers. The people know nothing else but farming and worshipping idols, and that is all they know in their life. There is much to be done there, but no teacher and no money.

Please remember what I told you in my last letter, that we need some one from America to help us here. We are praying hard that there will be some one who will read and will be willing to come over here in Africa and help.

Mrs. Martin, teachers and school children all join me in writing this, and they all wish you a happy New Year.

Yours truly,

S. W. MARTIN.

Baptist Mission, Issele-Ukue, Asaba, West Africa.

Rev. J. E. East, D. D., Cor. Sec'y,
701 South 19th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A.

Dear Brother East:

I have the pleasure at this leisure to write you this letter and to acknowledge the receipt of money you sent, for which I have to thank you and the Board.

I am receiving the magazines you are sending to me with many thanks, but sometimes we long to see your letter, which whenever we keep long to hear from you, we feel somewhat unhappy.

We have sent one teacher to Aba, the new station, to help the one there before, and the teacher at the place is making a very good report of them that they are doing well in their learning, and moreover, that they are in much need of the gospel.

Herewith are the letter from Mr. Aniagoh and the receipts duly signed.

We shall try to build the mission house this year, and we ask you and the Board to help us, for the mission is getting wide, and I think we are to get a better building.

We are thanking you for the care and attention you are paying us here, and we are praying for you daily that God will help you, that you will be able to help us.

Dear Brother East, this is the time to sow, and we are asking you to pray for us to sow that which shall never die, and as we sow that we may sow in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we do know that the Lord is indeed with us, and as long as he is with us, we shall sow in his guidance. May he who is the author and creator of sowing good seeds be with you and guide you that you may hear the voice of dying men and women of Africa. I remain

Yours in Christ and for the redemption of Africa,

S. W. MARTIN.

Cameroons

We are also supporting two ministers in the Provinces of Cameroon. This territory once belonged to the Germans, but now is part of Nigeria. These workers are Rev. J. E. Burnley and Rev. Laban Moki. The following letters tell of their work.

Native Baptist Mission, Victoria, Cameroons, May 18, 1927.

Rev. J. E. East, D. D., Cor. Sec'y,
Foreign Mission Board,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. East:

I hope my last letter has reached you. This is to report that I have just returned from a twelve days' tour in the Balondo District, a distance of about 32 miles from Victoria, and, of course, all had to be done on foot, as there is no motor traffic in this part of the country.

I left Victoria on the 3rd, inst., and arrived at our station, Kombe Barue, on the 5th at 7:30 a. m., under rain, etc. On the following day I called a church meeting at 4 a. m., which lasted far into the night. On the 7th (Saturday) I went to our other station, Ekue, where we arrived at 2:30 p. m. Here we also had a church meeting on Sunday morning. We had a well attended service at 8 p. m., after which the members of the church partook of the Lord's Supper.

At 11 o'clock we took leave of the Ekue brethren for Kumbe Station, where we arrived at 12:15. After meals and a little rest, a divine service was held at 4:30, and at the close of the service the Lord's Supper was also observed at this station.

On Monday I took a much needed rest, and on Tuesday reluctantly took leave of my spiritual children.

These two stations were started in 1925. I am thankful to report, that despite very strong opposition, we have a local membership of 77, and 17

inquirers. The Lord be praised for his grace. They are steadfast and true to their profession. Pray for them that they may endure to the end.

Prior to the advent of Christianity in this district, their Jaja Clubs were their chief concern, and as those who embraced Christianity would have nothing more to do with these clubs, it makes the chiefs, parents and elders very bitter against them. When asked for their reasons, they told me that they were afraid the church will overthrow their Jaja shrines. May the Lord hasten the time when they have foreseen. Of course, when one gets to know that some of those who have become Christians were members of these clubs, and that their parents have paid fees up to 30 pounds for them to become members of these clubs, one could understand their reason, as these fees cannot be recovered. It is a great sacrifice on the part of the Christians, as well as a great loss to the parents.

On my return journey, I took the route leading to a town called Bakunda. This town is the third oldest mission station in the Cameroons Province under the British mandate, and it will be of special interest to you, for the pioneer missionaries who were sent there about 1881, by the B. M. S., who were then working here, were colored Americans—the Revs. Johnson and Richardson, together with their wives. Rev. Johnson lost his wife here through an accident (as I was told by my late father, who acted as their guide), and to this present day her grave (which I visited) is bearing them testimony of having done their bit for the land of their fathers. The present chief told me he was their house boy. Of course, the station was given over to the Basler Mission when the B. M. S. left this field for the Congo.

Many thanks for The Mission Herald you have kindly sent me. It is very interesting. I am thankful for being able to report that the work as a whole is progressing satisfactorily.

Brethren, pray for us, that the Lord may bless our feeble efforts for the moral and spiritual good of our fatherland and to his praise and glory. All that are with me greet you and the brethren.

With Christian love and good wishes, I remain

Yours in his service,

JOS. E. BURNLEY.

SOUTH AFRICA

We have laboring in S. Africa over 20 workers, 10 of whom are ordained ministers. They are as follows: Rev. and Mrs. Fred Vockerodt, Mrs. Linda Sonjeca, Miss Legina Mampunye, Miss Kenene, E. T. Hali, Revs. John Ntlahla, Jossie Ntlahla, Earnest B. Ndlazi, E. B. Kuti Luke Tshalata, Joseph Bhodlani, Chas. Pagu, J. S. Mahlangu, J. J. Lepele, Daniel Khena, D. M. Ndaba, Stephen Khomo, J. P. Selepe, E. Selepe, B. Gina and Philip Mahlangu. These are augmented by a number of native local workers and local paid workers whose names are not given here.

Through the efforts of these faithful laborers many souls have been added to the Kingdom of Christ during the past year. Eleven day schools have been maintained. We have here a well organized Native Baptist Association, of which Rev. J. S. Mahlangu is moderator for the present year. Our boarding school at Middledrift that once flourished is now greatly handicapped for leadership. The South African government refuses to allow us to send anybody out there from America to take charge of the work. Perhaps in no part of the world are the people so oppressed by a so-called civilized government. Law after law has been passed during recent years that are calculated to impoverish and practically enslave the black people of South Africa. Many kind white people have fought bitterly against these oppressive laws, but to no avail. In spite of these oppressive laws, much is being done by mission schools of all denominations. We have had a few annual reports from South Africa, but not all are in yet. The following reports and letters will give you further information respecting the work of your Board. You will note that one church building was erected in South Africa during the past year.

Xwili, South Africa, July 12, 1927.

Rev. J. E. East, D. D.,
701 S. 19th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Dear Dr. East:

I am very pleased to let you know that yours with postal order has been received. I thank you and the Board very much. We are still struggling for the Master in these parts of Africa. On Sunday, July 3rd, we baptized 9 candidates at Bololwa, one of our out-stations. On the 10th of July we baptized another group. I was taken sick on the way to this service and had to return home.

We are forced to put up another building for our day school, as the main station is overcrowded. I am also asking for assistance to pay the assistant teacher in that school, which amount is six pounds per quarter. The work as a whole is going on nicely, as you can readily see from the following report: Number of preaching stations, 9; church membership, 459; number added to church, 25: by baptism, 23; otherwise, 2; dismissals, 20; number of Sunday schools, 4; Sunday school enrollment, 134; day school enrollment (2 schools), 195.

I regret to inform you that my mother has been ill since March. May God bless you.

Your brother in Christ,

JOHN NTLAHLA.

Queenstown, South Africa, July 21, 1927.

My dear Dr. East:

I am delighted to express myself to thank you for my salary for the second quarter. I hardly know how to assure you and the Board of my sincere appreciation, but I thank you with all my heart. If you were not helping us, I am sure we would starve to death, for conditions are very critical here at times. May the Lord of Hosts ever keep you in office, for you seem to fit in so well in that you seem always to be listening for our call in order to help us in our needs here in this dark continent of Africa.

My work is going on nicely with the exception of one station, where the people are starving; but the people here are still doing their best in church work.

I hereby submit my report for the year ending June 30th: Number of preaching stations, 3; church membership, 99; number baptized, 62; received otherwise, 37; dismissals, 8; number of Sunday schools, 2; Sunday school enrollment, 91; day school enrollment, 72.

Remember me to the members of the Board. We are constantly praying for you.

Yours in his service,

ERNEST B. NDLAZI.

Harding, South Africa, July 19, 1927.

My dear Dr. East:

In submitting my annual report for the year ending June 30, 1927, I wish to make a few remarks with reference to the work we are carrying on in this part of the country and particular field, which may sound rather strange, and yet there it is, when we say we are doing pioneer work in spite of the fifty years the white Congregational minister has been in this district. The power of darkness has full sway throughout the country. Even those who have embraced Christianity are only one step from heathendom. Here the practices, beliefs in witchcraft are as rife as ever. There are certain customs still adhering even to the professed Christians. Without trying to run down any particular mission, there is no evidence of their having occupied the country the length of fifty years. There is not a single day school worth the name. This is one point we keenly feel the need of, a good industrial school. As it is, it is self-evident we can have no more intelligent converts than our neighbors unless our people are trained and are able to read for themselves and then think for themselves intelligently and follow instructions given them. We may preach and have converts, but it is all work without foundation.

Poverty and ignorance are the great forces we have to contend with, and a hard struggle it is when one comes to think of it all. It seems a waste of time and energy.

Taking the eleven years I have been in Natal, there has been a marked change in the homes as well as in personal appearances of the people belonging to our mission generally in comparison with others. Of the eleven years, seven were years of unsettled mind as to what purpose are all the efforts put forth, on account of civil authorities refusing even to allow me to build a hut in which to live and on which to pay taxes. Yet we did not stop preaching the gospel of our Master, and left the results to him. I might mention in this connection that it was not only the authorities that were our obstacles, but there was a section which called themselves Lott Carey, under the then Rev. F. R. Mdodana. They also were not recognized by the government. This is one of the reasons the government would not entertain our representatives for recognition—we all calling ourselves Baptists and yet divided. However, thank God, for eventually we overcame all this.

Rev. G. Ngini, whom I contemplated putting out in Pondoland, has died. I now have two brethren helping me as evangelists: Benson Gina and Jeremiah Ntlokwana.

I also wish to make the following report as to the work done during the past year: Number of preaching stations, 8; membership of church, 159; baptized during the year, 35; dismissals, 8; Sunday school enrollment, 33; day school enrollment, 25.

With kind regards and best wishes to you and members of the Board, I am,

Yours in His name,

EBEN B. P. KOTI.

Libode, South Africa.

Rev. J. E. East, D. D.,
Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A.
My dear Dr. East:

Great is my pleasure to drop you these few lines and to acknowledge receipt of your registered letter inclosing money order for $50. I am thankful to the Board for this amount. Words fail to express my deep appreciation of what the Board has done.

We cannot forget you, Dr. East, even to mention your name in prayer for your instructions, as we know we have a backbone in the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention.

Our work is progressing spiritually. Below is a report of the work in my charge:

Number of preaching stations, 9; church membership, 250; received by baptism, 18; otherwise, 8; dismissals, 6; number of Sunday schools, 2; enrollment, 78.

May the Lord crown you with blessings in all your work.

Yours for Africa,

JOSIE NTLHALA.

Middlewater School, Natal, South Africa.

Rev. J. E. East,
701 S. 19th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
My dear Dr. East:

With great pleasure and thankfulness I write this letter acknowledging the receipt of $75, being my salary for the second quarter. I was very sorry to hear of the great flood you had in America, of the great loss of life, property and funds. That must have been terrible and serious. But we thank God that he saved many of our friends in America who are struggling to support this dark and poor Africa. I greatly thank

God that you, Brother East, who know the condition of Africa, were not drowned with some of those whom I do not know. God loves us still. May God allow you to live long and protect you from all the dangers of this world. I imagine from the way you have taken care of us these many years that God is blessing you.

Our association held at Kliptown was nice. We had many ministers and delegates, and the results of the meeting were good and pleasing. The constitution of cooperation was unanimously received. There is an article in it that greatly protects our work here. Our work is still going on and progressing more and more. We have many enemies, but the more they oppress us, the more the Master blesses us. I was afraid when my father died how I would fight such enemies, but God the Father filled the place of my father.

Although I know you are busy, Dr. East, I am going to ask you to stop long enough to have made for me a beautiful banner for our work here, because it would be an encouragement in our work. I am in need of them. I am giving here a report of our work for the year ending June 30th.

Number of preaching stations, 12; church membership, 447; 46 have been added to the church by baptism, 15 otherwise. Ten have been dismissed. We have three day schools with an enrollment of 64 pupils. We are pulling hard to run Sunday schools as some of our people have to come quite a distance. With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

L. J. TSHALATA.

NYASALAND

We have in Nyasaland, East Africa, Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Malekebu, and are soon to have many additional workers. The work in this part of Africa during the past year has gone forward in leaps and bounds, with two buildings (a mission home and schoolhouse) having been erected during this period. As we write these lines a church building is in course of erection. The school building erected will seat over a thousand people. Dr. Malekebu has baptized 258 persons this year (again more than any other single missionary), and reports a church membership of 1,207. The following report throws much light on conditions there.

Providence Industrial Mission,
Nyasaland, Africa, July 9, 1927.

Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention,
701 S. 19th St., Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A.

Dear Brethren:

The time is going more at a rapid rate than we are able to keep up with. The convention is fast approaching, and in the midst of our busiest season we must stop a moment to give you a resume of your work entrusted to our hands. We therefore beg to submit the following as our annual report for the year 1926-27:

First of all, we thank God our Father, the Giver of all good and perfect gifts for his kindness, guidance, unbounded love, protection and tender mercies towards us on this side of the field; also our secretary, Dr. J. E. East, for his promptness in paying our salary, which has meant so much in saving us from being embarrassed in dealing with business men. To our friends we also feel very, very grateful in remembering us in their prayers, words of encouragement and gifts. Of these we shall make special mention in this report.

This week we have finished covering and plastering another brick building for the work which we hope to use as a tailor shop. It is 24x12, and now we are finishing the plastering of the schoolhouse. We need more windows and doors for all these buildings. These buildings should have been finished long before now, but two things kept us from doing so: first, money; second, labor. As to the question of labor, when the work started, in four months' time hoeing time came and everybody had to go and work on his farm. Now that all of the people have finished their work, what we need is money. We want to finish everything connected with the buildings in a few months. We should say that the schoolhouse will and can seat very comfortably over one thousand people. We think that it is not a very bad-looking building here in Africa. Two more rooms have been added since our last writing.

Farm and Plants

Although it was difficult for us to get labor, we did the best we could, and our members did what they could to help. We got from our mission garden 300 bushels of corn; put in one acre of peanuts, 1½ acres of sweet potatoes, 2 acres beans; but the rains stopped too quickly for the latter and may not do so well; 2 acres in cassava; planted 50 mango trees, 75 mahogany trees, 44 cedar trees and 2,289 blue gum trees.

Schools

The school at our main station is in full force, with an enrollment of 404 represented by seven tribes. Some of the students at present have reached as high as the 6th standard, and are making good marks. Mrs. Malekebu has in the Sewing Department 77 members, both women and girls. Not only is she working hard in the Sewing Department, but also she can be seen daily, teaching in the school room, Sunday school and church, and her music rendered every Sabbath at the services is indeed inspiring to us all.

This year we have been using students as teachers to help in the primary classes. It has been very difficult to find teachers, because those who are qualified seek to work elsewhere for more money than missions are able to offer. We have, however, been successful in finding several who have been approved by the government, and as soon as they go through their final tests we shall send their names in to the Board.

This year the country has seen a wonderful change in the educational system, in that all secular education is in the hands of the government, with the director of education pointing the way.

Last May, 17th to 20th, a great conference was held at the capital, Zomba, to discuss the "Native Education Problem," at which time all missionaries in the country were invited, including your workers. This conference was presided over by His Excellency the Governor of Nyasaland, Sir C. C. Bowring, K. C. M. G., K. B. E. Here we had the pleasure of meeting many missionaries and other distinguished personages. A few days after the conference we had the pleasure of having the director of education to call on us at the mission for the first time. Seemingly he was impressed with our situation, as he said, "You have a fine place out here." We showed him such as we had, and he promised to call again.

Gifts

We have received the following from friends in America in money: Spellman College, Atlanta, Ga., $50; Antioch B. Y. P. U., Cleveland, Ohio, $20.

Goods

One large box from the Missionary Society of Second Baptist Church, Springfield, Ohio, Mrs. Eva Bishop, President. We can only say it was the first box received, and contained very useful articles. Through the Board we have since received two boxes; one from Mrs. Rose Henderson, Newark, N. J.; another from the Shiloh Missionary Circle, Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Clark, President. The material in these boxes was very fine and has helped Mrs. Malekebu very much in the sewing department for

women and girls. Two packages of sewing material from Mrs. E. E. Jackson, President of Antioch Mission Circle, Cleveland, Ohio. From the Sunday School Publishing Board, Dr. A. M. Townsend, Secretary, Sunday school literature; Miss Birdie Brown of Second Baptist Church, Springfield, Ohio, 12 dozen Baptist Sunday School Catechisms. From Dr. W. J. Jones, D. D., Newark, N. J., 24 Bibles. One year's subscription to Literary Digest from First Baptist Missionary Society of Hackensack, N. J., Dr. Love, Pastor. To these good friends we hardly have words to express our gratitude.

Finance

We have received from the Foreign Mission Board 248 pounds, 14 shillings, 2 pence. Of this amount 64 pounds, 8 shillings, 9 pence was allowed to assist in the building program. The local church has raised 428 pounds, 6 shillings, 11 pence to carry on the building work. From the Mission Garden: 1 pound, 2 shillings. Total expenses to date: 192 pounds, 15 shillings, 8 pence.

The Church

Visits have been made to points where our membership is found, except to Central Angoniland, which is eight days' walk from here; but report shows everywhere the church is in full spiritual tone. The total membership is now 1,207, distributed as follows:

Magomero Estates	303
Naizi	40
Portuguese East Africa	29
Matantive	16
Palombe	40
Mlanje	27
Ulumba	147
Chiradzulu	469
Total	1,207

We have baptized this year (1927) 258 souls in Christ Jesus. Deaths, 10; restoration, 8; taken in by letter, 7; excluded, 2.

The Sunday school at the main station has 141 members. The winning of the souls of men is the question of the mission—"For what will it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul?"

Recommendations or Observations

In view of the fact that the government has taken over and directs all the work of education, we should in every way show and be responsive to whatever requirements are asked of all other missions, so that our mission may keep pace with the others. Our mission is situated in a most thickly populated section of our people, and many of them are seeking admittance from far and near; so for the benefit of those who are from afar dormitories should be provided them at once. Six hundred dollars would help very much to put up a boys' building, with the little material we have on hand. We are leaving no stone unturned. Bricks are being made now, and in a few more weeks we will be burning some of them. Timber is scarce and must be bought so that the men will begin sawing. This means we are getting ready to build the church house proper and the industrial building in front. We need to get all the material necessary on hand this year. One thousand dollars will go a long ways to push the above mentioned program.

In order to give adequate supervision of the work we must be supplied with a motor truck as soon as possible. We have already begun working on the road from the mission to the main roads, which lead to all parts of our station.

The getting of qualified teachers is very promising. As soon as all are approved we shall send them in to the Board. We are in full and good tone with everybody, and the work is going forward. God is blessing us.

May this be the banner year in the National Baptist Convention and in foreign missions.

We wish to extend our sympathy to those who are suffering from the effects of the Mississippi flood.

Very respectfully your workers in the Master's cause,

DR. and MRS. D. S. MALEKEBU.

THE NEGRO CHURCH HAS REACHED A MOST CRITICAL POINT IN ITS MISSIONARY HISTORY

Something worth while and substantial in missionary endeavor must be accomplished by Negro people now in the African field, the place where they are naturally expected to act, or the doors will be closed against them and they will be shut out. Our position from a missionary point of view as a race is at present a very weak one, disgracefully weak.

The greatest missionary activities of other groups in the Christian church are not on the African field. They are all major in China, India, Japan and South America. The Southern Baptists spend many times more on mission work in Mexico and South America than on the continent of Africa, to say nothing of their work in China and other parts. The same thing is true of the Northern Baptists in China and of all the white boards of the other denominations. Africa is the neglected field. They send few missionaries there. Though they are doing little in Africa and much in other fields, yet they are doing practically all the mission work that is being done in Africa.

There are about seven thousand white missionaries today on the continent of Africa, foreign-born, while not fifty American-born Negro missionaries are there. Two thousand white missionaries are preaching the gospel there against less than three dozen American-born trained Negroes. There are about one hundred and forty white medical missionaries (not counting nurses) against not one American-born trained Negro doctor.

In spite of all our talk, we Negroes can hardly boast yet of one well equipped, properly staffed and well conducted school in Africa that could be compared with the ordinary grammar schools of our cities here. The Christian world is noticing this. The American Negro is on trial, and he is about to prove to be un-missionary at heart. His religion is proving to be too emotional, and not practical enough. He is being charged with shouting and rejoicing over emotional preaching, which is often void of thought, while the millions suffering at home and abroad must be helped by those of other groups.

It is only the mission work we do that gives us standing in the Christian world—not the fine churches we build nor the noise we make, nor the numbers of which we boast. The all important questions are: How many missionaries are you supporting on the field? How many mission schools have you built? How many hospitals are you conducting? Those are the things that give us rating.

The doors of Africa are almost practically closed against us. God seems to be giving us our last chance in Liberia. Every other place is closed against us. The colored delegation did plead in Le Zoute, Belgium, with that great conference there, that it would make favorable recommendation that the doors of Africa in territory held by European governments would be opened to American-born Negro missionaries. We made the best argument we knew how to make and got the most favorable recommendation possible on this point.

We realize, however, until we do something worth while even in Liberia our position is going to be very weak. The very best argument we can

make to the world that the doors of other parts of Africa be opened to American-born Negro missionaries is to point to hospitals, well built, staffed and directed; schools of industrial, religious and higher education, to great agricultural schools in the Republic of Liberia, whose doors have been wide open to Negro missionaries. If we continue to neglect the call of God to relieve the misery of our benighted brothers and sisters in Africa; if we deafen our ears to their appeals for help and continue to turn all the resources of the church to material things, and to satisfy our own personal desires for fine cars, beautiful clothes and other things at the expense of supporting mission work, even Liberia, the last door, will be closed against us. We will have no place in which to do mission work. We can not act as we are acting now toward missions another ten years without a real calamity coming to us.

Shall we disappoint our Creator? Shall we frustrate his purpose in bringing us to America? Shall we continue to deafen our ears to the cries of millions who call for us to do? Shall we arise and make good in Liberia, whose doors are wide open to us, and who offers every facility for missionary endeavor? Shall we do the most noble thing—make mission work a part of our program in every church and give to the mission world a fine corps of well trained missionaries for all walks of life, thereby proving to the world that the Negro church is really missionary?

FINANCES

Each year prior to our Fort Worth meeting during the present administration the receipts of our Foreign Mission Board have increased. This was due to the fact that the number of churches giving regular contributions monthly increased each year. Again the amounts given by some of these monthly regular contributors have increased.

When we started the "regular" system six years ago, we had gifts coming to our Board monthly from eight Baptist churches. Not all of these gifts came from the church proper, but from the Sunday school and missionary department of the church. This number has increased year by year until we have gifts coming from churches amounting to $10 or more a year from about 674 churches. Not nearly all of these churches give every month, but they have promised to do so. There is a large number of churches and organizations that have promised to give every month, but they have fallen below the $10 mark per year.

We are sorry to report that the usual increase in our finances did not occur this year as in other years. Your Board has really fallen behind in this year's receipts nearly $2,000. This shortage is not due to want of effort on the part of financial agencies of the Board, for not one year during the present administration have the workers put forth more effort than during the one recently closed the 30th of June. New regulars have also been recruited.

There were two causes for the shortage in our report this year. The first and major one was the misleading and inaccurate report made by our auditor at the Ft. Worth meeting, in which the traveling expense of the secretary and other workers was magnified to show that several hundred dollars more was spent in traveling than was actually spent; also by classifying the foreign field workers as home field workers, the report was made to show that several thousand dollars more were spent on the home field that should have been shown spent for foreign field workers. Again, many of the missionaries for whom some loyal church had sent mission money designated were published in the Auditor's Report as getting less than $100 for the year, when they had actually gotten $600 or more, their salaries having been paid in full. For example, S. Martin was recorded by the auditor as receiving $22.50, when there were actual postoffice and draft receipts available to show that he had received $866. There were nearly a half dozen similar errors respecting the payment of missionaries.

This awful, misleading report made to a great convention in the absence of the secretary, who was in Europe attending to a conference in interest

of the Board, has caused many of our good supporters to stop giving. Several thousand dollars have been lost to our foreign mission receipts, due to this damaging report. A hard fight has been put up during the entire year to overcome the evils resulting therefrom.

Being advised not to publish the errors, the agents of the Foreign Mission Board have gone from place to place producing evidence to restore confidence wherever it has been shaken. In addition to our own auditor, we have the best firm of certified accountants to be had in Philadelphia to audit our books every three months, who have always found our records to be well kept and complete, and the statements of accounts rendered by it have always been very commendable.. We have had to use the reports of this firm of accountants to offset the evil statements of our own auditor.

What our auditor had to say in his published report about Foreign Missions was fortunately omitted from the Baptist Journal of 1926, recently issued. This being done, we felt very hopeful that we would eventually overcome the evil of the report read and distributed in the Convention, and that we would soon again be gaining ground, but, alas! just a few days before this meeting, we received the journal giving the reports of the Ft. Worth meeting, we find there is a more damaging report (said to have been the Auditor's Supplementary Report) than was printed in the regular published report. There the auditor seemed to have maliciously misrepresented facts by including all the traveling expense of the secretary and of the home field workers, adding this to the salaries, and publishing the total amount as salaries only. Again, he published the printing salary as practically double what it actually was. To this, he included the cost of paper and other material for the entire year, adding it to the salaries of the printers, and published the whole thing as printing salaries. After giving other inaccurate, misleading figures, he then based a most ungodly comment on the figures he had given.

We can only appeal to the Convention for protection from such malicious and disastrous attacks on your foreign mission work. We have too many missionaries on the field, who are looking to the Foreign Mission Board for sustenance of life, to have the confidence of the people shattered and our receipts to be effected thereby. It is a dangerous situation. The lives of the fine young people who are giving up their work to go out to the field will be in danger if our funds are affected. This evil procedure must either be stopped or we will have to reduce our foreign mission force to avoid disaster. There is much more to be said about the conduct of our auditor in his 1926 audit.

The second cause that affected our finances for the year was the great flood, which destroyed many of our churches that were contributing and diverting funds that would come to us from others to the flood sufferers.

The regular increase of our funds from year to year would have far overbalanced this had it not been for the unfortunate report of our auditor, who spoke of stabbing us in the back on the floor of the convention in our absence.

In spite of the two reasons mentioned above, we feel grateful to God for the funds collected by your Foreign Mission Board for the spread of the gospel during the year.

We pray that the Convention will make a thorough check up on the whole report, and that something may be said to offset the evil effects of the inaccurate report again carried in the present journal being distributed at this meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1926 to June 30, 1927

Receipts

Real Estate Income	$ 300 00
Notes Receivable	1,000 00
Interest and Dividend Deposits	8 70

Job Printing	2,210 22
Composition and Press Work	897 04
Herald Sales	306 56
Herald Subscriptions	215 35
Sale of Literature	4,620 20
Returned Checks Paid	796 41
Ref. Miss. Work	624 16
Contributions	70,337 25
Mission Herald	22,573 01
Sundries	100 29
Total Receipts	$103,998 21
Cash Balance, June 30, 1926	1,257 55
	$105,255 76

Payments

Notes Payable	$ 1,749 00
Accounts Payable	37,824 67
Missions	62,341 16
Printing Plant	328 88
Returned Checks	1,024 94
Real Estate Deposits	300 00
Taxes, Water Rent	193 00
Interest on Mortgage	120 00
Sundries	277 16
Total Payments	$104,158 81
Cash Balance, June 30, 1927	1,096 95
	$105 255 76

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1927

Assets

Cash Balance, June 30, 1927		$ 1,166 95
Banks	$ 1,096 95	
Petty	10 00	
Accounts Receivable		3,545 47
Brown and Stevens (Receivers)		4,196 51
Land and Buildings		70,002 07
United States	$20,449 50	
Foreign	49,552 57	
Printing Plant		12,450 70
Furniture and Fixtures		3,164 52
Accrued Insurance		219 24
Missionaries' Salaries Advance		739 98
Books, Periodicals		986 84
Total Assets		$96,405 66
		$96,405 66

Liabilities

Mortgage Payable	$ 2,100 00
Notes Payable	100 00
Accounts Payable	2,824 11
Missionaries' Salaries Due	324 11
Accrued Taxes	132 24

Accrued Salaries	56 25
Interest Mortgage Payable	40 00
Total Liabilities	$ 9,081 84
Net Assets	87,323 82
	$ 96,405 66

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR YEAR

July 1, 1926 to June 30, 1927

Pennsylvania	$13,458 83
Florida	8,142 61
Virginia	4,891 89
Texas	4,444 16
New York	3,656 34
Illinois	3,375 89
District of Columbia	2,757 67
Mississippi	2,735 26
Tennessee	2,564 88
Alabama	2,359 16
New Jersey	2,002 11
Georgia	1,902 47
Arkansas	1,853 16
Missouri	1,798 55
Michigan	1,583 51
West Virginia	1,335 76
South Carolina	1,253 25
Kansas	1,165 97
Ohio	1,127 36
Oklahoma	1,121 72
Louisiana	1,086 41
Massachusetts	918 16
Kentucky	844 50
Indiana	639 50
North Carolina	610 28
Connecticut	558 87
Rhode Island	491 40
California	491 25
Maryland	356 45
Minnesota	297 71
Iowa	133 44
Colorado	119 80
Nebraska	72 56
New Mexico	47 00
Washington	38 00
South Dakota	30 00
British West Indies	16 00
Wisconsin	15 25
Canada	11 00
Utah	9 10
Unclassified	9 10
Wyoming	6 00
Delaware	5 00
Total	$70,337 35

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

To the officers and members of the National Baptist Convention:
Dea. Brethren:—

Attempting once more to account for our stewardship, we are pleased to state that the work of this Board is constantly increasing. Its activities are thoroughly systematized; its working forces well organized, there is thoroughness in discipline, efficiency in production and economy in operation. Its success is due to the fact that its work has demonstrated in the most convincing manner the worth and the utility of the organization. The splendid results obtained through the local branches of this organization have made the Young People's Society a substantial, reliable and dependable asset in Baptist churches. This society has substantiated and justified the claim that it is the Training Agency of the church. It has brought pastors and religious leaders to a recognition of the fact that there must be trained workers in every church if the church would hold its place in the economy of religious endeavor.

The Church's Task

It is now generally conceded that the training of its members for efficient service is the essential and indispensable task of the church. The task is hazardous, laborious, adventuresome, but the church must perform it or pass rapidly into history. The whole program of the Kingdom may well be counted an adventure. The dream in the heart of a Galilean peasant that this old world, scarlet hued with sin and torn apart with bitter prejudices and honeycombed with greed, could one day be transformed by his own message and be made into the Kingdom of God, required a message of faith that savors of high adventure.

The zeal with which his disciples took up his challenge and fared forth upon their mission was like nothing, so much as that exhibited in a thrilling and holy crusade.

The program of the Kingdom must not mean less than that to us. The church has always been at her best when she has ceased to be on the defensive and has gone forth to conquest. She has never tugged so irresistibly at men's hearts as when she has forgotten to appeal to enlightened self-interest, and has called on men to count not their lives dear in the crusade to save the world. Her whole program is a divine adventure.

But the very heart of that adventure is the enlistment of her own youth that through them she may win the world. On her success here she must stake her own future. Any church that is not able to win and hold her own youth is doomed. And on her success here she must also stake her mission in the world. Without the enlistment of youth her hand of service must at last falter and become impotent. The heart of her adventure is here.

Many agencies join their forces to meet the needs of youth. The home and the school of course, hold a place here in the building of character and intelligence which nothing else can supplant. The Sunday school, in providing systematic instructions in morals and religion not only during youth, but during the preceding period of childhood, renders a service whose value is incalculable.

But the B. Y. P. U. Society, being the official young peoples' organization of the Baptist churches, holds for our youth a unique and strategic place. It is the one organization in the church which is ALL THEIR OWN. It is "OF YOUNG PEOPLE, BY YOUNG PEOPLE AND FOR YOUNG PEOPLE." It throws them upon their own initiative. If it fails, they are responsible. If it succeeds, theirs the joy of triumph. It is just this sort of responsibility that is their salvation. No boy ever learned to swim by following the injunction, "Hang your clothes on a hickory limb, but don't go near the water." The eaglet learns to fly only by being pushed out of the nest, and being compelled to try his wings. There is an incalculable

and indispensable value, not always appreciated by older folk, in providing for young people an opportunity to do things for themselves, even though the chief results for the time being seems to be blundering and awkwardness. If youth is ever to be enlisted in this great Christian crusade, it will be largely through the appeal that youth makes to other youth and in the efforts which they exert on their own initiative in preparing themselves for their part in it.

The B. Y. P. U. Society is, therefore, the developing agency of the church. It develops decision, initiative, self-expression, breadth of vision, consecration, fidelity, practicality, financial ability, fellowship and democracy, the devotional life, social ability, capacity for leadership. Our problem, our task, is to aid the churches and pastors in a systematic, scientific manner in all these development processes. Our method of approach is philosophic. Our first attempt is to secure the increased spirituality of the Baptist young people throughout the country.

Developing Devotional Life

The great and serious task of the church is to deepen the spiritual lives of its members and to increase their faith in the Word of God and the God of the word. It is especially necessary that the devotional life should be emphasized in these days. Worldliness is so powerful, the secular life so fascinating, the pursuit of money and pleasure and power so engrossing that it has seized the majority of young people with a death-grapple. Here is a striking illustration. Practically 1,000 young people representing 150 colleges, attended the recent session of the INTERDENOMINATIONAL STUDENTS' CONFERENCE at Evanston, Ill. Here was a group of young men and women of high idealism and social passion, bent on building a better world and wondering how far the churches of today afford a channel for realizing that end. They were somewhat confused and puzzled over the vast problem they had set themselves, and a bit flurried and hurried in attempting to solve it. They took out their cudgels against denominationalism, militarism and industry operated merely for profit. They denounced war and asked for a positive education for peace. They demanded enactment of the Dyer Antilynching Bill and Christian practice in interracial relations. They demanded entry of the United States into the WORLD COURT and LEAGUE OF NATIONS. They called on the church to place eugenics in its program, and they told mission societies and missionaries to forget nationalism and denominationalism. The earnestness of these students impresses us, but a careful analysis of the student mind as here revealed would constrain one to accept the views of a man who had been a college preacher and teacher for more than twenty years. He said, "You are lovable but irresponsible and superficial, and despite all your radical statements, inherently conservative. Your minds are undisciplined and dissipated. You have impressions of ideas, but not ideals. A little less intellectual conscience and a little moral conscience wouldn't hurt."

Youth is cheerful, hopeful, optimistic and therefore needs more of the sympathetic help rather than the caustic condemnation of its elders. In their efforts to revalue the problems of the world for itself, they sometimes manifest great zeal with little knowledge. Unwilling to face the deep questions of life, they try to seek happiness in the material, and most of this desire that we hear so much of for a thrill, for breaking the law, and so on, comes from an unanswered longing within, which they think they are going to satisfy with material things, only to find that the material things cannot satisfy.

The young people are in grave need of the devotional life in order to resist such temptations and cultivate their higher natures. The B. Y. P. U. Society specializes in the devotional life of the young people. It alone has developed the methods for developing the devotional spirit of youth, wisely stimulating and guiding it. From the beginning this has been one of the chief aims of the Union and the society is all the time learning how to do it better.

Agencies for Development

There are certain agencies for the development of the spiritual life which your Board recommends to the leaders in the young people's movement. The first of these is the PRAYER MEETING. The B. Y. P. U. is inherently a prayer meeting society. It has many other worthy aims but its chief aim is to maintain a weekly young peoples prayer meeting. The prayer meeting is essential because it supplies the best agency for the spiritual development of young people and their training for Christian service. It would be unwise and insufficient to set the young people to doing practical work for Christ without maintaining a prayer meeting. Impression must come before expression, food before activity, love of Christ and desire to serve him before the service itself. To omit the prayer meeting and attempt to carry on religious activities would be like starting a mill but draining dry the reservoir whose water turns the millwheel. Our apology for insisting upon the prayer meeting and the prayer life is given by the following events which illustrate the wonders of prayer. Abraham's servant prays, Rebekah appears. Jacob wrestles and prays, and prevails with Christ; Esau's mind is wonderfully turned from the revengeful purpose he had harbored for twenty years. Moses prays, Amalek is discomfited. Joshua prays, Achan is discovered. Hannah prays, Samuel is born. David prays, Ahithophel hangs himself. Asa prays, a victory is gained. Jehoshaphat cries to God, God turns away his foes. Isaiah and Hezekiah pray, 185,000 Assyrians are dead in twelve hours. Daniel prays, the lions are muzzled. Elijah prays, a drought of three years succeeds. Elijah prays, rain descends apace. Elisha prays, Jordan is divided. Elisha prays, a child's soul comes back; for prayer reaches eternity. The church prays ardently. Peter is delivered by an angel. We believe firmly that earnest, devout, consecrated prayer life is one of the greatest needs of the church today. For that reason we study faithfully the methods by which the young people may imbibe, inculcate and promote the spirit of prayer.

Study of the Bible

We are still firm in the belief that the Word of God is one of the most helpful agencies in the development of the spiritual life. We regard the Bible as the God given source and support of Christianity. Enthusiasm, fellowship, missionary zeal, doctrinal fervor, social endeavor, must rest upon the word of God if they would have sure foundations. Intelligent Baptists must know the Bible and its teachings. In view of that we stand pledged to the "edification" of our young people in Scripture knowledge. We regard that Book as supernatural in origin; inexpressible in value; infinite in scope; divine in authorship, though human in penmanship; personal in application; regenerative in power; infallible in authority.

We call into requisition here the testimony of eminent men who have given the Bible serious and painstaking study. President John Quincy Adams said, "I have for many years made it a practice to read the Bible through once a year. My custom is to read four or five chapters every morning immediately after rising from my bed. It employs about an hour of my time, and seems to me the most suitable manner of beginning the day. In what light soever we regard the Bible, whether with reference to revelation, to history or to morality, it is an invaluable and inexhaustible mine of knowledge and virtue."

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

Rouseau, the great agnostic says, "I must confess to you that the majesty of the Scripture astonishes me; the holiness of the evangelists speaks to my heart, and has such strong and striking characters of truth, and is moreover, so perfectly inimitable, that, if it had been the invention of men, the inventer would be greater than the greatest heroes."

Lieut. Maury says, "I have always found in my scientific studies, that when I could get the Bible to say anything upon the subject, it afforded me a firm platform to stand upon, and a round in the ladder by which I could safely ascend."

Sir Isaac Newton says, "We count the Scriptures of God to be the most sublime philosophy."

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

Music a Spiritual Force

One of the most efficient instrumentalities for the development of soulforce is the choir of the church. Next to the minister who proclaims the word the choir is the most essential agency. We are fully convinced that we are rendering invaluable service when we assist, in our customary manner, in developing the singing spirit among young people, and in the work of developing congregational singing. There is the tendency toward the display of musical skill rather than of devotional inspiration on the part of church choirs. Evermore we have a reviving of the old problem of whether the choir shall monopolize the singing and dominate and entertain the congregation during the interludes of what are generally held as the more important parts of the service. The Lutherans propose hereafter that the choir shall lead and in certain parts of the service alternate with the congregation, but it must never dominate the congregation, or regard itself as a group of entertainers. All the choir's acts should be acts of worship, and if an anthem be sung, it should be chosen with due reference to the day, season, or occasion, and be sung in a manner to inspire devotion. Better no anthem at all, and in its place a congregational hymn tune, than the kind often heard and the undevotional manner in which they are frequently sung, not only by poor choirs, but sometimes by choirs that pride themselves on their proficiency. Our worship would gain immensely if the choirs would spend less time in the preparation of anthems and devote more to the music of the gospel songs and the hymn tunes. These belong pre-eminently to the people, and the first concern of organist and choir should be to procure congregational singing in accordance with the Psalmist's words: "Let the people praise thee, O God, let all the people praise thee."

Music is such a potential agency in worship that pastors should be admonished to deliver sermons occasionally on that important subject; to study the lives of the great composers and endeavor to transmit their spirits to those whom they hold responsible for the singing in their churches. It has been said truly, "Music is the echo of the voice of the Lord in the soul of man." Without this echo the human soul would be a cavernous abyss, filled only with spectres of despair.

People have always been puzzled as to what is the underlying principle of the universe. We talk very wisely in these days about the electron. That is our explanation. We say that back of everything we see are electrons so tiny that they can scarcely be imagined; that these are all in motion; that they never touch each other, but are relatively as far apart as the sun is distant from the earth, and that between these tiniest of things is an even more mysterious something called "ether." We think we have demonstrated this by the use of the wireless telephone and the radio. The ancients knew nothing at all about the electron or ether; nevertheless they speculated upon the basis of things. Some thought it was water, others that it was fire; others again that it was numbers. Pythagoras thought that it was music. He was sure that there was an

affinity between the science of music and the science of astronomy, and it has has not been proved yet that he was wrong.

The divinity of music appears in the fact that the greatest musicians have all been good men, and that when they have expressed themselves at the highest, they have always attempted the holliest themes. This was true of Jubal and David and Job and Solomon; of Beethoven and Bach and Mendelssohn, and Chopin and Mozart and Lizst, and of any great musician today. It is illustrated in the instance of Lizst, who at the age of eight years, was the wonder of Europe; who at twelve years of age was embraced by Beethoven as a coming master; and who, during all the years of his great masterpieces, made a constant companion of a Kempis "IMITATION OF CHRIST;" illustrated in Haydn, whose oratorio "CREATION" lifts people into the presence of God as creator; illustrated by Handel, whose "MESSIAH" he claimed, was given to him direct from above.

Music was believed by the anrients to have healing power and was used as a therapeutic. Many a weary soldier, tired and footsore, has leaped forth to victory under the magic spell of music. The singing of hymns carries with it a great relief from care. The griefs that come and go can be easily soothed by song. Joys can be excited out of sadness; patience inspired out of discouragement; and the sweetest experiences attained through the voice of song.

So far as utterance and expression of any kind are possible, so they are at their noblest when they are heightened and transfigured by musical art. Too long have we regarded it as something external to the development of the human spirit, as some appendage or adornment of luxury which can be adopted without enoblement or discarded without essential loss. It is something far more intimate than this. It is at the very center and essence of our being. Through it we can express thoughts that lie too deep, not only for tears but for utterance. Through it we can be caught up into the divine presence and hear those things that, because they are unspeakable are higher and more holy than the range of any speech.

There is a sort of magic about music which we can neither describe nor interpret; this can be utilized to great advantage. If Orpheus could save the brave Argonauts from peril by silencing the sirens and putting to sleep the monsters of the sea; if Amphion could lift blocks of granite into the wall of Thebes with the strains of the lyre; then people with the agency of music, can defend their characters against danger and attain to their noblest ideals.

Great hymns and great songs have played such a significant part in influencing the lives of great men that John Wesley made an earnest plea that hymns should have not only devotional and religious value, but also high literary merit such as would sooner provoke a critic to turn Christian than a Christian to turn critic.

Maintaining the Doctrines

The indoctrinating of our young people is a heavy responsibility. There are complex relations and entangling laliances which prevent many of our people from the uncompromising advocacy of the distinctive doctrines of the denomination with which they are identified. There is an alarming tendency among us to deny the need for any distinctive doctrines. It is being proposed in some quarters that men should be ordained to the Christian ministry without reference to their doctrinal beliefs. The increasing demand for the liberal, conservative spirit, the spirit of compromise, makes it imperative that we continue to make a declaration of those things which are most earnestly believed among us. It is still needful for us to exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints. There are some doctrines that have been watered and nourished by the blood and tears of our anrestors; these particular and peculiar tenets should be as sacred as life itself. Among these precious doctrines are the following:

(a) That the New Testament is all the law of Christianity—the church with all that pertains to it, is strictly a New Testament institution.

(b) That the first principle of New Testament law is to bring each naked soul face to face with God, with a voluntary surrender of his will to God's will and immediate response of obedience to all its demands. There are no sponsors or proxies. Enforced or insincere obedience counts nothing at all. The sole responsibility of decision and action rests directly on the individual soul: it cannot be delegated or transferred.

(c) That freedom of conscience is the logical and inevitable result of this individual responsibility—neither parents, nor government nor church, may usurp the prerogative of God as Lord of the conscience. We insist that there was not a government in the world that allowed full liberty of conscience to all men until a Baptist established the colony of Rhode Island. Bancroft, in his history of America, declares: "Freedom of conscience, unlimited freedom of mind was from the first the trophy of the Baptists.

(d) That salvation is essential to baptism and church membership. In this connection Baptists stand absolutely alone. The foot of no other denomination in Christendom rests on this plank. Blood before water—the altar before the laver. This principle eliminates not only all infant baptism and membership, but locates the adults remission of sins in the fountain of blood instead of the fountain of water.

(e) That the church is not the expression of one idea but many. Here the most salient and distinctive ideas are cited as follows:

(1) The church is a spiritual body. Only the regenerate should belong to it.

(2) Separation of church and state.

(3) The church is a particular congregation, not an organized denomination.

(4) The church is a pure democracy, it is of the people, by the people, for the people. All its members are equal fellow citizens and the majority decides. This democracy receives and dismisses its members, chooses or deposes its own officers, and manages its own affairs.

(5) It is the supreme court in Christ's kingdom. All cases of discipline come before it, and its decisions are final and irreversible by any human power apart from itself.

(6) The officers of the church are bishops and deacons, the first charged with spiritualities and the second with temporalities.

(7) The ordinances of the church are but two, baptism and the Lord's Supper, neither as a means of grace, but both purely figurative and commemorative.

The New Testament teaches concerning the Lord's Supper that it is a memorial ordinance, intrusted to the churches; and that it is to commemorate the offering of the Lord's body and his shed blood till he comes. A careful examination of these ordinances as appointed by Christ and of their essential meaning, and of the way in which they were observed by the apostles, will show that baptism, which is administered but once and for all time, should precede the Lord's Supper. And, inasmuch as God's word gives us no warrant whatever for inviting unbaptized persons to the table, which is the Lord's table, we dare not allow our Christian sympathies to lead us into giving such invitations, lest we be found changing the order of God's word, and ministering to the confusion and obscurity of God's truth. These principles are both distinctive and fundamental. A knowledge of them reveals our mental attitude toward the whole body of Christian truth and doctrines.

Conservative periods, seasons of lax orthodoxy, have usually been succeeded by periods of waning faith in God and general religious decline. Largely as a result of present day liberality we find alarming manifestations of doubt, in the whole Christian system, it advocates, devotees and opponents. The very culture which evidences and attempts to justify our liberality makes its striking contribution to the era of doubt and uncertainty concerning the being, the attributes and the triumphs of God

in his world. Atheism is spreading with rapidity in the schools, colleges and universities of the country, and is even extending into juvenile ranks. This movement has taken organic shape and is assuming alarming proportions. The American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, whose object is to undermine the churches and drive God out of the schools, has succeeded in establishing chapters in twenty colleges and preparatory schools, edged its way into three high schools, founded a junior atheistic movement, begun teaching atheism on one ship of the United States Navy, and affiliated with itself a number of members of faculties. This Association has a nine point program, which is as follows:

(1) All churches shall be taxed.
(2) Chaplains in Congress and legislatures shall be done away with.
(3) Appropriations of public money for sectarian use shall be stopped.
(4) The bootlegging (their phase) of the Bible and religion into the public schools of America shall cease.
(5) No religious festival or fast shall be recognized by the State.
(6) The Bible shall no longer be used to administer an oath.
(7) Sunday as a religious Sabbath shall no longer be enforced by law.
(8) Christian morality shall be done away with. In its place shall be natural morality, equal rights, and impartial liberty.
(9) In God we trust "shall be taken off coins."

These Atheist Associations are increasing, taking on picturesque names which are very popular. These names are as follows:

University of Rochester, "The Damned Souls;" in New York, "The Society of the Godless;" "Junior Atheist League," Philadelphia High School; "The Devil's Angels," Los Angeles; "The Circle of the Godless," University of Wisconsin; "The Legion of the Damned," University of North Dakota. The beliefs which the high school and college students are encouraged to consider by this movement may be summarized as follows: There is no God. The idea of the Virgin Birth is laughable. There is no heaven and no hell. Religion is worship of the supernatural and should be abolished. The church is a dangerous institution. Colleges seem to be a fruitful field for atheism and infidelity. With the constant increase of intelligence the growth of the college spirit, how can we hope to escape this peril? Unless we inquire for the old paths and walk therein, as to both evangelical and orthodox doctrines, unless coming generations are more thoroughly prepared to defend and preserve the great doctrines for which countless martyrs have sacrificed their lives, the kingdom must fail in the earth, the church must fall and great will be the fall thereof.

The Missionary Phase

Another very important phase of this work is the enlistment of the young people in the missionary activities of the church and denomination. In order to do this effectively they must be educated with reference to Christian missions. They must become acquainted with the history of missionary endeavor and the progress of the various mission boards and agencies that are operating the large and successful mission enterprises of to-day.

In the prosecution of this phase of its work your Board finds it necessary to conduct mission study courses; to select and distribute missionary literature; to assist in raising funds for missionary purposes. We endeavor to keep our young people in close touch with the various mission boards of the denomination, with the hope of securing more sympathetic and helpful cooperation in every phase of our missionary work. Technical training is essential for those upon whom we must rely to develop the missionary spirit. They must be aggressive and progressive.

The attitude of the religion that bears the name of Jesus Christ is not one of compromise, but one of conflict and of conquest. Evangelical, it is true, proposing to win men away from sin, Christianity also proposes to win them away from other religions by bringing them something better. It proposes to displace the other religions. The claim—of Jeremiah is the claim of Christianity,—"The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, they shall perish from the earth, and from under the heavens." The survival of the creator, joyfully foreseen, is the ground of its confidence and its endeavor. Christianity thus undertakes a long and laborious campaign, in which it must experience various fortunes and learn patience from trials and delays; but the true state of the case must not be forgotten, namely, that Christianity sets out for victory. The intention to conquer is characteristic of the gospel. This was the aim of its youth when it went forth among the religions that then surrounded it, and with this aim it must enter any field in which old religions are encumbering the religious nature of man. It cannot conquer except in love but in love intends to conquer, it means to fill the world, and to conquer the world through missions. It is worthy of notice that any missionary work, great or small, whatever be its relation to the long sweep of time, does seek to displace and supersede other religions, at least in individual hearts and lives.

In all such labor Christianity does set itself in contrast to the other religions, seeks to loosen their hold upon men, and offers its own blessings in place of their imperfections and disappointments. This is the immediate and final object of missions. Christianity sets out in good faith to take the place of something else, or there would be no missions.

Other religions are expressions of the religious nature of man and are yet encumbrances upon it, and Christianity with its knowledge and experience of God in Christ sets out to dispossess them among mankind and take their place. With such a militant aspect, large endowment and equipment for missionary endeavor is highly essential. Unless Christian teachers and leaders, as well as the recruits for mission fields, are thoroughly prepared to give the proper viewpoint concerning missions, we must hope in vain to get results on the mission fields.

Pastors and directors of religious education will find our Mission Study Courses helpful and advantageous in many ways.

We strive to develop the spirit of missions to the end that the missionary cause, both home and foreign may receive more liberal and systematic contributions. Results are gratifying when we note that B. Y. P. U. organizations make regular contributions to every phase of the mission work, and that these contributions are being increased continually.

We make special effort to develop a love for missionary work to such extent that there will be constant recruits for the foreign fields. We are grievously disappointed with the outcome of our work in this particular respect. Apparently the number of applicants for positions that lead them to destitute and needy fields far away, is in the diminishing scale. Such painful observations constrain us to multiply efforts to give Christian missions larger place in the hearts and affections of our Baptist young people.

The Social Department

Man is a social being, with social longings and aspirations that must be met and regulated. For the proper development of this aspect the B. Y. P. U. Society undertakes to increase mutual acquaintance and to promote sociability. This part of its work is directed and supervised by a "SOCIAL COMMITTEE," whose duty it is to promote the social interests of the society by welcoming strangers to the meetings and by providing for the mutual acquaintance of the members by occasional sociables, for which any appropriate entertainment, of which the church approves, may be provided. All the sociability promoted by the Young People's Society must tend to make the members more useful in the service of God, as well as to increase their mutual acquaintance.

Because of this supreme purpose of the Social Committee, we insist that it should be composed of earnest and devout Christians, as well as those whose social natures are developed, who are attractive to others, and are resourceful in devising plans for promoting the acquaintance, friend-

ship and happiness of the members. For the guidance of this committee we introduce and encourage the use of textbooks which define the kind of social entertainments permissible, the persons who should attend them, the character of the amusements and the manner of conducting them. In the B. Y. P. U. Guide will be found helpful books on this subject. These books furnish hints sufficient to last successive social committees for many years, and they allow no excuse for dull, uninteresting, or purposeless socials.

Any sort of justification of the existence of agencies to promote sociability in the Christian system leads at once into the dogmatic outcry against all forms of gleeful, pleasure-promoting exercises, and consequently a merciless attack upon the stage. However great prejudices may be we come face to face with the stubborn fact that because of its worth as an educational agency the stage is here to stay. It makes a strong and effective appeal to the youth in the pathological stage.

In view of the fact that the stage cannot be eliminated, it becomes the duty of the leaders and directors of young people, to study the fine art of adjusting themselves and their followers to the situation in the most advantageous manner. To our minds it is a question of education with regard to the proper and effective use of educational agencies of that character. Perhaps some of the most helpful suggestions that may be considered in connection with this topic are made by the Rev. W. P. Lemon, of Minneapolis, Minn., under an article styled "BIBLICAL PAGEANTRY AND DRAMATICS," in a recent issue of the "Homiletic Review." They are as follows:

"When we turn to examine the methods used in modern life to attract and impress the average man or woman, we see at once a notable difference from those used by the churches. The center of gravity has changed from the world of abstract thought to that of visual and organic representation. "The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light." The psychological fact that most of our impressions are received through our eyes has been put to advantage by nearly every sphere of life save that of the church. The ear-gate is the only entrance to man's soul that we attack. We still believe with Bunyon that were we able to break down the resistance of Mr. Prejudice and the fifty deaf men who hold the citadel, our entrance would be assured.

Consider the angle of approach on the part of the world of business. Here we have an estimated investment of $600,000,000 a year in advertising, all of which is an appeal to the visual. In the dissemination of news the world of journalism has recognized the change. There is a notable tendency to depict news in terms of "the story;" the pictorial element is essential, and the cartoon, when it does not usurp the editorial, is the chief hope of the latter to attract attention. The third industry in the United States, with a government estimate of $800,000,000 as a yearly turnover, is another glaring example of visual appeal. Ten million people pay admission to picture houses every week in our country. The photo play, as Munsterberg declared, has overcome every form of the outer world of space, time, and causality, and opened up the inner world of attention, memory, imagination, and emotion. And all this has occurred since 1893. It remains but to mention the success of the dramatization work in schools and communities. The pageant has been revived with great enthusiasm as a factor not only in the teaching of history but also in the work of Americanization.

It should surely be manifest that the time is ripe for revaluation of the method through which the "good news" of the gospel is to spread. The value of visualization has been demonstrated outside of the Christian church, it remains to be attempted and utilized within. We lament because so few take up definite service in the average congregation, but are we not, in the present system, putting a premium upon "hearers" rather than "doers." Are not the majority of church-members called upon, by the various nature of the service, to take "an auditor's course" as it is known in college circles? The didactic nature of modern Christianity ministers to the doctrinaire tendency.

Officers of Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress

To re-examine the method of the Master is but to see how he has anticipated us. His message was conditioned by the ability of those to whom he ministered. He spake "as they were able;" he was silent because they could not hear. The soil no less than the seed is recognized in the parables, and "without a parable spake he not unto them."

Again, in the gospel of Jesus, as contrasted with the gospel about him, we have an overwhelming amount of picture speech. As Bushnell says, it was "a gift of imagination." The parabolic method which incarnates truth in time and place and color constitutes a fourth of the teaching in Mark, and even more in the other two synoptics. Luke contains thirteen examples of creative fiction peculiar to that book, and eight others that it shares with Matthew and Mark. If we include what Bruce calls "Parable genius," nearly a hundred stories have been enumerated.

A wise and sensible view of the situation is, that the church should adopt itself to the profitable employment of all the agencies that are educative and elevating.

We must, of course, beware of fads, and our interest in pageantry and dramatics must not be something per se. There is no claim that the utilization of these means should cancel or obscure other functions of the church. But experience has taught that a genuine human instinct yields a wonderful response to this form of religious presentation; that many are utilized who otherwise would be pew-holders alone; that people are brought together upon a common interest who otherwise would know little of each other; that the church and Sunday school are thus correlated with modern educational methods; and that the indirect method of teaching, like our indirect lighting system, while it may cost more yields more satisfactory results.

Cooperative Work

Our method of cooperation has not been changed. We are getting good results from the methods we have observed heretofore. Our list of cooperative missionaries has been increased, and our appropriations for missionary work accordingly. By means of this cooperation we have been able to accomplish the following during the past fiscal year:

Number of days labored	4,120
Number of miles travelled	22,610
Number of B. Y. P. U. Societies visited	180
Number lectures concerning B. Y. P. U. work	205
Number of Senior Unions organized	42
Number of Junior Unions organized	36
Number of City Unions organized	8
Number of District Unions organized	14
Number of Study Classes organized	22
Number of tracts and leaflets distributed	41,220
Number of B. Y. P. U. Encompments visited	6

There is still a great deal of missionary work necessary. There are a great many Baptist churches in which there are no Young People's Societies. There are still others in which Christian Endeavor Societies are being sustained to the exclusion of distinctive denominational Young People's Society.

In order to reach such churches and to give them the attention that they demand, it will be necessary for us to increase our missionary force. In view of the small income to the missionary department this increase is impossible. We present herewith an urgent appeal for larger and more frequent contributions for that particular purpose. If Article IX of our local Constitution were complied with by the local societies, this appeal would not be necessary.

The Young People's Congress

Our educational work has been energized and enhanced in value by means of the BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. It is here, our leaders and workers are given the opportunity of becoming acquainted with modern methods of teaching, conducting and operating Young People's Societies. Emphasis is given to the study of Baptist History and Doctrines, and to demonstration of the more modern and efficient methods of doing work of all kinds among young people.

This Congress is presided over by a far-seeing president, who believes in a progressive state of things, and in conformity to all the regulations adopted by the National Baptist Convention. The last session of the Congress, held in Nashville, Tennessee, was the best in its history. If the Congress is supported as liberally as it should be by the pastors of our churches, it will make a more healthy contribution to the Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. workers throughout the country. It is a substantial aid to both these departments in their efforts to train and to develop both efficient and proficient leaders and teachers.

Our General Policy

Your Board is still endeavoring to manifest the spirit of cooperation and affiliation with all other Boards and agencies of the Convention. It reaches out the helping-hand to the weak creatures of the Convention, extending its business credit, its influence and its service to these agencies as they manifest a desire for such cooperation. It has aided in a material way the Theological Seminary, the Educational Board and the Historical Department of the Convention. It has helped in some cases by means of loans and gifts; in other cases by means of service on the part of our corresponding secretary. We still cling to the motto of our own invention, "EACH FOR ALL AND ALL FOR EACH," despite the fact that reciprocity on the part of some agencies of the Convention does not seem to be appreciated. We shall continue to encourage and serve all the interests of the Convention as best we can when the opportunity is afforded.

Property Holdings

The property held in trust by this Board is kept in good condition. An effort is made to keep the buildings neat in appearance, sanitary and inviting; to keep the furniture and belongings in good shape. A concurrent insurance is carried in an amount sufficient to repay all losses in case of damage by fire. Without any attempt at boasting, the Board feels constrained to felicitate because of the fact that, unlike any other auxiliary Board of any religious denomination white or black, it has purchased and paid for its own property, has become self-supporting and is maintaining itself at its own charge. Without coercion or constraint from any source, it has transferred and conveyed the property purchased by it to the National Baptist Convention. As such, the Convention has an unincumbered utilizable asset very highly appraised by competent and successful real estate dealers.

Running true to form, this Board now presents to the Convention through its distinguished chairman, a bona fide deed to another lot, on which payment has been completed. This adds another chapter to the history of the achievements of that particular agency which has been characterized as the weakest, most uncertain and indefinite business agency which the Convention has launched.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

SALES:

Senior Quarterlies		$ 17,349 73
Junior Quarterlies		4,461 10
B. Y. P. U. Records		749 45
Manuals, Guides, Cards		$ 792 73
Buttons, Badges, Banners, Pins		228 00
Advertisement		1,177 87

Books—

Song Books	$ 5,766 21	
Books in General	458 01	
Denominational Books	65 60	
Theological Books	68 45	
Total Books		$ 6,358 27
Pennants, Certificates and Charts		278 70
Caps and Gowns		325 75
Report Blanks		45 93
Collection Trays		2 20
Small Stars		20
Communion Sets		4 50
Pencils and Tablets		2 85

Consignments—

Senior Quarterlies	$ 245 00	
Caps	78 00	
Badges	265 64	
Song Books	1,097 82	
Books in General	235 50	
Theological Books	262 74	
Buttons	20 00	
Denominational Books	41 34	
Total Consignment		$ 2,246 04
Total Sales		$ 34,023 32

OTHER RECEIPTS:

Notes Receivable	$ 655 14	
Accounts Receivable	[illegible]	
Printing	121 95	
Rent	511 00	
Use of Telephone	1 08	
Total Other Receipts		$ 13,343 88
Total Activities		$ 47,367 20

SUNDRIES:

Miscellaneous Earnings	$ 30 00	
Clerical Help, Congress Expense	398 65	
National Baptist Executive Board, Cincinnati	179 41	
		$ 608 06

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Individuals	$ 353 05	
Churches and Unions	[illegible]	
Conventions—		
National Baptist Convention	$ 107 89	
Other Conventions	5,519 50	
		$ 5,627 39

Associations	$ 13 50	
Sundry	4 68	
Total Contributions		$ 7,677 33

NOTES PAYABLE:

Bank	$ 10,165 96	
Individuals	1,483 85	
		$ 11,649 81

DUPLICATIONS:

Transfer Orders	$ 88 56	
Refund of Interest Paid	1 10	
Refund on Bad Checks	24 13	
	$ 113 79	
"Overs"	452 79	
Unclassified	110 95	
Total Duplications		$ 677 53
Total Current Receipts		$ 67,979 93
Cash Balance Forwarded June 30, 1926		2,216 03
Grand Total Receipts		$ 70,195 96

DISBURSEMENTS

SALARIES:

Secretary E. W. D. Isaac, Sr.	$ 4,117 12	
E. W. D. Isaac, Jr.	1,889 50	
Back Salary, Craft Account	325 00	
Editorial	1,137 50	
Employees—Wages	5,859 15	
Total		$ 13,328 27

TRAVELLING EXPENSES:

E. W. D. Isaac, Sr.	$ 227 62	
E. W. D. Isaac, Jr.	251 59	
L. R. W. Johnson	74 58	
Miscellaneous	197 82	
Total		$ 751 61

SUNDRY:

Merchandise, Cash Purchases	$ 324 26	
Secretary's Car Balance (I. F.)	270 30	
Mortgage, Payments in full	190 00	
Accounts Payable	9,715 08	
Cooperative Missionary Service	7,025 25	
Notes Payable—		
Banks	$ 9,787 70	
Individuals	2,358 58	
Purchases	355 00	
Total Notes Payable	$ 12,501 28	
Notes Receivable	887 94	
Building and Improvement	701 99	
Total Sundry		$ 31,016 10

GENERAL EXPENSE:

Telephones and Telegrams	$ 266 32	
Freight and Drayage	271 33	
Water and Ice	89 40	
Insurance	265 31	
Interest	245 70	
Heat	194 57	
Light	7 49	
Postage—		
General	$ 1,466 12	
Shipment	304 00	
	$ 1,770 12	
Commission	1,924 75	
Donation—		
General	$ 111 88	
Allowance, Cash Orders	29 97	
	$ 141 85	
Office Supplies	92 85	
Delivery Equipment, Upkeep	318 92	
Transferred Orders	78 96	
Repairs	96 27	
Legal Expense	51 80	
Printing—		
Periodicals, Etc., Mdse.	$14,204 01	
Otherwise	1,676 00	
	$ 15,880 01	
Labor—		
Janitor's Service	$ 520 00	
Extra Labor	39 51	
	$ 559 51	
Advertising	210 86	
Office Expense	11 20	
Cuts and Plates	36 00	
Sundry	493 99	
Total General Expense		$ 23,007 21

REFUND:

Bad Checks	$ 37 60	
Purchases, Orders, etc.	151 92	
Unclassified	1 46	
"Overs"	127 98	
	$ 318 96	
Total Disbursements		$ 69,022 15
Cash Balance, June 30, 1927		1,173 81
Grand Total		$ 70,195 96

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash Balance, June 30, 1927	$ 1,173 81	
Accounts Receivable	2,094 53	
Notes Receivable—Loans	232 80	

Stock Inventory:

Books—

Doctrinal	$ 1,320 36	
Standard Religious	2,658 74	
Song Books	5,457 50	
Periodicals	6,910 00	
Paper Material & Envelopes (Raw)	2,420 50	
Cuts and Plates (Est.)	4,664 10	
Cap Department	919 00	

Supplies—

Bookkeeping Dept.	$ 40 00	
Stenographic Dept.	24 52	
Postage—General	7 00	
Postage—Mailing	10 00	
	$ 81 52	
Total Stock-Inventory		$ 23,840 72
Coal		136 08
Total Current Assets		$ 28,077 94

FIXED ASSETS:

Furniture and Fixtures—

Secretary's Office	$ 490 00		
Assistant Secretary's Office	285 00		
Field Secretary's Office	287 50		
Directors' Room	192 00		
Mailing Department	1,053 00		
Stenographic Department	1,147 00		
Bookkeeping Department	1,436 75		
Total	4,891 25		
Less Depreciation	489 12		
		$ 4,402 13	
Delivery Equipment (Incl. S. T.)	$ 739 25		
Less Depreciation	147 35		
		$ 591 40	
Heating Plant	$ 1,000 00		
Less Depreciation	50 00		
		$ 950 00	
Buildings	$ 24,500 00		
Less Depreciation	245 00		
		$ 24,255 00	
Building and Improvement		1,075 99	
Grounds		4,800 00	
Total Fixed Assets			$ 36,074 52
Grand Total Assets			$ 64,152 46

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable		$ 8,246 61

NOTES PAYABLE—

Purchases	$ 65 00	
Bank Loans	1,115 58	
Individual	405 59	
Total Notes Payable	$ 1,586 17	
Total Liabilities		$ 9,832 78
Assets Exceed Liabilities		54,319 68
		$ 64,152 46

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

ENROLLMENT

1927 Session

ALABAMA

Friendship, Anniston, Rev. R. J. White	$ 10 00
Mt. Zion, Anniston, Rev. Thos. J. Bellinger, D. D.	10 00
First, Alexander City, Rev. O. B. Burton, D. D., Gadsden	10 00
Mt. Zion, Atalla, Rev. O. B. Burton, D. D., Gadsden	10 00
32nd Street, Birmingham, Rev. E. M. Morton	10 00
Tabernacle, Birmingham, Rev. J. H. L. Smith, Mr. W. K. Fellows	20 00
Harmony Street, Birmingham, Rev. R. B. Martin	10 00
St. James, Birmingham, Rev. M. Thornton, D. D.	10 00
Sardis, Birmingham, Rev. J. P. Prichard	10 00
New Hope, Birmingham, Rev. J. H. Martin	10 00
16th Street, Birmingham, Rev. C. L. Fisher, D. D.	10 00
1st Zion City, Birmingham, Rev. G. D. Hill	10 00
Pleasant Hill, Birmingham, Rev. G. D. Hill	10 00
23rd Street, Birmingham, Rev. C. S. Beddick, D. D.	10 00
Trinity, Birmingham, Rev. W. L. Boyd, D. D.	10 00
17th Street, Birmingham, Rev. J. R. Matthews, D. D.	10 00
Macedonia, Birmingham, Rev. J. R. Matthews	10 00
Mt. Pilgrim, Birmingham, Rev. A. W. Winters	10 00
0th Avenue, Birmingham, Rev. J. W. Goodgame, D. D.	10 00
First, Brighton, Rev. W. L. King	10 00
1st County Line, Rev. J. L. Matthews, Brundidge	10 00
First, Carbon Hill, Rev. C. H. Denson	10 00
First, Decatur, Rev. C. M. Howard	10 00
First, Dothan, Rev. E. B. DeYampert	10 00
First, Elmore, Rev. H. Ross, Wetumpka	10 00
Mt. Zion, Elmore, Rev. C. W. Willis	10 00
Macedonia, Ensley, Rev. J. C. Cunningham, D. D.	10 00
First, Ensley, Rev. C. H. Taylor, D. D.	10 00
New Home, Ethelsville	10 00
Ethelbd, Ethelsville, Rev. J. A. Johnson	10 00
Mt. Zion, East Lake, Rev. R. N. Hall, D. D.	10 00
1st African, Eufaula, Rev. P. Jos. Watkins, D. D.	10 00
Tabernacle, Eufaula, Rev. T. M. Smith, D. D.	10 00
Bethabath, Fairfax, Rev. L. J. Benson, Lafayette	10 00
Antioch, Ft. Mitchell, Rev. B. J. Brown, Columbus, Ga.	10 00
Mt. Olive, Ft. Mitchell, Rev. H. Harris, Three Notch	10 00
Antioch, Gainsville, Rev. T. M. Archie	10 00
Mt. Zion, Girard, Rev. D. L. Griffin	10 00
New Home, Gordo, Rev. J. A. Johnson, Ethelsville	10 00
First, Greensville, Rev. M. J. Burton, Tuskegee	10 00
Morning Star, Holt	10 00
Mt. Union, Jackson, Rev. Wm. Hinton, Selma	10 00
First, Livingston, Rev. P. F. Ware, Gainesville	10 00
First, Linden, Rev. B. W. Coates, Meridian, Miss.	10 00
Mt. Nebo, Latham, Rev. W. O. Alexander, Daphne	10 00
Rising Star, Marvel, Rev. J. L. Boykin	10 00

Mt. Calvary, Midway, Rev. I. H. Robins	$ 10 00
Main St., Mobile, Rev. C. L. Lindsay	10 00
Amwell, Mobile, Rev. E. Bizzell	10 00
St. Peter, Mobile, Rev. S. L. Fox	10 00
Mt. Pleasant, Mobile, Rev. B. M. Lovett	10 00
Mt. Zion, Mobile, Rev. Jacob McQueen	10 00
Franklin St., Mobile, Rev. U. J. Robinson, D. D.	10 00
Mt. Sinai, Mobile, Rev. C. A. Jackson	10 00
Union, Mobile, Rev. S. J. Laws	10 00
Corinthian, Mobile, Rev L. L. Roberts	10 00
True Vine, Mobile, Rev. B. M. Lovett	10 00
Stone St., Mobile, Rev. M. C. Cleveland, D. D.	10 00
Lilly Baptist, Mobile, Rev. A. Nettles	10 00
Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, Rev. F. W. Jacobs, D. D.	10 00
Beulah, Montgomery, Rev. H. D. Parker, D. D.	10 00
North Montgomery, Montgomery, Rev. B. J. Smith, D. D. Tuskegee	10 00
Bethel, Montgomery, Rev. E. B. Tyson, D. D.	10 00
First, Montgomery, Rev. Spurgeon Davis, D. D.	10 00
Maggie St., Montgomery, Rev. B. T. Oden	10 00
People, Montgomery, Rev. S. D. Johnson	10 00
Peace, Parrish, Rev. C. H. Denson	10 00
First, Pratt City, Rev. J. T. Smiley	10 00
Bethlehem, Rock Springs, Rev. C. A. J. Mallory	10 00
Tabernacle, Selma, Rev. R. T. Pollard, D. D.	10 00
First, Selma, Rev. C. T. Hayes, D. D.	10 00
Green St., Selma, Rev. G. H. Connor	10 00
Morning Star, Selma, Rev. R. A. Daniels	10 00
Mt. Gilard, Sprott, Rev. Wm. Melton, Plantersville	10 00
First, Shorter, Rev. Burton	10 00
Union, Plateau, Rev. J. F. Keeby	10 00
Cedar Grove, Prichard, Rev. J. M. Merritt, J. B. Williams	10 00
First, Prattville, Rev. R. B. Ford	10 00
First, Troy, Rev. C. W. Wilson, D. D.	10 00
Bethel, Troy, Rev. L. Ervin	10 00
Shiloh, Troy, Rev. H. Smith, Lapine	10 00
Liberty, Tuscaloosa, Rev. A. Bishop	10 00
St. John, Tuscaloosa	10 00
Macedonia, Tuskegee, Rev. M. J. Burton	10 00
Friendship, Tuskegee, Rev. M. J. Burton	10 00
St. James, Waugh, Rev. Elisha D. Hildreth, Selma	10 00
Mt. Traveler, Waverly, Rev. J. T. Caldwell	10 00
Hopewell, Westfield, Rev. S. H. Ravizee	10 00
Flat Rock, Wetumpka, Rev. M. J. Merkerson	10 00
Second, Wetumpka, Rev. I. H. Rose, B. D.	10 00
Mt. Sinai, Rev. Gordon Smith	10 00
Peace Association, Rev. C. H. Taylor, Ensley	20 00
Mobile, Sunlight, Rev. C. S. English, Mobile	20 00
Shelby Springs Association, Rev. R. C. Mixon, Shelby	25 00
New Era State Convention, Rev. T. B. Goldsby, Selma	100 00
Ala. Bapt. State Convention, Rev. D. V. Jemison, D. D., Selma	100 00
New Hope, Thomasville, Rev. W. S. Stratman	10 00
Jefferson Association, Rev. G. S. Smith, Birmingham	25 00
Rev. D. N. Thomas, Selma, Rev. J. F. Keeby, Plateau	

ARIZONA

Mt. Calvary, Tucson, Rev. C. B. Cornelius	$ 10 00

ARKANSAS

St. Luke, Augusta, Rev. W. M. Davis, Brinkley	$ 10 00
Holly Grove, Augusta, Rev. I. S. Anderson	10 00

St. John, Augusta, Rev. J. T. Mitchell	$ 10 00
St. Matthew, Blackwell, Rev. W. B. Brownlee, Pine Bluff	10 00
Pilgrim Rest, Blytheville, Rev. W. M. Green, Jonesboro	10 00
St. Paul, Biscoe, Rev. B. W. Woody	10 00
Union Hill, Bradley, Rev. L. E. Muse	10 00
Mt. Zion, Brinkley, Rev. J. M. Washington	10 00
St. John, Buckner, Rev. L. A. Kendrick	10 00
Macedonia, Buckner, Rev. V. W. Thompson	10 00
Shiloh, Camden, Rev. R. W. Patterson, D. D.	10 00
Berry Chapel, Clarendon, Rev. C. B. Knox	10 00
New Home, Cotton Plant, Rev. J. M. Washington, Brinkley	10 00
Mt. Zion, Cotton Plant, Rev. J. W. Washington,	10 00
First, Eudora, Rev. G. W. Owens, D. D., Lake Providence, La.	10 00
First, El Dorado, Rev. Wm. P. Mitchell	10 00
King Solomon, Ft. Smith, Rev. C. H. Whittington, D. D.	10 00
9th Street, Ft. Smith, Rev. Wm. Erby	10 00
First, Ft. Smith, Rev. C. A. Bean	10 00
St. John, Ft. Smith	10 00
Jerusalem, Forrest City, Rev. M. Williams, Earle	10 00
First, Forrest City, Rev. Thos. O. McJunkins, D. D.	10 00
Peters Rest, Forrest City, Rev. H. Adams, Marianna	10 00
Salem, Forrest City, Rev. G. W. Dudley	10 00
Shady Grove, Forrest City, Rev. A. J. Doxy, Madison	10 00
Mt. Canaan, Gurdon, Rev. E. W. Wilson	10 00
New Light, Helena, Rev. A. M. Hardy	10 00
Beautiful Zion, Helena, Rev. G. W. Simmons, D. D.	10 00
King Solomon, Helena, Rev. H. R. Stephenson, D. D.	10 00
Centennial, Helena, Rev. J. S. Drew, D. D.	10 00
New Hope, Helena, Rev. D. S. Shadd, D. D.	10 00
First, Helena, Rev. A. M. Samuels	10 00
First, West Helena, Rev. H. R. Jelks	10 00
First, Heth, Rev. G. W. Pitts	10 00
First, Holly Grove, Rev. S. H. McKenzie	10 00
Roonoke, Hot Springs, Rev. J. T. Hill, D. D.	10 00
Union, Hot Springs, Rev. J. H. Henderson, D. D.	10 00
Eureka, Hot Springs, Rev. R. S. Starkey	10 00
Hughes Chapel, Hughes, Rev. J. D. Duffin	10 00
St. John, Jonesboro, Rev. DeWitt Williams	10 00
St. Paul, Jonesboro, Rev. O. C. Thomas	10 00
Mt. Zion, Little Rock, Rev. R. M. Caver, D. D.	10 00
Izard Street, Little Rock, Rev J. H. Hammond	10 00
First, North Little Rock, Rev. A. L. Porter	10 00
Madison Light, Madison, Rev. A. J. Doxy	10 00
Walnut Grove, Marianna, Rev. O. B. Jones	10 00
Mt. Zion, Marianna, Rev. J. R. Moore, Wheatley	10 00
First, Marked Tree, Rev. F. M. Mays, Colt	10 00
Union, Morrilton, Rev. J. R. Jamerson, D. D.	10 00
First, Newport, Rev. A. L. Higgins, Pine Bluff	10 00
Prosperity, North, Rev. G. W. Pitts	10 00
Macedonia, North, Rev. L. W. Newsome	10 00
Antioch, Palestine, Rev. I. L. Pitts, Madison	10 00
Nuns Chapel, Prescott, Rev. W. M. Bryant	10 00
St. Paul, Pine Bluff, Rev. J. F. Clark, D. D.	10 00
Centennial, Pine Bluff, Rev. Z. M. Winder	10 00
Grace Temple, Pine Bluff, Rev. W. E. Watson, D. D.	10 00
Eighth Street, Pine Bluff, Rev. D. L. Dunfred	10 00
First, Pine Bluff, Rev. H. W. Valentine	10 00
Central, Pine Bluff	10 00
Buchannan, Stamps	10 00
Canaan, Texarkana, Rev. L. L. Worlds	10 00
College Hill, Texarkana, Rev. G. R. King	10 00
St. James, Texarkana, Rev. W. C. Howell	10 00

First, Walnut Lake, Rev. L. W. Washington	$ 10 00
First, Washington, Rev. W. H. Hilliard, Texarkana	10 00
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Shiloh, Longview, Rev. B. T. Harris	10 00
Galilee, Marshall, Rev. ———— Webb	10 00
Zion Hill, Nacogdoches, Rev. J. C. Chambers	10 00
Macedonia, Marshall, Rev. R. T. Harris	10 00
New Bethel, Marshall, Rev. R. T. Harris	10 00
Antioch, Mexia, Rev. J. R. Miner, D. D.	10 00
Eighth St., Temple, Rev. T. S. Boone	10 00
St. Paul, Paris, Rev. Jos. A. Brown	10 00
Bethlehem, Terrell, Rev. C. S. Booker	10 00
St. John, Wichita Falls, Rev. M. K. Curry	10 00
Greater Salem, ———— Rev. C. C. Harper, D. D., J. R. E. Townsel	25 00
Friendship, ———— Rev. D. Bolden	10 00
Antioch ———— Rev. J. E. Campbell	10 00
Lagrange Assn., Rev. F. R. Ruffin	25 00
Zion, Assn., Rev. J. B. Lenox, Deroit	25 00
West Texas Assn., Rev. M. K. Curry, Wichita Falls	25 00
Texas and La., Assn., Rev. S. H. Howard, Marshall	25 00
Cypress Assn., Rev. Jas. I. Gilmore, Wolfe City	25 00
M. and T. Assn., Rev. J. J. Alexander, Pittsburg	25 00
Central Assn., Rev. J. A. McPherson	25 00
Old Land Mark S. S. Convention, Rev. J. A. McPherson	25 00
Old Land Mack Assn., Rev. C. S. Keelings, D. D., Beaumont	25 00
Friendship Assn., Rev. A. L. Moore, Corsicana	25 00
Trinity Valley, Rev. M. M. Harris	25 00
Friendship Assn., of Texas, Rev. A. L. Boone, D. D., Ft. Worth	25 00
East Texas Assn., Rev. R. T. Harris	25 00
Mt. Olive Assn., Rev. A. P. Cookey	25 00
East Texas Assn., Rev. R. B. Francis	25 00
Zion Hill, Rev. S. T. Alexander	25 00
Unity Assn., Rev. W. H. Whitten, Ludi	25 00
Missionary and Educational Convention, Rev. A. L. Boone, D. D., Fort Worth	100 00
Rev. J. J. Goodwyn, Carthage	10 00
Rev. D. L. Penn, Texarkana	10 00
Rev. A. C. Campbell, Marshall	10 00
Rev. J. A. Campbell, Atlanta	10 00
Rev. A. L. Moore, Corsicana	10 00
Rev. W. J. Bledsoe, D. D., Marshall	10 00
Rev. F. K. Kirkwood, Houston	10 00

VIRGINIA

Mt. Zion, Arlington, Rev. James E. Green	$10 00
Prospect, Christianburg, Rev. C. E. Miller, D. D.	10 00

First, Roanoke, Rev. A. L. James, D. D.	$10 00
Mt. Zion, Roanoke, Rev. W. W. Hicks, D. D.	10 00
Hill Street, Roanoke, Rev. David R. Powell	10 00
First, Rosslyn, Rev. Augustus Lewis, Washington, D. C.	10 00

WEST VIRGINIA

Main Street, Hinton, Rev. J. J. Nicholson, D. D.	$10 00
Rock Hill, Gary, Rev. Alexander Gregory	10 00
Mt. Zion, Holden, Rev. M. L. Jackson	10 00
New Hope, Lundale, Rev. R. J. Madison, D. D.	10 00
St. John, Raleigh, Rev. Wm. Jackson, D. D., White, Sulphur Springs	10 00
First, Williamson, Rev. L. A. Perkins, D. D.	10 00
New River Valley Assn., Rev. R. J. Watson	25 00

WISCONSIN

Mt. Zion, Milwaukee, Rev. F. W. Penick, D. D.	$10 00
Calvary, Milwaukee, Rev. S. J. Williams	10 00
Galilee, Milwaukee, Rev. B. L. Matthews	10 00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Detroit, Michigan, September 13, 1927.

The Board of Directors of the National Baptist Convention met to transact the business referred to it by the Convention.

Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D., called the session to order. Rev. J. F. Walker, D. D., Ohio, offered prayer.

The matter of the National Training School and Seminary was brought up. Attorney Rush submitted the action of the trustees in reference to the request made, a joint cooperation between the men and women to work out the matter.

The Board entered into regular session after the conference with the women closed. Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D., was elected Chairman, Prof. R. B. Hudson, Secretary, and Rev. J. M. Nabritt, D. D., Assistant Secretary.

Attorney Chas. M. Roberson submitted a report from the Commission on Training School. The report was adopted, as follows:

To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Directors, National Baptists Convention, U. S. A., Greetings:

We, your committee appointed to adjust and determine our status and relation to the National Training School for Women and Girls, as well as the relation of the Woman's Convention to the National Training School for Women and Girls, beg leave to report that we have gone forward in the performance of our duty; conferred with the Woman's Convention; prepared the necessary amendments to the Article of Incorporation of the National Training School for Women and Girls; presented them to the Woman's Convention for execution by them and the trustees of the National Training School for Women and Girls, but notwithstanding all of this, we regret to report to you that the National Training School for Women and Girls has not complied with the orders of the National Baptist Convention, nor that of the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention.

But the said National Training School for Women and Girls has enacted new amendments to their Charter, or Article of Incorporation, which in our opinion is widening the breach and placing the Training

School further from the ownership and control of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Therefore, your committee is of the opinion that the matter cannot be settled or adjusted in keeping with the orders of the National Baptist Convention and the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, without legal proceedings.

Therefore, we recommend that the president and attorney be authorized and empowered to take such legal steps that may be necessary to fully settle the matter.

Respectfully submitted,
E. W. D. ISAAC
CHAS. M. ROBERSON

By motion the winter meeting of the Board will be held with the Metropolitan and other Baptist churches of New York City, November 30.

The Efficiency Department and its director was instructed to work out such reductions and retrenchments in salaries and employees of the Sunday School Publishing Board as would not injure the work of said Board to report at the winter session upon the recommendations of President Williams along this line.

By motion of Rev. P. James Bryant, D. D., Georgia, a letter and clippings from Contractor T. C. Windham touching our Publishing House obligation were read by Secretary Townsend, of the S. S. Publishing Board.

Founders' Day was voted a red letter day.

The Board authorized the president and secretary to borrow $4000.00 to assist in caring for the expenses of the Convention.

The Disbursement Committee submitted its report, which was approved.

The usher list was recommitted for adjustment by the Business Committee at the scale of $2.00 per day, as originally set by the Board.

Benediction, Vice-President, Rev. W. M. Taylor, D. D., Louisiana.

L. K. WILLIAMS, Chairman
R. B. HUDSON, Secretary
J. M. NABRITT, Assistant Secretary.

JOURNAL

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OF THE

Woman's Convention Auxiliary

TO THE

National Baptist Convention

HELD WITH THE

Second Baptist Church

REV. R. L. BRADBY, Pastor

Detroit, Michigan

SEPTEMBER 7-13, 1927

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 adviser, 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 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 thereabout.

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, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer, and the delegates shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the two highest nominees for each office.

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.

OFFICIAL ROSTER

President	Mrs. S. Willie Layten, Pennsylvania
First Vice-President	Mrs. Edna Strickland, Texas
Second Vice-President	Mrs. C. H. McDowell, Missouri
Recording Secretary	Mrs. V. W. Broughton, Tennessee
Assistant Recording Secretary	Mrs. M. E. Goins, Missouri
Corresponding Secretary	Miss Nannie Burroughs, District of Columbia
Treasurer	Mrs. Mary V. Parrish, Kentucky
Historian	Mrs. E. Arlington Wilson, Texas
Parliamentarian	Mrs. W. D. Carter, California
Legal Adviser	Mrs. Gertrude Rush, Iowa
Field Secretary	Mrs. E. E. Whitfield, District of Columbia
Pianist	Mrs. W. F. McKinney, Georgia
Chorister	Mrs. W. L. Petty, Illinois

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Mrs. T. J. Wilson	Mississippi
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Mrs. Ida Pope	Michigan
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Mrs. E. Thomas	New Jersey
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Mrs. A. M. Smith	Oklahoma
Mrs. Alice Tucker	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Mrs. M. H. Flowers	Nashville, Tennessee
Mrs. L. J. McNorton	Fort Worth, Texas

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Mrs. L. L. Craig, National Director	Georgia
Miss Elta Versa (Eastern Division)	District of Columbia
Mrs. W. H. Young (Western Division)	Kansas
Miss Columbia Johnson, President	California
Miss Emmie Hamilton, Corresponding Secretary	Georgia
Miss Gladys Howell, Treasurer	Texas

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Mrs. C. M. Wells	Montgomery, Alabama
Mrs. B. M. Freeman	Tuscaloosa, Alabama
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Mrs. B. C. Ward	Colorado
Mrs. Bertha B. King	District of Columbia
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Mrs. B. Borders	New Jersey
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Mrs. N. D. Holman	Texas

Proceedings

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 7, 1927

The Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., convened in the Second Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, Wednesday afternoon, September 7, 1927, Rev. Robt. L. Bradby, Pastor. Mrs. S. Willie Layten, President, presided.

Meeting opened by singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There."

Sister C. B. Trice, Ill., led in prayer.

A local program conducted by Mrs. Ida Pope was presented.

A hearty welcome was extended by a young lady of Second Baptist Church. She said her church was a beacon light in that city, referring specially to the noonday prayer service, as a great blessing.

Solo, by Mrs. Irene Craxton, "Behold! Behold! He Comes," was very effectively rendered. Encore, "Take Hold! Take Hold!"

"On Behalf of Other Denominations," Mrs. H. C. Ewing bade us welcome. She counted it a privilege to speak to our Convention. Detroit was a great city and everybody was glad to have us there and they all hoped for us a pleasant and profitable session. We were welcome to all that Detroit had to offer.

Song, "We Will Sing Hallelujah."

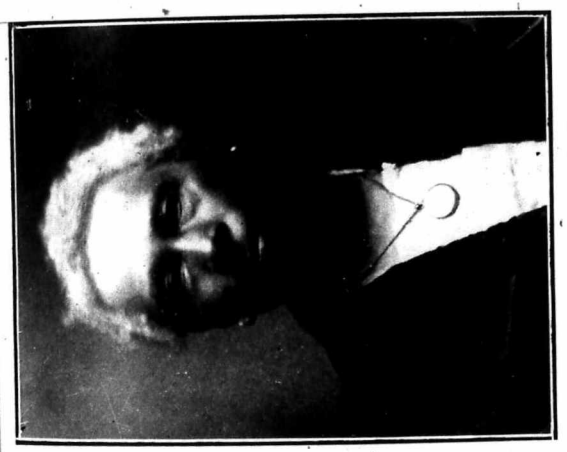
Solo, "Who Will Go and Work Today," by Mrs. Georgia Spratt. This was sweetly rendered.

Welcome Address "On Behalf of the State" by Mrs. Mary Cole. She spoke earnestly of the activities of the missionary women of Michigan. She welcomed us for our power and influence for good. Michigan endorsed every phase of our work and all were ready to help us put our program over. A yell was given by the Michigan delegation in assurance of our hearty welcome to Detroit.

Mrs. Fowler, "On Behalf of Y. W. C. A.," gave us welcome, because we had a similar program to that of the Y. W. C. A., namely, **Training Our Young People for Service, and Advancing Our Lord's Kingdom.**

Response by Mrs. Ida Frazier-Bates, of Kansas. Mrs. Bates spoke complimentary of our Official Staff and said "On their behalf" she accepted the words of welcome so heartily and graciously given us by the different speakers, as well as the sweet messages in song. Our hearts had been cheered and we were encouraged to go forward. We came in obedience to the "Marching Orders" of our Lord and to show our loyalty to the constructive program of our great National Baptist Convention.

MRS. S. W. LAYTEN
President



MRS. V. W. BROUGHTON
Recording Secretary

MISS N. H. BURROUGHS
Corresponding Secretary

"The Welcome Song" to the National Baptist Convention, composed by Mrs. Irene Cole-Croxton, was sung by the chorus. We all enjoyed the song and praised the composer.

The program was read and adopted with necessary changes. The states entitled to membership on the Finance and Enrollment Committees were named by President Layten. Appropriate remarks were made by President Layten, making special mention of new methods and materials that she thought would be helpful in our further development.

State Directors were called upon to make reports for their states. Mesdames Pitts-Anderson, Alabama, and I. A. Drew, Arkansas, brought greetings from their respective states. Both were doing well.

Miss N. H. Burroughs spoke on "Methods and Materials." She urged that we get busy, have a school, take the books selected for our study, so that our missionary societies would take on new life and do more and better work.

Chorus sang "Line Up."

Announcements made.

Doxology and benediction by Rev. J. W. Harris, St. Paul, Minn.

WEDNESDAY—Evening Session

Foreign Mission Period

Mrs. C. R. McDowell, Second Vice-President, presiding.

Devotions conducted by Sisters Fisher, Illinois, Anderson, Pennsylvania, and S. A. Davis, Oklahoma.

Songs, "There'll Be Shouting on the Hills of Glory," "Certainly Lord."

Scripture reading, 1 Corinthians 13th chapter.

Prayer, Rev. J. Goins, Mo.

Chorus sang, "You Must Move Up the King's Highway."

Prayer, Rev. C. R. McDowell, Mo.

Song, "I'm on My Way to My Father's House."

Participants on program were invited to the rostrum.

President Layten called upon Mrs. O. C. Maxwell, Chairman of Foreign Mission Committee, to preside at this time. In turn, Mrs. Maxwell called Secretary East to conduct the program. After a few preliminary remarks, Secretary East called for "sentence prayers," asking God to bless the outgoing missionaries and give us willing hearts to do our duty toward them. Sentence prayers were concluded by Rev. Charles Morris.

Solo, "Here Am I," was sweetly rendered by a native African student.

Address, "The Mission of Our Women," by Mrs. M. M. Davis, a returned missionary. The women met Jesus at the tomb. He gave them a mission, Go, tell! A wonderful message. Women owe all they have and are to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus gave woman a part in his program. Where there is no gospel of Jesus, women are the lowest of the lowly. The African women

need our love, sympathy and examples of Christian womanhood. A striking incident was told that impressed us to do what we could to lift them to the safety provided by Jesus' blood.

Secretary East introduced Dr. Pauline Dinkins, by giving a brief history of Dr. Dinkins' excellent characteristics and achievements. Dr. Dinkins treated this subject, "Carrying Health to Africa," most profoundly. No need of training mind and heart without caring for the body.

Miss Ruth Occomy, the trained nurse, was introduced. She spoke briefly, but pointedly and suggestively, assuring us that she was prepared for the service that she had chosen.

Dr. A. F. I. DeWalt, a native African, a surgeon-dentist, was also introduced. He is a brilliant young man able to do great service for his people. He spoke of the conditions in Liberia; told us the people were rising and they were very grateful for our help, and that we could do nothing better to help them than to erect the hospital we were erecting.

The three outgoing missionaries were dedicated to their work by prayer from Rev. J. C. Austin, Chairman Foreign Mission Board.

Remarks by Secretary East.

Offering taken to the amount of $150.07.

President Layten spoke kindly of Dr. Dinkins, also of Mrs. T. A. Roberts, Sanford, Fla., who was the greatest single donor to the Hospital Fund.

Remarks of thanks and appreciation from Secretary East.

Mesdames M. B. Clark, Chairman of Art Department, J. C. Mapp, Chairman of Rummage Sale Department and O. C. Maxwell, Chairman of our Foreign Mission Committee, were called to report.

Mrs. Clark reported from Illinois	$153 35
Mrs. Clark reported from others	$175 25
Mrs. Lillian Roberson from District of Columbia	84 26
Mrs. O. C. Maxwell from Missouri	717 64
Total	$1,131 50

Collections to continue.

Song, "O Zion Haste," by chorus, Mrs. Ophelia Petty, Chorister, Mrs. Willie McKinney, Pianist.

Benediction by Rev. Charles Morris.

THURSDAY—Morning Session

Mrs. C. R. McDowell, Second Vice President, presiding.

Meeting opened by singing "I Will Trust in the Lord."

Devotions conducted by messengers from Kentucky, Michigan, and Tennessee. Mrs. Givens, Kentucky, led the service.

Song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

Prayer, Mrs. E. W. D. Isaac, Tennessee.

Scripture reading, Psalm 95, Mrs. A. M. Townsend, Tennessee.

Song, No. 387, Baptist Hymnal.

Solo, Mrs. Victoria Morris, Tennessee; Miss L. E. Campbell, Tennessee, Pianist.

All were made happy by the sweet singing of Mrs. Morris.

Mrs. Withers, Kentucky, spoke to the theme.

Testimonies by Sisters Phelps, Arkansas; Isaac, Tennessee; Bailey, Arkansas; Pitts, Alabama.

Mrs. Morris sang again, "Stand by Me," which was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Edna Strickland, First Vice-President conducted the rally.

Chorus sang "Certainly Lord," led by Sister M. J. Parker, Kentucky.

President Layten and Miss Burroughs made remarks concerning certain representation as to the Finance and Enrollment Committees.

Finally, President Layten called the names as given her. Mrs. C. Lewis, District of Columbia; Mrs. Roberson, California; Mrs. Fanny Carter, West Virginia; Mrs. Julia Woodruff, Georgia; Mrs. Ida Frazier-Bates, Kansas.

Chorus sang "Line Up," "Move Up, Move Up, the King's Highway."

The rally was conducted by Vice-President Strickland, Texas; Mesdames V. Hill, Florida, and H. M. Gibbs, Alabama, taking names of contributors. (See report)

Chorus sang "We'll Sing Hallelujah," "Keep on Climbing."

Mrs. Beasley, Reporter of the Daily Tribune, California, was introduced. She expressed herself as glad to be present and note our proceedings.

Committees were named (See reports)

Chorus sang, "Lift Him Up."

Solo, "He'll Fix It All," by Brother Abram McClurking.

Vice-President Strickland presented Mrs. Azma Wilson, a special admirer of President Layten, who in turn presented the president in highly complimentary terms and asked the Convention to rise in acknowledgment of our appreciation.

President's address as read.

Dear Co-workers:

This meeting marks the Twenty-seventh Annual Session of the Woman's Convention Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention. Let us pray that this prove its best session. Although we grow yearly, new district and local organizations join our body, bringing in new workers and new problems, yet many of us—the directing force, the "watchmen on the wall"—are the old guard, the same group that has worked with some of these same groups for years, espousing plans for strengthening the bond and influence of our sisterhood and forwarding the allied enterprises of soul-saving, our own racial uplift, interracial good will, cause of missions and Christian control of the world. We may say this organization has long since passed its experimental stage. Twenty-six years should prove more than a survey. A study of the reports of the work of these years, inspection of our fields of labor, will help us appraise the value and scope of the great service this Convention has rendered in both home base and foreign lands. Twenty-six years should prove a valuable schooling, even if during this period the upheaval of the war has changed the customs and vision of the peoples of the world—with special reference to our own racial group may be added much change of habitat. Women of this Con-

vention who desire to do service and be really helpful must be sensitive to these changes, should critically study the times, the opportunities and responsibilities confronting Negro Baptists and prepare to serve rather than to defeat the causes espoused by the National Baptist Convention. To permeate this changing order with the spirit of Christ is our inescapable responsibility, in love, preferring one another.

God, through the National Baptist Convention, has provided a wonderful schooling for Negro Baptists. Yearly we go hither and yon to different sections of the United States where we may observe all phases of American sentiment and customs, also social and living conditions affecting our own group—then back to our homes to work in the good and work out the bad.

At this time we could have assembled in no better place for observation than Detroit, located on the border line of Canada—where a broader and international view of social and industrial conditions may be obtained. The Outlook says of Detroit: "It is different" (from every other town). The article describes Detroit in this way: "Croesus has moved his headquarters to Detroit. We refer, of course, to the well known Rich Man of the world. Something extraordinary happened to Croesus when he moved to Detroit. To explain, we must go back into history in other times and places. Croesus has had a varied career as well as a variety of residences. He has made his millions in flocks and herds; he has made them in silks and spices; he has made them in ships and railways; he has made them in oil and coal and in iron and steel. Just now he is making them in automobiles, and piling his millions like Pelion on Ossa. There is something different about Detroit. Is it the automobile, or is it a new generation with brains enough to read the lessons of the past and with a spirit made more humane by what it has read? In any event, Detroit is different, and that difference is vastly to the credit of its head and heart.

"For example—There are no tenements in Detroit. There is no capital and labor problem. Wages are high, and hours of labor short in Detroit. The schools of Detroit are a boast of American educators; recreation is provided for the masses upon school yards and playgrounds, and in public parks. Cultural opportunities for all are provided by a magnificent free public library and numerous branches, by free classes in art and crafts, free symphony concerts, free exhibitions of classical and contemporaneous art, all out of public taxes voted by citizens because they bought and paid for them. Detroit has no political machine or boss, no group of powerful, masterful men in whose shadow men tremble. Civic life is moulded by its centizenry. What the people want, they get. There is plenty of leadership. There are plenty of strong men and women. Their leaders and strong men seem to have the modern conception of their power—the idea that their strength was given them that they might serve the common good, as well as their selfish interests. Detroit has fifty public parks, covering an area of 3,184 acres. (Do not visit them during the hours the Convention is in session.) In Detroit civilization is transportation motorized. Its faults are faults of speed. It has trebled its population since 1900. Life here immediately leaps from andante to allegretto."

While in Detroit enjoy all its achievements. May we be at our best and leave here only memories of Christian conduct, which will inspire our own folk to nobler living, and other folk to covet the privilege the Negro is fulfilling in giving something new and nobler to civilization.

Committees

Committees are the vital organs through which this Convention should function. If these organs are healthy, active and alive to their special duties, they will react upon the Convention with power; if they are atrophied or useless, they will react with detriment. I do not want state delegations to recommend women to serve on committees who are no account at home, and who will not some time during the year study the purpose and fulfill their appointments. I ask for women who comprehend the meaning of their respective committees, and who will work and study and be able to report something accomplished or observed by them pertaining to their committee work. Some chairmen of committees never write a single line during the whole year to their committee women. (how can you expect to attract applause at the Convention?) and a day or two before starting to this meeting, they look up somebody else's work and writings to copy it without understanding the implication or knowing how to make the application and come here and harrow us with great, long irrelevant prefaces. Stop doing this, and consuming our valuable time. Relate something of your own efforts and experiences.

Executive Board

Both constitution and precedent provide for stated and other meetings of the Executive Board between regular annual sessions of the Convention. The Executive Board is the business committee and clearing house of the Woman's Convention and gives study to ways and means of carrying out the purposes of its organizations; endeavors to digest new methods before recommending them for action. It makes programs—your program is your Convention." You may criticize and complain of its lack of attractiveness, object to preachers, speakers, music, etc., used in it, but unless you attend Board meetings and assist with the work, you also react with detriment to our common cause. Not one, two or three persons are able to successfully carry out the best thought and wishes of so large a body as ours. Either come or change the constitution and delegate your work back to the faithful few who come, (and let those who come, come thinking and prepared to make suggestions). I suggest that some time during this meeting, the matter of how to secure attendance of Board members of our annual meetings be considered.

Home Missions Committee

The Miami storm and the Mississippi River flood call the attention of our Home Missions Committee to a great service it might render. Plan here to be ready when emergencies like these arise to give your co-operation (even if in a small way) to legitimate agencies working for relief. Supplement otherwise as the situation may demand. I refer to the valuable and heroic work done by Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Cosey in Mississippi, Vice-President Taylor and others in Louisiana. The chairman of the Home Missions Committee can secure reliable information of facts, based upon the general local situation and advise (through her state workers and officers of states) what is best to be done, and how we may give aid. Attempt to do this quickly. Show our interest in humanity. Information might be given through The Voice, The Mission Herald and other denominational papers, as well as by correspondence. In the flood section of Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas this winter there will be great privation and suffering. The Home Missions Committee should formulate some plans while here to help local missionaries and workers in these distressed sections. Beside the physical suffering, it is reported that homes, church buildings and schools have been destroyed. All denominations having constituents in these devastated areas are becoming vividly conscious of the great difficulties which local churches will have in re-establishing the spiritual ministrations which will be so important in these days of reconstructing Bibles, hymn books and other periodicals which are overcrowding some of our closets and tables can well be spared now and put to good use. Let us go home and do good house cleaning. Get these ready to send. Information on health aids, directions as to holding special meetings among mothers, teachers, etc., is a fine piece of work awaiting the Home Missions Committee. Find out, tell us how, where and what to send. Clothing, shoes, etc., and even the wherewithal to make a little heart glad at Thanksgiving and Christmas might find response if the information is given by the Home Missions Committee through the columns of The Voice, The Mission Herald and other papers.

Foreign Missions Committee

The August edition of The Mission Herald gives a picture showing the progress made in the building of the hospital in Liberia. It is gratifying to have this assurance of how well the work is going on. Another pleasing feature is that a woman physician, Dr. Pauline Dinkins, will be in charge —Medical Director.

This is the first missionary hospital in Liberia erected by Negroes, the first in all Africa erected by colored women—women of our own Convention. We should thank God for this great privilege and should take unusual pride and joy in properly equipping and sustaining this institution. It may not be as large is other missionary institutions of similar character, but it is our duty to see to it that in equipment and service it shall be second to none in excellence and efficiency. Its upkeep and furnishings have been budgeted and printed in The Mission Herald. Take over the task as requested. While women may not have served as much pioneership on the foreign field as men, they have had more heart and more leisure for consideration of the study of missions and gone farther along in missionary thinking, giving and sacrificing more than the rest of the church. Our Foreign Mission Board believes as I do, and as the pastors of our churches known, women more largely support and sustain these causes than the other church groups. The largest single contribution to our hospital, $2,000, came from a consecrated woman of Florida. All of us would like to know exactly how much money has been raised by the Woman's Convention for the hospital. We would have known if the women had regarded my request. I advised that when you sent in your contributions, Christmas stockings, monthly and individual gifts, along with it you would fill out and enclose a slip addressed to me (or President Layten's Page) giving name of church, society or individual name—with amount sent in. Special provision was made in the Foreign Mission office with the clerical staff to keep such contributions listed so amounts could be reported monthly of what our women had given. You did not all do this, so there is no accurate record. If you will follow my request from now on, we shall be able in the future to show what the Woman's Convention contributes.

There are some problems to be considered in increasing interest in all departments of the National Baptist Convention work. One of the problems may be overcome by simply calling this fact to the attention of women and asking their assistance in making missions (and other work) as real to the whole church as it is to them. This may be done by giving women a place and recognition on your boards. I find there is no constitutional objection to this. I, therefore, recommend that we request the Foreign Mission Board to give women representation in its membership. I believe this will prove both a blessing and inspiration to missionary endeavors.

E. B. Delaney Monument

Among the reports submitted at the Florida Baptist State Convention in last April, was one of a fund created to erect a monument to Miss E. B. Delaney. So far this memorial is the work of Baptist women of Florida. Miss Delaney was a native of that state, and it is natural that her own state sisters would be first inspired to this deed of love and devotion to perpetuate her memory. It is also befitting that colored Baptists everywhere should join in giving such a memorial. In our own day, and in the days to come of our children's children, we cannot observe the Florida spirit in this memorial without growing more consecrated to the cause to which Miss Delaney's life was dedicated, and to the work of redeeming souls from heathen darkness. In Florida this monument is to be erected, which will perpetuate the pioneer work of the National Baptist Convention, the vision and struggle of its Woman's Auxiliary, and cause to live for ages the beginnings of our Foreign Mission Board, the names of L. G. Jordan, Emma B. Delaney and other pioneer missionaries. I do not make an official recommendation that the Woman's Convention join with Florida in this laudable effort, but I put the matter before you for your own consideration and action. I leave it open for the independent action of state conventions and churches. We could not help in such an effort without growing stronger and more devoted to the call of the great commission and show that the great progress of our people has been largely due to their religious impression and obedience—the church. The church has in no small way developed our greatest leaders and institutions.

Cooperation

From what I have read and heard from verbal reports of the Le Zoute Conference held in Belgium last September, I am more convinced that an important part of our work is to wisely continue and strengthen cooperation with other Christian organizations dealing with world movements. There was never a greater realization of the relation and interrelation of all missionary interests, larger need of unity in service than today. At Le Zoute almost nothing was known of what Christian Negro churches had done for Africa. Had there not been present representatives of our Foreign Mission Board, the Lott Carey and similar organizations, the allotment in Africa for Negro churches to do missionary work might have been overlooked. Cooperation helps create higher standards, prevents overlapping. Read report of this conference, and you will understand that if we mean to continue our missionary work in Africa, it must reach the standard attained by the leading Christian organizations of our day.

I recommend that we maintain our present place and fellowship with the World Baptist Alliance; that we strengthen our cooperation with B. W. H. M. S., also with the Federation B. F. M. of North America. May we express our gratitude of the F. M. B. of N. B. C. for providing the contact and cooperation with this last named Federation the past two years when your president represented you there.

Young Women's Auxiliary

In the Baltimore meeting, 1926, the great hope of the Woman's Convention found expression in the Young Woman's Auxiliary. Our young women asked for a definite place, an opening for their courage, their youthful enthusiasm and loyalty to ideals. There is a distinct challenge to glorious adventure in community and Christian social service problems, in our own work at the home base and on foreign fields, in the plans of these girls. To the directors of these girls, we ask that great care be exercised in the initiative. Sympathize with their youthful enthusiasm, but guide them, do not coerce them with your own ideas. Lead, but do not word their utterances (youth is buoyant, hopeful, full of faith). Sympathize with their viewpoint, emphasize some of the elements which make strongest appeal to youth—heroism, reverence for truth and idealism, social service, daring sacrifices on foreign fields, organizations for higher types of womanhood. Encourage preparation for service, academic training, citizenship, backgrounds of other races and their development, women of greatness, women of Bible times, women of their own race. Above all, strive to have them emulate the spirit of Christ.

ENLIST THE CHILDREN

Food for Thought

What can we do to check the ignorance tolerated and the flagrant worthlessness, unreliability and laziness fellowshipped with many so-called pastors of some kind of churches called Baptist, which are centering around our large cities, where Negro population is increasing, and where the best influences are called upon to help (Negroes) in their adjustment? Our denomination stresses education and preparedness for the high calling of the ministry. Colleges are yearly increasing the number of trained, high type Christian young

men to serve as pastors, but they are not getting a fair chance, as more numerous become the low type mission, church splits and poverty stricken not needed new churches led by ignorant and unprincipled men, too lazy to earn a living in any other way—leading a group of silly women and weak men—thus detracting from the influence of intelligent pastors and well established God-founded churches. Another equally serious thing is that some men of attainments too are catering to the feeling and emotions of the ignorant of our group, ranting and moaning, becoming sensational in order to draw large crowds, when the same men could indeed become shepherds to their flocks and lead them into pastures of spiritual and intellectual fatness.

The ignorant and weak need the most sympathetic consideration, the best kind of leadership and the best instruction. It takes a pastor with courage nowadays to oppose much that is practiced in some of our Baptist churches. The reaction is being felt. It is estranging hundreds of most promising young people (of Baptist families) from the Baptist faith, from the influence of the church, and blighting their prospect of useful Christian lives. If our Ministers' Unions, etc., will not do something to check this condition, maybe the best counteraction is Woman's influence—you strong and courageous women, who believe our Lord is a Lord of wisdom and order, who love the church and our denomination, set yourselves like a mighty army and oppose this kind of ignorance now encroaching upon our churches. Do not support such pastors and churches and they cannot live. Make their jobs hard. Make their business a failure.

THE REAPER

"Some have gone from us forever,
Longer here they might not stay;
They have reached a fairer region
Far away, far away."

There is a sense of some strong support being gone. I cannot yet recover my poise. How much we miss them—Mrs. Anna C. Williams, Mrs. R. T. Pollard.

Mrs. Anna C. Williams for years was Chairman of the Finance Committee of this Convention. She was efficient, punctual, faithful and unselfish of her service, dependable, amiable and sweet as a flower, loyal to her Convention, cheerful in doing its biddings. God called her suddenly last March. Her life was so beautiful, full of good deeds and usefulness, He did not let her suffer long. We shall miss her. Who will take her place? Sisters, let us be more open in our expressions of appreciation for faithful service. We never realize the worth of these faithful women until they are gone. I cannot express what I feel in the loss of this co-worker, this dear friend.

Another of the "old guard," Mrs. R. T. Pollard, strong, an able exponent of her belief in the possibilities of an educated womanhood—to this cause she devoted her life. Her influence through prepared young men and women is diffused throughout her State of Alabama and other sections of the country. Mrs. Pollard had a fine sense of discrimination. She was a most useful woman on committee work, a fine example of a Christian education. God help us to sustain the loss of these dear sisters, make us more useful because of their lives, send us others like them to carry on the work of this great Convention. We are insufficient without thine aid. Their going, while it saddens us, makes the ties on the other side stronger.

Our Field

There is no more promising field for Christian labor than is found within the boundaries of our own National Baptist Convention—home base and its beginnings in foreign lands. The tasks we are here considering are important, for they concern our racial development, the completion of obedtence, and the fulfillment of the obligations entered into by us when

we accepted salvation for ourselves and became constituents of this Convention. The growth and strength of missionary enterprise, church work, convention work, or whatever you may choose to name our organization program, is increasingly dependent upon the presentation of such work in our local churches and societies. Certainly our Convention's success and missionary interests wait on information and adequate support (or financial returns) on both. If this is true, then perhaps we have a clue to some things—slipping back financially (at the Baltimore and Ft. Worth meetings there was a marked increase in financial contributions to the credit of Mrs. Hill's Baby Contest, Mrs. Mapp's Rummage Sales, and the vice-president's Financial Rally). Maybe, our cause of late years is not being presented in as sufficiently, definitely and arresting manner as beforetimes. Yesterday's dinner will not suffice for today's. The past two years I have been able to make short tours of several states (principally Southern States) and to visit several state conventions. I have been in urban and rural sections. I find the people have some money, are willing to give, and everywhere women are begging for information, asking what will help the needs in their localities. Eagerly they devour each and every new suggestion to give life to their work, and to make the influence of their societies attract new members. Our women need methods of work. The field needs working and planting more seeds of instruction.

Every state meeting in some way should have some one to represent and present the program and claims of the Woman's Convention. At these meetings district and local leaders are assembled. Special conferences should be held for them, where instruction may be imparted and Convention claims presented. We must see clearly the situation in woman's state and local church groups, which are rapidly increasing. We must be sympathetic toward their local needs, and at the same time tactfully see that the larger claims of the Woman's Convention are safeguarded and developed.

In the early stages of our history that which gave such impetus and growth to our organization was the personal contact and labors of our corresponding secretary. She compelled them to come in. The different Boards of the National Baptist Convention at every State meeting have representatives who present the program and claims of their departments. They sell their goods. If no one specially calls attention to the Woman's Convention, it is natural that interest may be transplanted to other departments, and when the Convention meets, women sent to represent in this body may steal away and stray where their affections are divided.

Do not misunderstand or misrepresent my meaning or attitude to the Board of the National Baptist Convention. I believe we should contribute to the different departments of its work (if you would do your duty on the field, we might have the money to appropriate as we would desire), but the objectives and appeals of the Woman's Convention should receive first consideration. When you criticize any slackness or apathy in your Convention, you must get down to the root and find the worm. Remember it is your organization, and it will be whatever you make it. If you desire your Convention to grow in power and Godward and manward, you must love it, sacrifice for it, work for it every day in the year and see that its claims have first consideration.

The Training School

The Trustee Board of the Training School in its annual meeting, June 2, 1927, authorized revision of the charter of said school, which revision includes the lifting or making By-law No. 9 part of said charter. While this is considered progress (in making secure the interest of the Woman's Convention in the school) it does not carry out the request of the National Baptist Convention nor the recommendation of the Woman's Convention at the Fort Worth meeting. I believe the differences may be harmonized to the satisfaction of the Convention and the trustees of the school. I also think that the Woman's Convention by its action at Fort Worth has done all it can do in this matter, being an auxiliary to the National Bap-

list Convention. It has shown its willingness to conform to the request and policy of the parent organization. I, therefore, recommend that this Convention refer the adjustment of these discrepancies to the National Baptist Convention through the commission appointed by the Woman's Convention, together with the attorneys of said bodies to adjust this matter to be approved by the National Baptist Convention.

We must face the real situation as it exists, not as you would like it to be. View things as they are, even though that frank facing may necessitate improvement in existing methods and necessitate making changes to meet evident conditions.

A little out of place, but just here I will call attention to some improvement or addition needed in our secretarial staff. The details of our proceedings enlarge each year. We seem not able to keep track of our procedure. The Executive Board is never provided with minutes and unfinished business left for its consideration. We do not get newspaper reports of the Woman's meeting in cities where we meet, etc. What we need is the addition of a stenographer to our secretarial staff. As to how we shall become able financially to do this should be considered

Dear Sisters, I am nearing the close of this my twenty-sixth message to you. I have been frank and honest. I have endeavored to present the condition of our work as I see it, and as I have followed it with you for over a quarter of a century. On the whole, our work has been most interesting and inspiring, and will bear favorable comparison with other woman's religious organizations older, wealthier, more experienced, and from a racial point, more superior environed than ours. We cannot feel that we have labored in vain, nor been without vision when we realize our growth from forty women to a present enrollment of more than 10,000 woman's organizations; when we recall the number of young women trained and prepared for Christian service in the Training School, some of whom are doing heroic work at home and abroad; as we refer to the Training School in Washington, unique, the child of our birth for which you have sacrificed and toiled, and it is today the pride of the Woman's Convention's achievements. You have not labored in vain as we behold this magnificent array of Christian women assembled in Detroit, each taking in some way leadership for the Master's cause in our respective homes. You are women of thought, women of intellectual powers, strong women, exemplary mothers, wives and housekeepers, molders of thought, and powerful influence in your own community—teachers, workers, business women. This is no idle, irresponsible group, but among the best the race has. You have not labored in vain when you look upon these fine girls of ours offering themselves for service because of what you have been; when we read reports of glorious accomplishments on foreign fields to which your tithes have given support, we may say, "God be praised—Master help us better to serve thee."

My greatest desire is that we may, as colored Baptist women discover ourselves, and know what to emphasize as our strongest service or our important sphere of action just now for God and the race. It is the first lesson of wisdom to know your mission or work, and the second place to keep it and keep at it. Woman was not intended to be a subordinate, if we are right as to the nature of woman's mission. Her vocation has not changed since the fall. Whatever relation she may bear to society at large, whatever duties in consequence of this relation, she may have to discharge, and whatever benefits by the right discharge of these duties, she may have it in her power to confer upon her community or country, she must consider herself as called upon to see her mission is that of home—the greatest stage and scene of woman's action and influence.

In the beginning there was no other scene for her to appear and act in. This seems to teach us at once that this was the Divine plan, and is to be her first and chief circle. Is it any depreciation of her importance to assign her a circle of influence unworthy or beneath her influence? Let us consider the varied and momentous interests included in the home circle.

There is first the character and future well-being of souls for both worlds—the destiny of nations; influence of your communities; political

power, and beside directing the comfort of family and husband. Woman with detriment may be spared from public service, business, the lecture chair, the platform of general convocation, but she cannot be spared from her home and children. Substitutes may be found for her in public, but not in her home. There she becomes the teacher for world work. She fills the highest dignity and faithfulness, the highest obligations of her sex. At this critical time our race needs the kind of women I have tried to picture, godly women who will rapidly organize Christian homes, real homes, where will be trained and from where will come strong, godly men and women able to meet the challenge of the hour. Our race has produced many such noble women, and we need many more real women. We also desire to encourage those noble women who hold the citadel of the home (the race's foundation) to remain patient, firm and immovable against prejudice, persecution, world fashions and follies, indifference and inconstancy from those whom you love. The making of a nation is in your hands. You will be tested, you will be tried, but through God's help you may bring forth a nation "that feareth him," and he promises such a nation shall be blest and inherit the earth.

"Friends, Baptists, countrymen, lend me your ears;
I come to bury I. G. Norance, not to praise him.
The evil this old villian hath done lives after him;
There is no good to be interred with his bones.
He was no friend, faithful and just to you or me;
Yet he brought many captives down to grief,
Whose failures litter the roadside of our past.

"Companions in the struggle, hear me for my cause,
And be silent that you may hear;
Believe me for mine honor,
And have respect for mine honor
That you may believe.
Censure me in your wisdom, but awake your senses
That you may the better judge.
THIS IS THE CRUX OF OUR BAPTIST QUANDARY:
Had you rather that I. G. Norance were living,
To die all slaves of gross unbelief;
Or that I. G. Norance were dead
To live all free, victorious, happy men?

"To be or not to be, that is the question:
Whether 'tis nobler in us Baptists, to suffer
The slings and arrows of suspicion of each other;
Or to take up arms against our troubles,
And by opposing them, end them?
Ay, there's the rub.

"Why, friends, suspicion doth bestride this narrow world,
Like a Colossus; and we pusillanimous peasants
Walk under his huge legs, and peep about
To find ourselves dishonorable graves.
Men at some time are masters of their fates;
The fault, my fellow Baptists, is not in our stars,
But in ourselves, that we're so oft defeated.

"Under your pardon—you must note beside,
This is the day of destiny for Baptists.
Our churches are brimful with millions;
The world is calling—our cause is ripe;
The enemy increases every day;
Are we, at our height, ready to decline?
There is a tide in the affairs of denominations,
Which taken at the flood, leads on to victory;
Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries.

On such a full sea are Baptists now afloat;
AND WE MUST TAKE THE CURRENT WHEN IT SERVES
OR LOSE OUR VENTURES.

MRS. S. W. LAYTEN
764 S. 23rd Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

This was an excellent address, full of helpful instruction, with special reference to committee work. The hospital effort in Liberia, Africa, was emphasized.

By motion, President Layten's address was adopted and her recommendations referred to the proper committee.

A motion to suspend the rule and re-elect Mrs. S. W. Layten president by acclamation. (Carried)

Chorus sang "In the Footsteps of My King," "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There," "We'll Sing Hallelujah all the Time."

Consecration service led by Mrs. J. C. Mapp, Ill.

Songs, "I Want To Know," "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone," "I'm Nearer My Home."

Remarks by leader, urging us to live consistent Christian lives and thereby lift up Jesus to this wicked generation.

Songs continued.

Prayer by Sister Victoria Morris, Tenn.

Scripture reading, Matt. 5:1-8. The 8th verse was commented upon seriously.

Phil. 4 was repeated in concert.

Closing song, "Have Thine Own Way Lord."

Committees were called.

Benediction by Rev. Gibson, Kentucky.

THURSDAY—Afternoon Session

Devotions led by delegates from Missouri, West Virginia and Georgia.

Songs, "Carry Your Burdens to the Saviour," "In My Father's House."

Prayer by Rev. Bacote, Kansas City, Mo.

For Scripture lesson, Sermon on the Mount, Matt. 5:1-16, was recited.

Songs, "Move, Move Up the King's Highway," "Just a Little While To Stay Here."

Dentist DeWalt, one of the outgoing missionaries, made remarks and presented pamphlet.

Chorus sang "There'll Be Shouting on the Hills of God." Mrs. Ophelia Petty, our chorister, was at her best and led this song. Another song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Mrs. Givens, of Kentucky, presented our corresponding secretary. She spoke of Miss Burroughs' zeal and ability to do great things as a leader of women. The house gave hearty cheers as Miss Burroughs appeared. The report was thrilling with information. A great compliment paid to the material progress of Detroit, Mich.

Read the report as printed.

Twenty-seventh Annual Report

OF THE

Executive Board and Corresponding Secretary

of the

Woman's Convention

To the Officers and Members of the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention—Comrades, Christian Workers and Friends:

We meet today in the twenty-seventh annual session of the Woman's Convention Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, in beautiful Detroit—a city of superlatives and first things. This city ranks first in supplying the two things that can get you where you want to go—automobiles and credit. This city has been a miracle of ambition and progress during the past half century—beautiful, healthful, social-minded, happy, industrious, prosperous, thrifty, well-governed, optimistic, spiritually awake and educationally progressive—Detroit. We come to be inspired by its progress, enlightened by its practical knowledge and stimulated by its Christian zeal. We come to give as well as to receive. Because, while Detroit can teach us how to make automobiles and to soar in aeroplanes, we can teach Detroit how to make men more like Jesus Christ and how to soar on the wings of faith towards the things of the spirit.

We believe that the meeting in this great city and above all in this great church, that is a standing monument to the faith, courage and vision of Robert L. Bradby, will be a blessing to all.

Not at Fort Worth

Your corresponding secretary had been under such a burden as a result of the disastrous fire at the Training School that she was not physically able to attend the Fort Worth meeting. But rest assured that she was there daily, in prayer and thoughts for the work and of the host of friends whose smiling faces and warm greetings have cheered her heart from year to year. Your secretary felt a very real void in her heart which only these meetings can fill. But even disappointments are controlled by the law of compensation. The splendid women to whom the work was assigned tackled their unexpected tasks with an earnestness and an appreciation of the added responsibility that won for them larger places in your hearts.

Mrs. F. H. Allen of the District of Columbia handled the literature like a veteran. Her report was excellent. The Annual Report of the corresponding secretary was read by our own Lucy Campbell of Tennessee, and she made it so real by her earnestness and superior ability that you discovered that we have many offerings prepared for national service. Letters poured in, telling us of the hearty cooperation given by Mrs. A. D. Woodruff, of Indiana; Mrs. C. R. McDowell, our vigilant vice-president; Mrs. Ida Frazier-Bates, the queen of the West; Mrs. Sarah Fisher-Brown, the major general of the United Army of Georgia (who was with us when the foundation was laid); Mrs. Mary V. Parrish, our North Star, and our lamented Mrs. A. C. Williams. Many other friends stepped in anywhere and made the Fort Worth meeting go. So enthusiastic was Mrs. Layten over the outcome that she wrote to the corresponding secretary that it was the best meeting you have ever held.

Gone to Their Reward

In the midst of life there is death. Mrs. Anna C. Williams fell at her post during this year, 1927. Mrs. Williams had been recently appointed as a case worker with the Associated Charities of Washington. She went to a home to advise with a distressed mother whose son had fallen into the hands of the law. As she left the house she fell in the street, never regained consciousness and passed from service to reward during the night.

Mrs. Williams was the district representative on the Finance Committee at the Indianapolis Convention. Our Financial Merit System introduced her to the women, and for five years she has served as a secretary of the Finance Committee.

She was not only most efficient, but she was especially cheerful, sympathetic and beautiful in her official and social relations with the women of this Convention. Mrs. Williams grew as beautifully and as steadily as a flower in our hearts.

The call came this year also to Mrs. R. T. Pollard, of Selma, Alabama, who was with us in the organization of this Convention. She distinguished herself by her service in the field of education in Alabama.

Miss Fannie E. Blackburn of Cincinnati, Ohio, died suddenly, August 6, 1927. Though she did not attend the Convention regularly she kept up her membership and interest in it. She had been associated with us a number of years at the Training School as general helper and matron. She was devoted to the institution and was well known and loved by graduates and former students.

We do not come to mourn over the home-going of these three devoted friends. Because:

> To die is to rise in power
> From the husk of the earth sown wheat.
> To die is to rise in glory
> From the dust of the incomplete.
> To die is to join in hosannas
> To a risen and reigning Lord,
> And to feast with him at his table
> On the bread and the wine of his board.
> To die is to enter a city
> And be hailed as a child of its King.
> Think not, therefore, of the pangs of death;
> Christ robbed the grave of its triumph, and death of its sting.

The women are in the glory land—where they have greeted the martyrs and sages of old, and some day we will walk with them by the still waters with the flock of our own little fold.

Foreign Missions

The Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention has been given place on our program to tell us of its work in Africa. You will therefore receive first-hand information. Because of the continuous investment which must be made in the work, contributors to foreign missions are demanding more and more that capable leaders be sent to the field and high standards of godly examples and work be set up and maintained.

All agencies doing work in foreign lands must have leadership, money and well-defined modern programs. On the home field, we are repudiating the "middlin' doctor," the "middlin' preacher," the "middlin' teacher." We must not therefore send "middlin' missionaries" into foreign fields and expect them to perform miracles.

The day has passed when men cultivate fields with hoes and hand-plows. The foreign field must have men or women of conspicuous ability and commanding consecration.

The students in Japan struck the note when they sent word to America by Henry Drummond to send ONE six-thousand-dollar man rather than ten two-thousand-dollar men.

The work in Africa needs Christian statesmen—less cheap sentiment at home and more godly sense abroad.

The Phelps-Stokes Foundation is going to give Africa its first great Education Program. The Firestone Company is going to get wealth out of African soil and we hope they will realize their tremendous duty to help put God into the African soul. Commerce is a mighty trail-blazer for Christian missions, but the church must be vigilant and see that the King's business is given its high place.

The Flood Sufferers

The greatest calamity that has befallen our people since the Civil War is the recent Mississippi floods. Riots and other catastrophes have come suddenly and have wounded our souls and widened the breach between the races, but the flood left thousands of our poor people homeless, physically afflicted and mentally distressed. If there ever was a time when our people in the South needed practical, unprejudiced help and hopeful, courageous instruction, it is now. This is no time for white people to be unfair nor for colored people to be unfaithful.

The flood sufferers need clothes and shelter and health, but above all they need justice and encouragement and practical sympathy. If the South does not deal fairly with the Negro in this crisis, there is no Christianity there. But let us bear in mind that the injustice of the whites of the South is not any more un-christian than the indifference of the blacks who live outside of the South. This is the time for both races to work together without reservation, and if they do not do it, the moral reaction will be worse than the physical destruction. Floods cannot wipe out prejudice, but they do help to show us how deeply rooted it is.

Work to be Done

You come with happy anticipations and high hopes of receiving vital information and satisfying inspiration from this meeting. You have taken a prospective view of this meeting and anticipate that your officers will come, as usual, with new plans and resolutions. Such anticipations have become a habit with us. But have we cultivated the retrospective habit to see how much we have done in actually working out the plans of the past years? Let us take a retrospective view of the reports and addresses of the past seven years and see how many of the plans, recommendations and resolutions, that were received with enthusiasm and applause and accepted as a part of our program, have been worked on or worked up and worked out by us.

Definite plans, recommendations and resolutions are necessary objectives, for organizations of this kind, but they are not worth the paper on which they are written, nor the time it takes to read them, nor the energy expended in dreaming of their fulfillment, unless there is serious and constant effort put forth by the constituency towards their realization.

For the refreshing of our memories on what we have written, read, applauded and adopted at various gatherings, we have taken excerpts from plans, resolutions and recommendations out of the Annual Reports of the past seven years, and beg that you consider them with us and decide whether they are problems that are still on our hands and are still worth working on. If they are, will you in this meeting pledge seriously, to work for their accomplishment? People who resolve too much without putting forth any effort to carry out their resolutions, get social paralysis or dissolve or disintegrate. Activity is the second law of growth.

Here are some of the things that this organization has considered favorably and by our usual method of accepting plans, pledged to help put them into operation. I shall not go farther back than 1920, and shall give only the meat of the most important recommendations and plans.

The Rural Community Needs Help

In the report of 1920 we declared that the Negro rural community is a field untouched by social agencies. The rural church and the rural people need help. The Negro country church must be made an instrument for enriching the whole community life. The country people need magazines, newspapers, movies, and clear spots for out-door sports. The country woman needs every modern convenience that will relieve her of drudgery.

Through the vision and generosity of Julius Rosenwald, the movement for better rural schools is well under way, but this Convention must do something to help the country women in their homes, health and outlook on life.

Summer School of Religious Education Needed

In the same report we called attention to the need of a Negro Northfield. There is no greater need among Negro Christian women than the need of a Summer School of Religious Education.

Increased Membership of Convention

In accordance with the call in the report of 1921, we voted to work for an increase of the membership of the Convention, and we decided to plan to greatly increase the number of individual contributors to the work of the Convention, and also to work unceasingly to build up the national through representation of local societies.

To accomplish these objects the whole field needs stimulating and rejuvenating. The local societies need remodeling. Nine-tenths of the societies are either using antiquated methods or no methods at all. A canvass of the field, state by state, with these definite aims in view, will put new life into the societies and into the local leadership.

We said at the 1921 Convention that we must go after numbers. The women are in our local churches and we must get them here. Our whole field will be ablaze with missionary fire when the women in the bottoms and in the backwoods, in the little churches and in the large churches, begin to come up to these annual gatherings to see, to hear, to learn, and to speak for themselves. The fact of the matter is that not one-third of our women are reached by the present methods.

Important Work

In the report of 1922 we called attention to important pieces of work to which we should give our united support:

Improve Homes

We must map out and follow some definite plans for reaching the Negro home and assisting our women in raising its social and physical standards.

Help the Churches in the Cities in Which the Convention is Held

The cities in which we meet should receive such spiritual and moral uplift as would increase the membership of the local churches. When we consider the tremendous amount of money that is spent to hold an annual meeting, we should see to it that we leave a lasting impression for good upon every city. The tide of spiritual enthusiasm should rise so high, as a result of the coming of this grand army of the Lord into a city, that hundreds of souls would be borne into the kingdom. It is the duty of this Convention to organize its work so as to strengthen every church in every city in which we meet. We are here on business for the King. How much business we do for him depends entirely upon our vision, our courage, our devotion and our enthusiasm. The people are expecting much of us and much from us. Let us not disappoint them. Let us conduct our meetings in such a way as to enlist members for the local churches or inspire active workers to become leaders in their fields.

State Teas

This year we wish to suggest another opportunity—the opportunity to promote Christian Sociability. We should use three or four churches in the Convention city to hold State Teas every day at the close of the afternoon session. For these teas the states could be grouped three or four states to a group and the members of the church in which the tea is held who come from the states of the group should entertain. By this method the delegates are given time to socialize and people from the state are given a fine opportunity to meet their friends. The teas could be served for twenty-five or fifty cents and the Convention given fifty per cent of the gross receipts.

"Lest We Forget"

In the same report (1922), under the caption, "Lest we forget," we spoke of the greatest contribution that has been made to Negro advancement—the contribution of the early white missionaries and Christian teachers who came to us at the close of the Civil War and helped us when we could not help ourselves. We said in that report:

> "It is high time that the Negro race were expressing in a tangible way its appreciation for the service and sacrifice of its early benefactors—the men and women who took it upon themselves to come South as soon as the smoke of battle had cleared away and begin the work of binding wounds, enlightening the ignorant and leading the blind. The names of those self-sacrificing 'saints' will be recorded in the book that will be written under the title of 'The New Book of Acts of the Apostles to the Negro Race in America.' This book will be a thrilling account of the deeds of heroism and devotion of such women and men as Joanna P. Moore, General O. O. Howard, John Braiden, Major Henry J. Biddle, Mary Allen, Rev. Joseph McKee, John Storer, General Samuel Chapman Armstrong, Margaret Barber, Jennie L. Peck, Florence Dysart, Dr. John M. Dickey, Hartshorn, Dr. Lyman B. Tefft, W. N. Hartshorn, Mary G. Burdette, Dr. J. B. Simmons and scores of others."

The entire race has been pushed five hundred years forward in sixty years by gifts of lives, money and sincere good will.

Enlisting the Young People—Drawbacks

In 1923 you voted to enlist the young people. We said in that Convention that there are three reasons why Negro young people do not take an active part in religious work:

First: Because few parents set the right example by intelligent, enthusiastic, consistent living. The interest of the average Negro parent is too superficial and sporadic to inspire and enlist observant, investigating and enlightened young people.

Second: There is too much wrangling in religious organizations. Such conduct does not appeal to intelligent, forward looking young people. They do not understand what it is all about.

Third: The lack of a definite program—a program that will be a challenge to all of their worth while powers and talents. The new civilization is going to be highly spiritual and, unless the young Negro prepares and enlists, the Christian forces of his day will develop and dominate a civilization in which he can have no part. On the other hand, he will be a potent factor if he has something moral and spiritual to contribute to its up-building and development. There is a

Fourth reason: The majority of the teachers of Negro youth are Christless and materialistic. They teach by precept but not by example; they are not consecrated and dedicated to the moral and spiritual ideals that make races and individuals great.

The Negro Home—Essentials

In the report of 1924 we discussed the Negro home and its materialistic tendencies. This was your expression: **We cannot make homes out of furniture.** Homes are not made of furniture; they are made of high ideals lived up to. These ideals lived up to generate the atmosphere which we call home. Atmosphere is created by good will, high purpose, simple living, bright lights, clean rooms, wholesome food, regular meal hours, large comfortable living rooms, newspapers, magazines, clean bath rooms, clean attractive back and front yards, comfortable chairs for the lawn, hours together for the exchange of ideas, discussion of plans, music, play and meditation.

Four walls with fine furniture do not necessarily make a home, while four walls, simple furniture, high ideals, and working together to attain those ideals do constitute a home.

Buying Homes

In our campaign among home makers, we should distribute information on "Where to Buy Homes." Our people are buying old houses—worn-out, disease-ridden, stenchy places in run-down or running-down neighborhoods. It is extravagance, rather than economy, to make such investments. Few people know how, or have the means with which, to modernize old ranches (not old mansions), or convert them into homes.

Our people want to live in the heart of the city, despite the fact that the modern city has heart disease. You say they are poor and cannot afford to live elsewhere. They pay more to live in the heart of these abandoned neighborhoods than they would to live a little removed from these heart-diseased centers.

The statement is often made that they must live as near their places of employment as possible and convenient to schools for their children. The fact is we like to live in crowds; conveniences are of secondary consideration. There is great need of guidance in this matter of home purchasing and home making.

Another matter. Negroes and whites are robbing thousands of our poor, credulous people of millions of dollars by selling unimproved lots in swamps and gullies, and land that is only on paper. Our people buy land without ever stopping to investigate. The tragedy in this home-buying scheme is that many Negro leaders go in with these whites to swindle us for so much per. Take our advice. Do not invest a dollar in real estate until you shall have seen it and had the title examined. Know what you are getting and, if the property is unimproved, find out from the city authorities the prospects of getting sewerage, water, lights and streets. We have passed that period in our development when we should try to live in or near cities and not have modern necessities and homes and surroundings that are kept up to the highest standards.

The Law Enforcement Movement

In the same report we discussed the Law Enforcement Movement. You were told that the promoters of law enforcement have centered influences and funds on the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment when the Law Enforcement Movement should have as its great objective the enforcement of the Constitution of the United States and every one of its amendments. The Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments are just as sacred and just as important as the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Amendments.

It will be impossible to get the Negro to give his support to the Law Enforcement Movement until the influence and funds are used just as religiously to save his body from the rope and the torch, as these funds and influences are now being used to save his stomach from poisonous alcoholic concoctions. Instead of trying to force citizens to obey the law, the law enforcement promoters should center their strength on making public officials enforce the laws.

All that this government needs, from the White House down, is men with sufficient moral courage to enforce the laws of the land.

The Convention Should be a School

In the report of 1925 we told the "Dreams That Have Not Come True." Our suggestion to make this Convention a real school to which state workers can come annually and get material and learn methods that they can apply on their home field has not been put into operation. It ought to be done. If we do not do it, those of vision who come after us will do it. The day of old methods is past. Worth while women are not coming up here regularly unless they are thrilled and filled by our program of service. Let us rise to it, women, let us rise to it. There is no substitute for definite, organized, digested and assimilated information. There is no substitute for preparedness.

The Summer School

Another dream—the Summer School. Those who have not been privileged to attend summer schools like Northfield, Chautauqua, Winona, Boulder, and Lakeside, and see the thousands upon thousands of women and young people studying to show themselves workmen—filling up, preparatory to directing the forces in their local churches during the winter—have no idea of the great value of these schools. They are absolutely indispensable for the development of Christian leaders and Christian agencies. We cannot go very far, nor can we do the work commensurate with our numbers and needs, until we have a large number of highly qualified women. Shall we make this dream come true?

We should say to every president of every Christian organization—local, state and national—if we have not taken any special courses or attended any of the summer schools for a long time, in the name of our jobs, let us go somewhere and get a broader and clearer vision. The same old thing in the same old way will kill a saint and will not convert a sinner.

Officers' Conferences

In the report of 1926 we gave a part of our program and advised state directors and national officers to hold state and national Officers' Conferences and conduct an intensive campaign for cleaner homes with higher home ideals. In the same report we said that we should push a great but simple health program. Civilization is a matter of the survival of the fittest.

The Young People Being Organized

The only recommendation on which we are working is the one to organize our young people. This is not functioning as it should because as a babe we have made it carry its own burden—walk before it was ready to crawl. The Home Mission work of this Convention should be encouraged by properly financing the young people's movement until it is sold to every church in this country. Remember that an organization that has a noble past and a great future needs youth, and the strength and courage that only youth can give. You cannot get these young people without united effort and modern machinery. Starting things or permitting them to be started is not enough. We must encourage and support and boost them.

Information the Greatest Need

Information should be the key-word of our 1927 Convention. Our five great objectives for the incoming year should be greater knowledge, deeper interest, increased zeal, more liberal giving and more earnest praying. The greatest need of the two and a half million Baptists of this country is a working knowledge of the program for which the entire denomination is responsible. People work for things of which they have definite knowledge.

Our information should be about material to be used in developing leaders, enlisting and training followers, holding interest, developing sense of stewardship and personal responsibility, methods of organizing groups, putting over programs and securing cooperation.

For our state and national work we should have definite knowledge of the needs, activities and personnel, and be prepared to teach the people their duty and responsibility.

Those who are at work among the people know that there is a distressing need of the kind of information that inspires sacrificial giving and practical cooperation.

Our state and national organizations must grow in numbers, strengthen in finance, secure new leadership and expand in vision. In other words, we must work and build so as to go on from strength to strength. In this Convention we are not doing our duty individually. A dozen workers are trying to put over a national program. They cannot do it. We are not doing our work systematically. We use questionable and sporadic methods We put in less than a month's time getting a few dollars to bring to the meeting. If we cannot put a team in the field to cultivate it, and our own efficient workers to harvest it, the Convention will get only the gleanings.

The business of this organization is to scatter information enlighten the people and enlist new leaders. For this task we must find capable women who know their jobs, who can deliver the goods, and we must pay them for their work. Other agencies can get qualified people to sell their ideals to their constituency and we must do the same. That is our reason for urging you to set up the work under departmental heads. In plain English, this Convention needs a revival, and to get it we must put on a program of Information, Understanding, Enlistment and Cooperation.

Study Books for 1927

Secretaries of Literature should be appointed by us to cover every state and district convention. These secretaries would cover the state with literature and arouse the women to the importance of knowing their material. Our leaders should study the new study books while they are new. Some of us will wait until 1930 to study the 1927 books.

The 1927 foreign study book for adult classes—"A Straight Way Toward Tomorrow"—is written by Mrs. Platt, the author of a former textbook, "The Child in the Midst." It treats of child welfare, Christian homes, books and pictures, religious education, social progress and world-wide friendship from the Christian and religious viewpoint. It is to be translated into other languages so that our United Study of Missions will include not only America but will begin world-wide united mission study.

The other study book for adult classes is, "New Paths for Old Purposes." It is written by Miss Margaret E. Burton, author of "Women Workers of the Orient." It emphasizes the essentially missionary character of Christianity and our duty to apply the missionary spirit to the great needs of the present hour.

Miss Applegarth is the author of the new foreign study book for juniors —"Please Stand By." She has written other junior books which are well known and well liked by junior leaders.

There are two junior home study books for this year. "Indian Playmates of Navajo Land" is for children from six to eight years, and "The Upward Climb" is for juniors from nine to fourteen years. They are each the first in a series of three books to be published in the next three years, following the plan of the "Better American" series.

We are showing several fascinating little story books for children from four to seven years of age. These are not study books, but are delightful volumes to put in the hands of girls and boys themselves. There are two books in the "Everyland Children Series," written by Mrs. Peabody; six in "The Babies' Series," by Mary Entwistle; and two others by Mary Entwistle—"Boys and Girls and Friendly Beasts," and "On the Road," a book of adventures in India.

The printed page is second only to prayer in developing missionary power. Societies that do not use good literature will become too feeble to exert themselves or too blind to see.

We have supplied local missionary societies with more literature this year than ever before. Orders for topic cards have doubled. The women are using the Guides, Record Books, Charts and Red Circle Guides. The call for study books is constant but not many study classes have been organized. We must do systematic studying in order to do better work. Supplies and information have been sent in response to 4782 orders and requests. We have distributed 15,300 circulars and leaflets.

Some very unusual requests have come to us from white women in the South. Twenty-nine letters have come from Christian white women of the South who went into local societies conducted by colored women and found that they did not have any material with which to work and that they were in great need of guidance. These letters have raised just one question in our minds: Where are the colored teachers? Why did not they send for information for their own sisters who are plodding on in the dark.

We realize that the Study Books that are gotten out by the Central Committee are above the heads of nine-tenths of our women, but if the educated women who are making their living off of the race were real Christians and had vision and race pride they would read the books, digest the matter and go into missionary societies and teach them. They could give the women the meat of the message. Since we have not interest and initiative enough to get out suitable study books yearly, we must adapt to our own needs, as far as possible, the books that are gotten out by others.

There are enough educated Christian women in this country to guide the uneducated into understanding. The masses in other groups are helped by the higher privileged. That is what education is for. The educated Christian woman who wants to grow has an unlimited opportunity in the field of Christian service.

Some Work of the Missionary Societies

Our Missionary Societies, under intelligent, progressive leadership can do more than any other auxiliaries to help make the churches real Missionary Baptist churches. Many of us who think we belong to Missionary Baptist churches do not know what constitutes a Missionary Baptist church. What are the requirements and standards to be worked out by converted, Baptized believers?

The Baptist Board of Missionary Education, New York City, gives twenty-one points, set down by a Baptist conference, and we pass them on to you as the yardstick by which to measure your church and decide whether it is a real, honest-to-goodness Missionary Baptist church.

1. It should have a program of missionary education.
2. It should have a missionary committee or department.
3. It should be interested in the entire kingdom.
4. It should have a missionary pastor.
5. It should practice the habit of praying for missionaries.
6. It should encourage visits of missionaries.
7. It should have a missionary budget.
8. It should have missionary education in the Sunday school.
9. It should have missionary education in the young people's society.
10. It should have missionary education for boys and girls.
11. It should have study classes for all church departments.
12. It should have missionary reading courses for all grades.
13. It should have a missionary library.
14. It should have a missionary magazine table.
15. It should have missionary programs.
16. It should have a Missions magazine club.
17. It should use missionary dramatics.
18. It should give a stereopticon missionary lecture.

19. It should have a missionary room.
20. It should send delegates to summer conferences or assemblies.
21. It should hold life service meetings.

A rose might smell as sweet by any other name, but a church is not a Missionary Baptist church measured by any other standard. The Missionary Society can help bring the church up to the Missionary Baptist standard. Christian women, carrying a name isn't anything. Carrying out a program is the thing.

Praying and Giving

Shall we not during the incoming year as a national body urge our women to more united, definite, intercessory prayer? We must give prayer a larger place in the work of our Convention. Shall we not set a week of prayer? First week in April might be a good time. Shall we not have a cycle that will start with the president and pass on to every officer and every member of this Convention? We would call it "The 1928 Prayer Cycle."

We will open the Prayer Cycle roll book in this meeting. The officers and delegates will register their names and addresses. The chain will start with the president, make the rounds of the entire voluntary enrollment and end with the corresponding secretary. Each prayer will be a link in the national chain and it will be the business of each to see that the chain is not broken.

The secretary will send out the literature and the links. Each prayer will write her name on the link sent to her and every woman will post her link between the hours of 10 a. m. and 1 p. m., on the last day of the Week of Prayer. The objects for which we have prayed will be printed on each link and at noon on the last day of the Week of Prayer every woman will spend at least ten minutes in prayer, medilation and dedication.

After the links come in, we will send to the prayers Thank Offerings or Blessing Boxes. The Thank Offering Boxes are to be used in which to drop five cents every time we get a blessing for which we are thankful. We will bring the boxes to the 1928 Convention, line up and pile our Thank Offering Boxes on the table. The Thank Offering or Blessing Box money will be used as designated by our circle of grateful Christians. We are asking Mrs. Ida Frazier-Bates, Kansas; Mrs. C. H. McDowell, Missouri; Mrs. Viola T. Hill, Florida; Mrs. C. A. Williams, Georgia; Mrs. Mary H. Flowers, Tennessee; Mrs. A. D. Winstead, Indiana; Mrs. C. D. Robinson, California; Miss Lillian Robinson, District of Columbia; Mrs. C. D. Trice, Illinois; Miss Violet Johnson, New Jersey; and Mrs. W. D. Carter, California, to take charge of the Blessing Boxes.

A New Way to Present Our Work

The old-fashioned convention is being tabooed by progressive Christians. This Convention will have to find new ways of presenting old truths. We might find the following general plan practicable.

First Watch—Prayer devotions.
Second Watch—School of Methods conducted by departmental superintendents.
Third Watch—Inspirational address followed by pageant.

It seems practicable to let the local superintendent have charge of the model Sunday school so as to have his cooperation in getting out a good local attendance of children and adults. We would supply the teachers, but his teachers would take their usual places in their classes and inspire the visiting teachers by their presence.

The young girls who are delegates to the Young People's Department should be organized to be used as ushers and pages throughout the Convention. They should wear black skirts, black shoes and ties, white middies and white hose.

Working Through Departments

The work of this Convention could be greatly facilitated by working through four departments with a superintendent over each, who would report monthly to the corresponding secretary, hold departmental meetings annually at periods provided by the Program Committee. Each department would be given a half day to present its work in the most attractive way. This plan would distribute responsibility, develop new leaders and experts in all of our fields of service. The departments suggested are:

1. Education—through which department the Convention will not only raise money but will write and distribute literature, conduct Schools of Methods and Campaigns of Education.

2. Home Mission—charged with making surveys, raising funds for a scholarship for poor girls, and funds for the promotion of Health Campaigns.

3. The Foreign Mission Department—would have four objectives:

   a. Raising funds for the education of foreign students in American schools.
   b. Raising funds for missionary foreign fields.
   c. Securing materials for mission stations.
   d. Holding Foreign Mission Institutes and distributing foreign mission literature.

4. Young People—Its task would be to:
   a. Interest and enlist young people in Christian service.
   b. Raising funds for missionary foreign fields.

If these four departments are properly set up and officered, the Convention will feel a new life surging in its entire body.

Suggestions for a Monthly Program

We supply the weekly topic cards, and they have met with general favor. But let us go a step farther and suggest that all missionary societies hold one special public meeting every month during 1928, invite special speakers and lay by that method to arouse new interest in their entire program.

Subjects

January—What Baptists Believe.
February—Our National Objectives and What They Will Do for the Local Church.
March—Our Home Mission Task.
April—Our Youth and their Problems.
May—Health and Recreation.
June—Mother and Daughter Banquet.
July—Race Papers and Race Enterprises.
August—Stewardship.
September—Cooperation and Race Relations.
October—Christian Education.
November—A Review of Race Achievements of this year.
December—Books that Every Woman Should Read. Books that Every Girl Should Read. Books that Every Boy Should Read. Books that Every Man Should Read.

Race Relations

We submit here some topics for discussion on race relations during the year. Meetings for open forum or round table discussions in which well prepared white and colored speakers should be asked to speak, should be held to promote interracial understanding and good will.

Elbert L. Carr spoke frankly but truthfully in the "Southern Workman" when he said:

"The church cannot escape responsibility for a large share in the prevailing unfortunate situation in regard to general race relations. Instead of seizing upon the points of unity, as she should have done, she has often helped all other divisive forces to widen the breach of discrimination among the races.

"The church must determine to develop a Christian attitude among the races. Frankly confessing its part in establishing racial attitudes unworthy of the God who is our common Creator and Father, it should declare the principle of world-wide brotherhood. Ministers and other religious leaders should sit down together and consult each other in a frank facing of facts and situations; a spirit of mutual respect and confidence should be cultivated, mutual standards of procedure should be set and adhered to. Now is the time to launch a united, consistent program in the interest of racial justice and welfare."

Topic Suggested

I. My Church and Race Relations:

1. What should be the guiding Christian principles in dealing with the problems of race relations?
2. How are these principles being put into practice by the members of my church?
3. What is the program of my church for improving race relations?
4. What is the goal in church organization, interracially?

II. Conditions of White and Negro Women in Employment:

1. Get facts of comparative wages and working conditions of white and Negro women in the factories and other places of employment in your community.
2. What are the comparative chances of white and colored women getting employment?
3. What initial steps should be taken to help colored women secure positions?

III. Health:

1. What has been done by health authorities of my community for the Negro population?
2. What hospital and clinical facilities are open to colored people, especially women and children?
3. Are there Negro doctors in my community, and what are their relations to the hospitals?

IV. Housing:

1. What is the sanitary condition of Negro neighborhoods of my city?
2. What are the churches of my community doing about it?
3. Difficulties of Negroes in renting and buying property in my community; what are the churches doing about it?

V. Education:

1. What is being taught the school children about races and race relations?
2. Are the educational facilities of the white and Negro children of my community the same? If not, why not?
3. How can a higher and deeper appreciation of the contribution of each race be taught?
4. What is being done on race relations in religious education, in the Sunday schools, young people's societies, etc.?

VI. Public Facilities:

1. What facilities are open to colored people in the parks, playgrounds, etc., of my community?
2. Are the libraries, theaters and moving picture houses open to colored people as to others?

VII. The Educated Negro in American Life:

1. What is the attitude of the churches that have supported mission schools toward the Negroes educated in them?
2. Are church women extending the hand of cooperation to the young people trained in these schools?
3. Are the students from these schools finding religious and cultural contacts with white people?
4. What are the special responsibilities of church women in this matter?

VIII. Interracial Work of Church Women:

1. What joint meetings have white and Negro women held in your community or state?
2. Have white and Negro women of your community met to consider the housing, the health and sanitation, the efficiency or the working conditions of the working Negro women of your locality?
3. Have they met to consider the problems created for working mothers by a lack of day nurseries, by the need of recreational facilities for young people, etc.?

We wish to call your attention to another group which is working seriously on interracial good will. The Friends (Quakers) are organized to do a fine piece of work through the American Interracial Peace Committee. We should study their program and work with them. No group of people in the whole world has been more devoted to the cause of justice and good will than the Quakers. They are not experimenting. They have consistently applied the principles of Christianity in all of their human relationships.

Mrs. E. E. Whitfield's Report

You will be inspired by the personal message that will be brought to you by Mrs. E. E. Whitfield. Her twenty-third year as the field representative of this Convention has been crowned with unusual success. No [illegible] in America has done as much to kindle and to keep the fires of information, inspiration and enlistment burning on the field as this indefatigable, self-sacrificing representative of our Convention. Truly it can be said that while other women slumber and sleep, physically and spiritually, Mrs. Whitfield is toiling onward by day and through the night, through the heat and through the cold, over barren plains and cultivated fields. Only the Recording Angel can keep a record of her golden deeds and unselfish sacrifices. We give only a summary of her report for the year and we thank the pastors and the people for their contributions and kindly cooperation. The report follows:

Alabama	$ 54 19
Florida	145 71
Georgia	139 75
Indiana	154 17
Illinois	443 79
Kansas	320 69
Louisiana	409 10
Michigan	899 64
Missouri	430 59
Oklahoma	33 00

Ohio	$ 511 71
Pennsylvania	1,008 40
New York	97 35
New Jersey	29 35
South Carolina	53 21
Tennessee	57 83
West Virginia	44 71
Canada	202 51
Total	$5,036 20

The Training School

The Training School has truly passed through floods and flames. For twelve months we have worked night and day to re-establish its going. The trustees have tried in every way to encourage us and have done much to insure the future progress and permanency of the work. The following definite changes have been made:

1. The name of the institution has been changed from "The National Training School for Women and Girls" to "The National Seminary and Trade School for Girls."
2. The curriculum has been raised.
3. The board of trustees has been mixed.
4. By-law number nine (9) of the charter has been incorporated into the body of the charter. The by-law 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 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, deposited at once in a reputable bank in Washington, D. C., to be 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.

It is our supreme duty and our great opportunity to make this institution one of the best in America.

Before this report is read the work on the much needed Trades Hall will be in progress. The building will be a 60 by 90 two-story brick structure with twelve class rooms and offices. The work will be pushed and we will be in the building before Christmas.

The fifteen thousand dollar heating plant was completed in December, 1926. Nothing that has been done at the institution has added more to our happiness and comfort and subtracted more from our discomfort and current expense bill than the heating plant. We owe two thousand dollars on it. Please help us wipe out the debt.

All buildings are being renovated and painted inside and out. The campus is prettier than ever before.

We have added five new teachers to the faculty and secured a special assistant to the president.

We are planning to operate a business drillery for girls who want to specialize in stenographic and general office work. We are asking our friends to send girls for the Business and Social Service courses because there is a great demand for qualified women in both fields.

Now a word to our friends in this Convention. The president of the Training School has given her life for the Baptist women of this country. The Training School is a faint expression of her love, hopes and dreams

for the womanhood of the race. It must be our legacy to the next generation. The school is the only piece of work that has been done by women of the race, and we should make it glorious. Ideals and sacrifices should be a challenge to women of vision and unselfish purposes.

It is difficult to build anything for our people, and they sometimes make it doubly so because of their spirit. We make no sentimental appeal, but when a man or woman is willing to give his or her life for a worthy cause we should stop knocking and go to cooperating. The school is firmly established; it must be enlarged and beautified and maintained. The president will be on the field this year to raise $50,000 to accomplish three objectives. There are friends here who will cooperate with her and it is hoped that the year will bring, not only the completion of the Trades Hall, but the completion of the Dining Hall and Chapel, and add hundreds of new friends.

School Needs—How to Help

The school needs spreads, sheets, blankets, comfortables, tablecloths, dresser scarfs and tea towels, and one hundred persons who will give ten dollars each for the coal fund. You can help the Training School by giving quilting parties in your homes and making pretty quilts; by giving grocery showers, and by taking out life insurances, making the school the beneficiary. We now see, as a result of wise planning on the part of the trustees, a bright day for the institution. This is a prophecy that is not far from fulfillment.

An Appeal for Christian Education

And now we come with an appeal to the church women and men in behalf of Christian education. The Woman's Convention and the National Baptist Convention ought to put on an intensive drive for students to enter Christian institutions of learning and prepare to dedicate their lives to God and to the salvation of their race. The Christian church will never get the leadership that it needs unless Christian mothers and fathers put their sons and daughters in schools dedicated to the teaching of the highest Christian ideals.

The national dearth of trained Christian leadership for the church is not due so much to the worldly-mindedness of the young people, as it is to the lack of godly wisdom on the part of the old people. You cannot give your girls and boys a purely secular education of mind and get a highly spiritual dedication of life.

Many of our people prod themselves into believing that they are too poor to send their children to "pay schools"—the young people must get what they can in the free schools. Other parents think that the public schools of their particular cities are superior and provide sufficient training. Every public school in America ought to be splendid, whether it is planted in the bottoms of Mississippi or on the hilltops of Maine. But the public schools of America, however excellent they are, have their limitations. They can develop acumen in the mind and put cunning in the hand, but they cannot develop godly ideals in the soul.

The public schools of this country ought to give the best mental training to every boy and girl, and if America ever becomes a democracy, it will be when every child, rich and poor, high and low, has the very same chance to learn and the very same chance to earn. But large sections of the American people are five hundred years behind the democratic ideal of those who laid the foundation of the free school system; because, for every dollar they invest in the education of white children out of the public taxes, they provide less than ten cents for colored children. This wilful discrimination and robbery deprives two million Negro children of one of their most valued rights—on birthrights. In other words, the Negro might as well realize that educationally, he is up against a venomous form of prejudice that glories in keeping him ignorant.

The public schools of this country were conceived for the purpose of releasing all American citizens from the bondage of native ignorance and helping them find themselves; and, having found themselves, they are prepared to appreciate the value of further personal preparation; which preparation, if directed by Christian agencies, will bring them into a deep realization of the service which they owe to God and to man.

A public school education can only develop your children's minds to think and their eyes to see. A Christian education develops souls to feel—to feel a sense of gratitude and duty, to feel for the ignorant and the outcast, to feel after God and to find him and enthrone him in their lives.

We might as well stop long enough to learn that the Christian church is not too poor to build Christian institutions and to "carry on" on a large scale the great program of Christian education. We might as well stop long enough to learn that a race with all eyes and all mind and no soul cannot hold a place of progress and power. The men and women who have moved the world upward were spiritually endued, as well as mentally enlightened.

It is the duty of the Christian church to stress the value of our spiritual enduement. The lives of the educated young Negroes will not be worth anything that is abiding, unless they bring them into a harmonious working relation with God and join him in his great work of preaching the gospel to the poor, healing the broken-hearted, preaching deliverence to the captive, recovering the sight to the blind and setting at liberty them that are bruised. People who engage in this work must be anointed and then the Spirit of the Lord comes upon them. Conversion and Christian education is the anointment.

Because, men are not saved by precept; they are not saved by example; they are saved by the personal touch of a godly life. In this day when there is a grand rush and a stampede for new things, there is a disposition to discredit the power of the old time religion—the power of God in a life. But let no teacher deceive you. If you are planning to make your life a heroically successful one you must learn and apply in your teaching and in your living, the old methods as taught and used by Jesus Christ.

Keep this great old truth in mind—the disciples were successful with the same old boat when they followed the word of Jesus to let down the net on the right side of the boat. Our schools and churches will be successful if we leave the shallows of "new fads" and launch into the deep, under the direction of Jesus Christ. Our high purpose in this city at this time is to call Negro Baptists to meet the great educational challenge of their day by filling the Christian schools with young people who will dedicate their mental, moral and spiritual powers to the great task of enlightening and lifting.

Respectfully submitted,
THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

MRS. EMMA B. HALL ROBERTS, Chairman
MISS NANNIE H. BURROUGHS, Corresponding Secretary,
Lincoln Heights, Washington, D. C.

Financial Statements

REPRESENTATION FEES SENT IN

(Key to abbreviations—H. M., Home Missions; F. M., Foreign Missions; E. F. S., Education Foreign Students; N. T. S. National Training School.)

GEORGIA—

Woman's Auxiliary to General Missionary Baptist Conv. $100.00
Designated: F. M., $25.00; H. M., $5.00; E. F. S., $5.00; N. T. S., $50.00; General Expenses, $15.00.

Delegates: S. F. Brown, Julia Woodruff, Hattie Harris, Adelia Gadson, A. D. Williams, Bessie Foster, Beulah Johnson, J. N. Brown, Lillie Grier, Mary N. Jones, E. J. Ried, Willie McKinney, Laura Scott, Mrs. Shoemaker, Laurena Hatcher, Brunswick Thomas, C. L. Fletcher, E. M. Taylor, Carrie Smith, Georgia Washburn, Lula Washington, Lethia Craig, Mrs. Buckhead, C. H. Robinson, Ida Bolton, Hattie Berry, Mattie Pritchett, Alice Broadnax, L. M. Nabritt, J. H. Evans.

Women's Missionary Club $9.50
Designated: F. M., $25.00; H. M., $3.00; E. F. S., $.50; N. T. S., $1.00; General Expenses, $.25; Children's Band, $2.50; Donation, $2.00.

Antioch Baptist Church $10.00
Designated: F. M., $2.00; H. M., $2.00; E. F. S., $2.00; N. T. S., $2.00; General Expenses, $2.00.
Delegates: Hattie I. Forrest, Susie L. Bryant, Willie Jones.

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church $5.00
Designated: F. M., $.50; H. M., $.50; E. F. S., $.50; N. T. S., $2.50; General Expenses, $1.00.
Delegates: Laurena Hatcher, Annie Baily, Eliza Beavers, Sarah Brown, Annie Sue Ruse.

Senior Missionary Society, Wheat St. Baptist Church $20.00
Designated: F. M., $5.00 H. M., $1.00; E. F. S. $1.00; N. T. S., $10.00; General Expense, $3.00.
Delegates: W. G. McKinney, Beatrice South, Emma Phillips, Lillie James, C. A. Williams, Emma Black, L. E. Ramsey, L. C. Wyatt, Carrie Smith, Eliza Gaines.

Ebenezer Baptist Church $10.00
Undesignated
Delegates: Minnie Dooley, N. W. Crawford.

Women's Missionary and Ed. Conv. of Fulton County (Atlanta) $50.00
Designated: F. M., $5.00; E. F. S., $5.00; N. T. S., $25.00; General Expenses, $15.00.
Delegates: Mrs. D. D. Crawford, Mrs. H. E. Harris, Mrs. L. L. Craig, Mrs. N. W. Crawford, Mrs. Lillie Davis, Mrs. H. E. Garrison, Mrs. Cyrus Brown, Carrie Smith, W. F. McKinney, A. D. Williams, Lula Cook, J. T. Dorsey, I. H. Henderson.

Liberty Bapt. Church Mission of Liberty Bapt. Church $10.00
Designated: N. T. S., $5.00; General Expenses, $5.00.
Delegates: Rev. C. N. Perry, L. E. Grier, Ida Henderson, Georgia Crawford, H. E. Harris, H. E. Garrison, C. N. Perry.

TENNESSEE—

Women's Auxiliary Missionary and Educational Conv. $50.00
Designated: F. M., $2.50; H. M., $2.50; E. F. S., $5.00; N. T. S., $20.00; General Expenses, $20.00.
Delegates: M. B. Flowers, E. P. Cooper, M. M. Young, Jannie Matthews, S. H. Lee, M. A. Bell, E. M. Lawrence, V. W. Broughton, Carrie Keith, M. S. Eddings, Anna R. Haynes, J. H. Lawrence, J. B. Tartte, M. G. Valentine, E. W. D. Isaac, Sr., A. B. Grisby.

MICHIGAN—

Woman's Baptist State Convention $10.00
Designated: N. T. S. $5.00, General Expenses, $5.00.
Delegate: A. J. White.

WEST VIRGINIA—

Woman's Baptist State Convention $79.65

Designated: N. T. S., $79.65.
Delegates: M. M. W. Arler, Fannie Cobb Carter.

OHIO—

Missionary Society, St. John Bapt. Church (Bellaire) $5.0
Undesignated.
Delegates: None.

MICHIGAN—

Woman's Auxiliary to Wolverine Bapt. Conv., Michigan $22.0
Designated: N. T. S., $22.00.

WASHINGTON—

Woman's Convention, N. W. Coast Bapt. Ass'n (Spokane) $10.0
Designated: N. T. S., $10.00.

WOMAN'S CONVENTION, AUXILIARY TO THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.

Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, Corresponding Secretary

Lincoln Heights, Washington, D. C.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

YEAR ENDING, JUNE 30, 1927

Receipts

Contributions (Designated):		
Foreign Students	$172 25	
Home Missions	139 50	
National Training School	613 75	
Building Fund	151 00	
		$1,076 50
Salary, Miss N. H. Burroughs		1,315 14
Sale of Supplies		635 49
Cash Balance, June 30, 1926 (spec. fund)		699 02
		$3,726 15

Disbursements

National Training School (Designated):		
Foreign Students	$172 25	
Home Missions	139 50	
National Training School	613 75	
Building Fund	151 00	
		$1,076 50
Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, notes payable		1,315 14
Supplies		125 56
Salary—Clerical Help		180 00
Insurance for Foreign Students		41 30
		$2,738 50

Cash Balance, June 30, 1926—			
Hayford Fund	$337 61		
General Fund	361 41		
		$699 02	
Current		288 63	987 65
			$3,726 15

BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 1927

Assets

Cash Balance:			
Hayford Fund	$337 61		
General Fund	361 41		
		$699 02	
Office Furniture	$ 96 16		
Less Depreciation	19 20		
		76 96	
Supplies and Cuts (Est.)		100 00	
			$875 98
Excess Liabilities			7,784 42
			$8,660 40

Liabilities

Accounts Payable:	
Miss N. H. Burroughs, Bal. due to July 1	$3,171 22
National Training School	5,368 98
Mrs. E. E. Whitfield	110 20
	$8,660 40

THE NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS, INC.

Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, President

Lincoln Heights, Washington, D. C.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR YEAR ENDING, JUNE 30, 1927

Receipts

Activities in Operation:			
Academic:—			
Matriculation		$ 155 00	
Boarding Department		7,536 63	
Tution—			
Regular	$3,211 48		
Music	311 00		
		$3,522 48	
Room Rent		3,522 48	
TOTAL			$14,736 59

Commercial:—		
Laundry	$15,041 69	
Community Store	4,335 25	
		$20,376 94
TOTAL ACTIVITIES		[illegible]

Contributions:	General	Bdlg. Fd.	Total	
Religious Bodies—				
Churches	$5,174 39	$1,709 25	$6,883 64	
Conventions:				
Woman's Aux. N. B. C.	2,241 64	151 00	2,392 64	
Other Conventions	119 01	1,645 24	1,764 25	
S. S. and B. Y. P. U.	410 79	455 51	866 30	
Associations	93 82	321 14	416 96	
Lodges		227 00	227 00	
Clubs	110 00	1,032 97	1,142 97	
Individuals:				
Group Friends	1,408 74	1,572 32	2,981 06	
White Friends	328 50	3,160 82	3,489 32	
Phelps-Stokes Fund	250 00	1,000 00	1,250 00	
Missionary Societies	119 05	360 66	479 71	
Other Organizations	75 40	100 00	175 40	
TOTAL	$10,333 34	11,735 91	22,069 25	
Other Contributions:				
Undesignated	172 25			
Special Gifts (legacies, etc.)	2,045 81		2,218 06	
				[illegible]
Other Receipts:				
Student Deposits (General)			$217 82	
Student Deposits (Books)			491 50	709 32
GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS				[illegible]
Cash forwarded, June 30, 1926				1,162 97

Disbursements

Operative:		
Administrative:—		
Salaries:		
Teachers	$5,532 95	
Clerical Help	1,497 23	
Field Worker	770 00	
TOTAL		$7,800 18
Offices Supplies		357 46
Boarding Department:—		
Salaries: (Inc. matron)	$1,540 02	
Laundering (campus)	1,378 00	
Supplies	2,255 04	
TOTAL		$4,173 06
Shop (Community Store)		
Salaries	803 55	
Supplies	4,516 68	
		$5,319 23

Laundry Department:		
Salaries	$9,499 89	
Supplies, etc.	5,332 91	
		$14,832 80
General Expense:		
Building and Improvements	1,831 24	
Live Stock	6 85	
Repairs	902 30	
Interest on Notes	159 79	
Heat and Light	415 84	
Telephone and Telegrams	127 19	
Water Rent	114 25	
Traveling Expenses	679 22	
Audit Expense	99 55	
Printing and Stationery	95 51	
Drayage	31 75	
Advertisement	9 75	
Cash Prizes	82 50	
Janitor Service	2,851 33	
Extra Labor	153 75	
Miscellaneous	530 46	
		$ 8,091 28
Other Disbursements:		
Notes Payable	5,071 33	
Accounts Payable	6,918 22	
Student Withdrawals	529 79	
		$12,519 34
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		$53,093 35
Cash Balance, June 30, 1927		7,079 78
		[illegible]

BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 1927

Assets

Current Assets:			
Cash (B. F. O. D., $4,172.49)			
Building Fund ($11,065.57)	$6,893 08		
Student Deposit Fund	186 70		
		$7,079 78	
Accts. Rec. Wom. Conv. Aux., N. B. C.		5,508 98	
			[illegible]
Live Stock			$12,588 76
			140 00
			12,588 76
Permanent Assets:			
Land—			
School Campus Site Eight (8) Acres	$40,000 00		
Expansion—Four (4) lots at Anacostia	400 00		
			$40,400 00

Buildings	$61,943 05	
Less Depreciation	3,097 15	
		[illegible]
Machinery (School and Laundry)	15,171 23	
Less Depreciation	3,034 24	
		12,136 99
Furniture and Fixtures	13,278 01	
Less Depreciation	132 67	
		13,134 34
Delivery Equipment	1,200 00	
Less Depreciation	120 00	
		1,080 00
Musical Instruments	1,880 06	
Less Depreciation	376 01	
		1,504 05
Printing Plant	727 36	
Less Depreciation	72 73	
		654 63
Liberty Bonds and War Saving Stamps		190 00
Heating Plant (without boilers)		10,111 81
Library		2,700 00
		$148,757 72
TOTAL ASSETS		$153,346 48

Liabilities

Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable:			
Miss Nannie H. Burroughs—			
Salary frwd., 6-30-26	$ 184 71		
Salary, current	1,800 00		
		$1,984 71	
Purchases		7,760 05	
			$10,744 76
Notes Payable:			
Miss N. H. B. ($1,330.65-$1,315.14) (Salary and loans)	$14,015 51		
Purchases	19,020 38		
		$33,035 89	
Building Fund:			
Cash	11,065 57		
W. S. S.	5 00		
		$11,070 57	
Student Deposits		186 70	
		$11,257 27	
Permanent Liabilities:			
Mortgage Payable		$12,000 00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES			[illegible]
EXCESS ASSETS			[illegible]
			$153,346 48

INCOME BY STATES

For Year Ending June 30, 1927

		Special Gifts
Alabama	$ 59 19	
Arkansas	5 00	
California	1,939 00	1,300 00
Connecticut	131 00	
District of Columbia	5,230 35	1,317 00
Florida	149 21	
Georgia	247 51	
Illinois	443 79	5 00
Indiana	337 51	
Iowa	17 50	
Kansas	394 79	
Kentucky	1,397 64	
Louisiana	409 10	
Maine	105 00	100 00
Maryland	357 00	75 00
Massachusetts	458 85	
Michigan	974 88	
Mississippi	7 70	
Missouri	445 59	
Minnesota	83 00	20 00
New Jersey	1,119 96	
New Mexico	2 00	
New York	2,050 54	1,267 00
Ohio	879 76	
Oklahoma	33 00	
Pennsylvania	1,819 00	428 00
South Carolina	103 21	
Tennessee	88 33	
Texas	22 75	
Virginia	721 08	
Washington (State)	35 05	
West Virginia	400 00	
Canada	202 51	
Foreign	20 00	20 00
Unknown	3 85	
	$20,694 67	
New Eng. Bapt. Convention	200 00	
Woman's Conv., N. B. C.	2,392 64	
Special Gifts	1,000 00	
TOTAL	$24,287 31	

SOURCES OF INCOME

CONTRIBUTIONS

		Regular Bldg. Fd.
Conventions		
Woman's Convention, Aux. National Bapt. Conv.	$2,241 64	151 00
Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress, D. C.		50 70
Woman's Bapt. S. E. and M. Conv., Va.		25 00
West Va. Woman's State Bapt. Conv.		86 00
[illegible] Convention, Kansas		25 00
Woman's Aux. Wolverine Bapt. Conv., Mich.		39 15

Eastern District, Michigan	$
New England Baptist Convention	
Penn. State Baptist Convention	
Eastern District, Pennsylvania	
Afro-American Baptist State Conv., N. J.	
Woman's Dist. Conv. Kaw Valley Asso., Kansas	10 00
West Va. Sunday School Convention	64 00
Woman's Aux. Board of Minnesota	
Metro. Dist. B. Y. P. U. Conv., Mich.	5 00
Wom. Home and For. Miss. Conv., Allegheny Asso., Pa.	
Woman's Aux. New England Bapt. St. Conv.	
Woman's Baptist State Conv., Illinois	
Baptist Sunday School Union, D. C.	
State Baptist Union, Conn.	
Ministers Interdenominat'l Conf., Buffalo, N. Y.	12 50
Ministers Conference, Alabama	3 00
Baptist Pastors Alliance, Tenn.	2 00
Ministers Conference, La.	8 20
Woman's Aux. Western Bapt. Conv., Ill.	
Ohio State Convention	
Northern Baptist Convention, N. Y.	
Conference and Club	14 31
(Ministers' Conference, D. C., cooperated in raising $3,980.00)	

Associations

Metropolitan Baptist Association, Mich.	
Wage Earners Asso., Brentwood, Md.	
W. C. Aux., N. W. Coast Bapt. Asso. Wash. (State)	
Woman's Aux. Bethlehem Association, Ill.	
Bethlehem Association, Ill.	
S. E. D. Association, Kansas	
Phyllis Wheatley Club, D. C.	
North West Coast Bapt. Asso., Wash. (State)	11 65
Woman's Aux. Union Association, Ill.	
Western District Association, Penn.	
Chain Lake Association, Michigan	20 60
Woman's Bapt. Miss. and Rd. Association, Va.	64 57

Other Organizations

Natl. Asso. Adv. Colored People, Indiana	10 40
Madam C. J. Walker Mfg. Co., Indiana	25 00
Madam C. J. Walker Mfg. Co., D. C.	40 00
Evening Star Newspaper Co., D. C.	

Lodges

Taylor Council, No. 411, I. O. St. Luke, D. C.	
Gethsemane Chap. O. E. Star, D. C.	
Past Grand Masters Council, No. 4, G. U. O. O. F., D. C.	
Queen Esther Household Ruth, No. 20, D. C.	
Evergreen Lodge, No. 213, Virginia	
Queen Sheba H. H. Ruth, No. 29, D. C.	
Doric Lodge, No. 19, F. A. A. M., D. C.	
Dist. Grand Lodge, No. 20, G. U. O. O. F., D. C.	
Morning Star Lodge, I. B. P. O. E. W., D. C.	

Clubs

Brownie Club, D. C.	
Colored Women's Club, Inc., New Rochelle, N. Y.	
Woman's Service Club, Mass.	

Ladies of Carnation Club, N. Y.	$	5 00
Thursday Study Club, Washington (State)		3 00
Golden Gate Sewing Circle, California		7 00
Frances Harper Woman's Club, N. Y.		20 00
Builders Club, Tenn.	5 00	
Woman's Club of Swarthmore, Pa.		50 00
Sisterhood and Progressive Club, N. Y.	100 00	
Girls' Club, N. J.		5 00
Helping Hand Club, D. C.	5 00	
Woburn Mothers Club, Mass.	5 00	
Employees Govt. Printing Office, D. C.		10 00
Society of Sons of Va., Inc.		30 53
Red Cap Porters, D. C.		15 00
Young Ladies Protective League, D. C.		10 00
Employees of the Benedict Apt., D. C.		10 50
Pa. State Federation Negro Woman's Clubs		25 00

	Regular	Bldg. Fd.	Total
Individuals	$1,408 74	2,572 32	
			$3,981 06
White friends	328 50	3,160 82	
			3,489 32
Phelps-Stokes Fund	250 00	1,000 00	
			1,250 00
Churches	5,174 39	1,709 25	
			6,883 64
Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.'s	410 79	455 51	
			866 30
Missionary Societies	119 05	360 66	
			479 71
Special Gifts:			
Legacies, wills, funds undesignated	2,218 06		
			2,218 06
			$24,287 31

OTHER SOURCES OF INCOME

Boarding Department		$14,736 59
Laundry Income		15,941 79
Community Store Income		4,335 25
Contributions from Classes and Clubs		
Domestic Science	$	110 94
Sewing Department		100 00
Business Department		20 08
Social Service		18 77
Music Department		12 50
Junior High		30 10
N. T. S. Clubs		45 00

A profound, instructive and inspiring report. Read it again and again and strive to put its teachings into practice.

Upon motion, the Secretary's Report was adopted.

Songs, "Line Up for Me," "Praise God, I'm Satisfied."

A motion prevailed to suspend the rule and re-elect Miss N. H. Burroughs corresponding secretary for the ensuing year.

Report of National Rummage Sale Campaign.

Up to date Chairman Mapp reported that the states had donated $1,143.85.

There were others to report. Illinois gave a yell, rejoicing over the phenomenal success of their chairman, Mrs. J. C. Mapp, Illinois.

A motion prevailed to extend a vote of thanks to Mrs. Mapp.

Four beautiful quilts were presented by Mrs. Mapp to the four states bringing in the most money.

Song, "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There."

Announcements made concerning a trip to Niagara Falls.

Benediction by pastor, Rev. Robt. L. Bradby.

THURSDAY—Evening Session

Mrs. C. R. McDowell, Second Vice-President, presiding.

House called to order and devotions led by delegates from Mississippi, New York and Alabama.

Songs, "Lift Him Up," "When Jesus Comes."

Scripture reading, Luke 5:1-6, by Sister P. J. Smith, Mississippi.

Chorus sang "Certainly Lord."

Prayer by Sister E. V. Hamby.

Sister Wells, Ala., commented on the lesson.

Song, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say."

Prayer by Sister V. W. Broughton, Tennessee.

Song, "Lift Him Up."

Testimonies by Sisters Allen, District of Columbia, Harris, Arkansas.

Songs, "The Old Account Was Settled Long Ago," "When the Saints Go Marching In," "Whosoever Will Let Him Come," "If I Never See You Any More."

The Holy Spirit was manifestly present in this service.

The field secretary, Mrs. E. E. Whitfield was presented. Subject, "Glimpses of the Field." She presented a beautiful illustrated pamphlet, showing what could be done, if we send the gospel to those who have it not. A house left alone will go to destruction. People left alone will go to ruin. The church has the great opportunity to give the gospel of Jesus to all the world. Another illustration where a missionary woman met a poor ragged outcast without a job, without money, home or friends. She took him to a mission home where all his needs were supplied. He was saved and brought back to comfort and ease and became a regular contributor to the mission that saved him. We were urged to go and do likewise. As usual, Sister Whitfield reviewed her year's work and from her many experiences, made a wonderful address, cheering our hearts and causing us to renew our efforts to go forward and help, wherever we could, to advance our Lord's work.

Miss N. H. Burroughs was asked to take the offering for The Training School for Women and Girls, which had been presented so strongly by Sister E. E. Whitfield. Miss Burroughs made an earnest plea for the new Trades' Building to be erected on Lincoln Heights.

Collection taken to the amount of $152.25.

Prayer of thanksgiving by Rev. Harris, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Meeting adjourned to meet Friday morning, September 9, 1927.

A new happy feature introduced—The First Watch, at New Hope Baptist Church, Rev. A. C. Williams, Pastor. Theme, "The Inner Life." Speaker, Rev. Howard Thurman; organist, Miss Bailey. It was my pleasure to attend this service one morning. It was highly spiritual, a feast for the soul. I'm sure all who attended were blessed. Lack of physical strength to serve from early morn until late at night, prevented my going daily.

FRIDAY—Morning Session

Young People's Period

Mrs. L. L. Craig, Georgia, National Director; Miss Etta Versa, Eastern Division; Mrs. W. H. Young, Western Division.

9:30, formal opening of Young People's Department, Mrs. L. L. Craig, National Director, presiding.

Consecration Hour, Miss Etta Versa.

Enrollment of delegates.

Appointment of committees.

Annual Address National Director, Mrs. L. L. Craig. The Director gave us an interesting and instructive address. Upon motion, the address was adopted.

All the officers of Young People's Department were introduced.

A model missionary society was conducted by Miss Elizabeth Stewart, of Georgia. The audience was divided into groups and the regular order of service was carried out. Bible lesson, subject, "The Sower." Matt. 13:1-17.

The amount raised by the model missionary society was $44.09.

The following states reported: Indiana, Mrs. Long; Georgia, Mrs. Harris; New Jersey, Mrs. B. C. Borders; Texas, Miss J. Holman; Mississippi, Mrs. Carrington; District of Columbia, Mrs. Crane; Alabama, Mrs. Freeman; Tennessee, Mrs. Anna Hayes; Kentucky, Mrs. Wallace; Illinois, Mrs. S. J. Watson; Arkansas, Mrs. Parker; Missouri, Mrs. Diggs.

Miss Jackson, of Illinois rendered a violin solo that was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. S. W. Layten, our senior President, made some encouraging remarks.

Mrs. L. L. Craig introduced Mrs. Halle Q. Brown, President of The Women's Federated Clubs. She gave an interesting talk to the girls and expressed herself as happy to be in our meeting.

We then held a Memorial Service, in which the young people all took part. The deceased were Misses A. Ferguson, Ind.; L. Crain, D. C.; A. Griffith, Ga.; L. Garland, Ala.

President Layten made other remarks.

She introduced Mr. Greenlaw, who sang "Mother," one of his own ballads. It was effectively rendered.

Miss Columbia Johnson, California, President of Young People's Department made her Annual Address. It was heartily received by the young people.

An offering was taken.

Meeting adjourned until 8:00 o'clock p. m.

FRIDAY—1:00 o'clock p. m.

President Layten took charge of the meeting. She introduced Mr. Greenlaw, an evangelistic singer, who sang for us "I'll Soon Be With You, Mother," which was very effectively rendered.

Treasurer Parrish made her report. (See her report in connection with Corresponding Secretary's report.)

A motion prevailed to adopt the report and refer it to the proper committee.

A motion prevailed to suspend the rule and re-elect Mrs. M. V. Parrish treasurer.

Announcement made concerning the validation of railroad tickets.

Committees were called.

Second Vice-President C. R. McDowell presented Mrs. Smith, a lady of distinction of the Methodist church. She spoke few words of greeting and asked that we send a fraternal messenger to their Quadrennial Convention. Mrs. C. R. McDowell made a motion that we send President S. W. Layten as our messenger to the A. M. E. Quadrennial Convention. (Carried.)

President Layten expressed her thanks for this courtesy.

A motion prevailed to suspend the rule and re-elect the other members of the corps of officers.

The judges reported, through Miss Halle Q. Brown, as to the reports of Directors of the Young People's Department. She complimented the directors of Kentucky, Georgia, Illinois, District of Columbia, Mississippi Alabama and Texas. Then she gave first prize to Texas, second prize to Kentucky and third prize to Alabama.

Meeting adjourned.

FRIDAY—Afternoon Session

Miss Viola Hill, Director of Florida, presiding.

Devotions conducted by sisters from District of Columbia.

Song.

Scripture reading Psalms 19th chapter.

Prayer by Mrs. Lillian Roberson, District of Columbia.

Song, "Jesus Shall Lead Me Night and Day."

Chorus sang "Hide Me in the Blood of Jesus."

Testimonies by Sisters A. J. Bryant, Michigan; Jennie Sims, St. James Church, City; Fannie Anthony, Kentucky; Frances Nelson, and Lillie Maxwell, District of Columbia.

Minutes of first day were read.

Upon motion minutes were approved.

Song, "Draw Me Nearer."

Committee of Enrollment read report.

A motion to adopt the partial report and continue the committee. (Carried.)

Chairman Maxwell on Vital Statistics was called. She said that she had asked two physicians to speak on "Health" in her stead. She presented Dr. Sparks. The doctor said that his was a hard task because of his subject and the few moments he had to discuss it. Hygiene treats of how to keep well—keep clean, bathe often; eat well cooked food regularly; take time to masticate your food. Touched on social diseases and urged to keep the body pure and clean, for our own good and that of our neighbors. Dr. Collins, a dentist, said that three-fifths of all diseases enter through the mouth. Use the tooth brush, take care of the teeth, keep them clean. Diseases named because of unclean teeth; Neuritis, rheumatism and heart disease. Be careful of the teeth.

Committee on Child Welfare reported.

Chairman Parrish spoke to the subject of "Training Children." She hoped to have some literature in the near future to distribute among us to help in the training of the children. She then presented Mrs. Madalene Tillman who brought a demonstration on diet. Children must have nourishing food—indeed everything that has life must have food. Three forms of diet necessary, vegetables, meat and mixed diet. Indians eat vegetables; Japanese eat grains and milk, they are a thinking people. Eskimos eat the stomach part of animals. Food plays an important part in our lives. Let children have a quart of milk and some green vegetable every day. Secure health by eating the right kinds of food.

Mrs. Parrish made remarks complimenting the demonstration, and announcing that there would be a Pageant Saturday evening to further emphasize child welfare.

Mrs. Gertrude Rush, Iowa, demonstrated citizenship, by building the American flag. A procession of sisters arrayed in white decorated with the colors of the flag, marched to the platform and Lawyer Rush explained America, the first country to make a flag, that stood for Dominion, Power, Hopes and Desires of a people. The flag, the great desire of a nation, was expressed in symbols. The flag is the symbol of the principles of the nation as stated in the constitution. The flag stands for justice, Christianity, education, freedom and equality. Each principle was emphasized. When we are loyal to these principles and take time to vote and help place citizens in power to maintain them, we are building the flag.

BUILDING THE AMERICAN FLAG

The Flag—Its Meaning

With the rise of the American nation began the era of national consideration of humanity. Cruelty and bloodshed had reigned from Babylon to the American Revolution. America was the first country to organize a government for humanity with God as king. At the very first session of Congress, the people dedicated themselves and their country to God and pledged themselves to liberty and to justice. They ordained and established a union in which all people should be accorded equal rights and privileges and they adopted a flag which they felt would correctly express this aim.

From the settlement of Jamestown until the Revolutionary War, the English flag was the flag of this country. But the protest of the colonists against the tyranny of Great Britain led to the union of the colonists in their struggle for the freedom they sought in coming to America, and their declaration of rights as men; and so, demanded a new flag to represent this union and the principles for which it stands.

Just as the cross is an emblem of Christianity, so the flag is an emblem of dominion, of government, of power, expressing the hopes, desires, beliefs and aspirations of a people the symbols of the flag revealing the history of that people. Or, as we might say, a flag is the great idea of a people expressed in symbols, and stands for the principles they profess, the truths they believe in, and the history of their struggles.

Our flag—the stars and stripes—stands for the noblest ambitions of humanity, for peace, for dignity, for justice, equality, liberty, honor, and safety of all under its protecting shelter. Woven with sympathy for the oppressed, it is the emblem of a country whose determination for liberty has been stamped upon the world. It is the symbol of the purposes of the union as set forth in the preamble of the constitution, viz.: to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and to our posterity. In fact, our flag is a pledge of a nation to Christianity and to civilization, with the acts of its congress in the name of God and humanity.

Building the Flag

When the founders of this government decided upon the stars and stripes as the national emblem, and Betsy Ross assembled the colors into the beautiful star spangled banner, the work of building the American flag did not stop there; but to each generation comes its part to build. We are all builders of the flag. Day by day, we are either building or tearing down our country's flag. The principles we stand for, the efforts we put forth to maintain the dignity of the government, and the regard we show for the rights of others, make or unmake "Old Glory." For, upon our willingness to do our patriotic duty rests the national hope and the full enjoyment of the symbols of the stars and stripes.

Now, let us see how we build. The flag demonstrates in a rational way man's conception of his duty to his fellow man. It represents all we hope to be and have courage to try for. It stands for justice, for freedom, for equality, for citizenship, for religion, and for education. It represents our struggles of the past and our hopes for the future. It is just what we make it.

Now, what are we making it? Every citizen under the flag is entitled to due consideration by the law, and should not have his or her life nor property jeopardized by mobs, nor should he or she be made to suffer through miscarriage of justice. Every citizen is entitled to equal and full protection of the law. This is one of the main guarantees of the framers of our American Constitution. In accord with the Declaration of Independence, which is based upon the fact that because God has given man a right to equal justice, he should receive it from his fellow man, the Constitution of the United States firmly states that this right shall not be taken away through any act of the law.

Our flag stands for freedom—freedom of thought, freedom of speech, freedom of conscience—complete freedom. And, only in a country where absolute freedom exists, can the government be said to be truly of the people, for the people, and by the people. Such a country is in reality the land of the free and the home of the brave.

The flag stands for equality—an equal opportunity to earn a living and to obtain an education, for equal citizenship. Under our flag, every citizen has an equal share in the sovereignty of the government, and should not be denied this right through any political trickery—laws to legalize the violation of the right to vote and to participate in the management of the government, even to holding office. No citizen should be denied the right to hold office simply because of race or religion.

Citizenship is pledged by the flag. Now, citizenship places upon one a personal responsibility for the management of public affairs, because you say by your vote how affairs shall be run, and what laws or rules shall govern. And, when you are careless as to whom you elect to office, you are destroying the principles for which the flag stands, and you are responsible for whatever happens. Upon you rests the responsibility to place the right men and women at the head of public affairs. For citizenship makes you a part of the government, and so, it should be your aim to actively participate in the affairs of the government, to be a part of the ruling part in every way possible.

Religion is another principle embodied in the symbols of the flag. "Religion exalteth a nation," so says the Bible. The religious American receives the same rights and protection as the irreligious American; but, in becoming a citizen, he or she accepts the responsibility of becoming a moral guide, and should exert some influence to see to it that consecrated men and women are placed at the helm of the nation, state, or even the city. And, furthermore, religious citizens are responsible to God if they sit idly by and allow unjust laws to be passed and inhuman or unfair practices to be imposed. For, as the five pointed star, with one point upward, is a sacred symbol of the Christian church, and, placed in the blue vault of our flag, stands for obedience to what is high and holy, so you, as a religious American, should be obedient to the sacred principles symbolized in the flag.

Education, or civilization, is another principle symbolized in our flag. The American people have always believed in education; and now, provide ways whereby anyone can be educated free. Since education makes better citizens by making better men and women, a country is safer when its citizens are educated to respect the law and to respect the rights of others. Education makes men and women better able to discharge their duty as citizens; for they know what is required of them and how to do it. Education is power in a government. But any system of education which fails to build citizenship consistent with the standards of our flag, which fails to teach just views in regard to human conduct, is incomplete and is a detriment to American civilization.

Every child should have an equal opportunity to obtain an education. But when inefficient teachers are placed to teach colored children, when these children are denied the right to attend the best schools and colleges, when they are furnished poorly equipped schools, they are not being given an equal opportunity to secure an education. This discrimination is an insult to the "Stars and Stripes" which stands for education, civilization and supreme intelligence.

Colors

Just a word about the colors of the flag. The red stands for our country, in which is to be found the white stripes of justice, freedom, equality, citizenship, religion, and education, with the American government symbolized by the blue vault, emblematic of the blue vault of Heaven with the white stars, symbolizing the various states under Divine guidance, to form a more perfect union under one authority— the United States Government.

Now, when you study public questions enough to vote wisely; when you take the time to know something about the men and women [illegible] for office, and elect only upright and just men and women to office; when you take the time to go to the polls and vote; when you are just in your dealings with each other; when you are willing to discharge your whole duty as citizens, and are willing to maintain the ideals of the framers of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States you are helping to build the American flag.

GERTRUDE E. REN[illegible]
Chairman Citizenship Dept., Woman's Convention Auxiliary, National Baptist Convention.

TO DEMONSTRATE BUILDING THE FLAG

Place on the stage an oblong piece of cardboard the shape of a flag cover this with red cloth across the middle of which has been written the word AMERICA.

Lecturer stands in rear of flag..Song "America."

Enter group of women with white stripes representing: Justice, freedom, equality, citizenship, religion, education; enter one with blue vault representing the Union; enter women with small stars. All stand to right of flag skeleton, stars to rear of stripes. On the back of stripes, stars and vault are political accomplishments of the state represented. All enter singing "America."

Lecturer—We have here the symbol of America. Upon the American soil should be found justice. Who will help to build justice?

Woman bearing stripe of justice steps to front and says: (naming state) builds justice. (She reads political accomplishments of her state. Places stripe on flag skeleton near top. Passes to left of flag and stands).

Lecturer—We should find freedom here. Who helps to build freedom?

Woman representing freedom steps to front and says: (naming her state) builds freedom. (She reads, places stripe under justice, stands to right of justice.)

Lecturer and stripes continue dialog until all stripes are on flag.

Lecturer—When all of these virtues are found in a country we have a nation of the people, for the people, and by the people. Who helps to build the Union?

Woman with vault steps to the front and reads, places vault at upper corner of flag skeleton next to hoist.

Lecturer—As each state does its duty we form a more perfect union. Who adds a star to the flag?

(Each star reads and places star in blue vault) and passes back to right of now completed flag.

Lecturer unfurls a real American flag and all sing:

"Hurrah for the flag;
Our country's flag,
Its stripes and white stars, too,
There is no flag in any land
Like our own red, white and blue."

March from stage.

Song, "America."

Questions asked by the leader, called forth sisters representing different states to tell how their several states were building the flag. This demonstration was a great treat. We were given helpful information, how the states were building up the principles, symbolized by our flag.

Song, "There's no Flag Like the Old Red, White and Blue."

Song, "It May Be the Best for Me."

Mrs. Cullers, Illinois, reported "On Law Enforcement." A drama showing how to stop "bootlegging" by questionnaires and answers. Get the drama, it is pleasing.

Mrs. Madalene Tillman spoke and presented Madam Sunta, who would explain the models as placed before us on Health and Temperance. First, a morning gown; second, a lady's sport frock, third, a lady's trousseau, a wedding gown; fourth, a lady's travelling dress; fifth, her dinner gown, a full skirt and decorations; sixth, her evening gown, a restful design. All the models suitable for the times specified and lead to health and happiness.

At the close of this demonstration, Dr. Mattie Coleman, of Tennessee was presented. She spoke to the joy of our sisterhood and to her great delight. She was glad to be present and note the excellence of the work we were doing along all progressive Christian lines.

A motion prevailed to extend a vote of thanks to Mrs. M. Tillman for the excellent Pageant presented by her.

Mrs. Anna Richardson, Maryland, reported that from one penny she had raised $7.00, a splendid example of what little things can do.

Mrs. Cullers, Illinois, thanked all the sisters who helped her present her drama. The sisters made many extra efforts, individually, to make this Convention excel all previous ones. May this spirit of work continue to grow and bring forth abundant harvests to the glory of God and the good of mankind.

Miss Halle Q. Brown, ex-President of National Association of Colored Women's Clubs was introduced. She complimented Lawyer Rush's demonstration as the greatest of its kind she had seen anywhere in all the world. She said that she had been charmed with every demonstration that had been made during the day. She stood for women, and the day had been well spent in our Convention, as she noticed the excellence of the work being done by us. She made kindly references to many noble women of both the past and present. We enjoyed her queenly presence and the kind words she spoke.

Benediction by Rev. C. J. Davis.

FRIDAY—Evening Session

Concert, Mrs. L. L. Craig, National Director.

Meeting opened by singing "O Zion Haste."

Rev. McDougal led the evening prayer, after which the congregation sang the Negro National Anthem.

All the states were represented in the literary program which consisted of songs, papers and recitations, all of which were good.

Miss Emma L. Hamilton, of Georgia, introduced our president, Miss Columbia Johnson, California. Her address was a masterpiece; would that all girls had it in print.

Closing remarks by directress of Young People's Department, Mrs. L. L. Craig, Georgia.

SATURDAY—Morning Session

Young People's Department

Meeting opened by singing, "I Am Thine O Lord."
Mrs. Mattie P. Long offered prayer.
Mrs. Craig made a short talk about the Red Circle work.
A motion to reelect all of the old officers prevailed.
A motion carried to elect Miss Simpkins of Florida, first vice president and Miss Marie Banks, Indiana, second vice president.
Another motion prevailed to elect Miss Veretta Owens, Tenn., musical directress, and Miss Coleman of Mississippi assistant musical directress; Miss Lucille Lewis, D. C., assistant pianist.
A suggestion was presented that a friendly contest be made by th officers, for a "Hope Chest." This prize be given to the one bringing in the largest amount of money for the Convention's work.
This suggestion was accepted.
The officers all expressed themselves happy to be given a little service for the Master and they would go out determined to do something to advance the Lord's work among the young people.
The closing remarks were made by the directress, Mrs. L. L. Craig, Georgia.

Financial Report

Received from Model Missionary Society	$ 44 09
Received from Corresponding Secretary	10 00
Received from President	32 50
Received from Other Reports	313 41
	$400 00

MISS COLUMBIA JOHNSON, President
MISS LULA GRIMSLEY, Recording Secretary
MRS. L. L. CRAIG, Directress

Devotions conducted by delegates from Arkansas, Texas, and Louisiana.
Song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."
Scripture reading, Ps. 112 by Sister Phelps, Arkansas.
Song, "A Charge to Keep I Have."
Prayer by Sister Bailey.
Chorus sang "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"
Prayer by Sister Lee Smith, Louisiana.
Song, "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand."
Testimonials by Sisters Titia Baines, Arkansas; Acklin, New Mexico; Hill, California; Bailey, Arkansas.
Song, "Jesus the Light of the World."
Others testified.
Songs, "Count Your Blessings"; "There's an All-seeing Eye Watching You."

Others testified.
Songs, "Hallelujah! Thine the Glory," "Waiting for Me."
Song, (Tribute to Mother) "Don't Forget your Mother."
Miss Kimball was asked to open the discussion, Theme, "The Work in the States, Some of the Problems and Needs."
Mrs. E. B. Hamby, Alabama, said they were trying to operate two state schools and needed cooperation.
Arkansas' Greatest Burden—The fostering of Arkansas Baptist College.
Louisiana said needs were many; trying to develop the young people for service.
Representative of District of Columbia said her group was doing its part for the whole work.
Kentucky would have its young people taught the doctrine of the church.
Tennessee has its two great burdens—The Publishing House and three denominational schools. They need money.
Mrs. Dean, Illinois, spoke for Illinois. Her problem was "adjustment"; need more consecrated women to serve.
Mrs. Hill, California, "We need more interested women to carry on the national work."
Mrs. Sharkie, "Texas needs money for education and missions; needs money to build churches in West Texas."
Mississippi needs cooperation—too many small schools.
Mrs. M. E. Flyn, of E. Mississippi said "The lack of unity caused them to have many problems."
Mrs. Morris, "Florida, needs more cooperation to put over their program."
Mrs. M. E. Goins, Missouri, said, "Our great problem is Western College. We need money."
Mrs. Gadsden, Georgia, said that her state was well organized had one state school and several others. They were learning to fall in line and work together. Mrs. S. F. Brown added other encouraging words.
Oklahoma was supporting a school; needed more hearty cooperation of the ministers.
Mrs. Mamie Clark, "Ohio, needs unity—have three conventions —can't succeed because of divisions."
Mrs. Fannie Dodd, "Belzoni, Miss., needs folks; she was working with the white people."
Mrs. Peters of Indiana said they had too many conventions; need cooperation; were trying to care for women and girls emigrating from the South; plenty money in Indiana.
Mrs. E. Gaines, Kansas said they needed greater interest in Home and Foreign Missions.
Mrs. A. J. Bryant, Michigan, said that they need more recognition. Taxation without representation unjust. They plan to educate a girl.
Mrs. Lula Richardson, Maryland, said they need unity among the leaders.

Mrs. E. J. Griffin, Nebraska, said "We have the same need of cooperation as others have stated." She asked for prayer.

Mrs. N. C. Marshall, Iowa, said her sisters needed information on mission work. They would do more when informed.

Quartette from Georgia sang, "What the World Needs Most Is Love."

The Committee on Recommendations reported. (See report.)

A motion made to adopt report. An amendment to adopt by sections: 1, 2, 3, and 4 were discussed. Finally the report was adopted as read.

Dr. W. H. Moses presented. He told how he was getting help through the Social Service work and then introduced Mr. Rathblott, a wealthy Jew, who was offering us 1,000 lots in Mizpah, N. J., at $46.00 each; $2.00 cash and 50 cents per week. Mr. Rathblott promised to donate a lot for the contemplated recreation camp. He gave a donation of $50.00 on the pledges made Friday night.

Report on rally by Mrs. Viola Hill. Total receipts $1,666.48.

Mrs. Mapp reported $1,100.00 on Rummage Sale.

States that led were Illinois, Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma. Each representative selected her choice of the four beautiful quilts given by Mrs. J. C. Mapp, as rewards for service.

A motion made to select Mrs. S. W. Layten, Miss N. H. Burroughs and Mrs. F. R. Givens, as our representatives to World's Alliance. An amendment was graciously rendered by Miss Lucy E. Campbell, Tennessee, to add Mrs. V. W. Broughton, Recording Secretary to the number and was seconded by Miss Dorothy Lewis, with well chosen words. Said motion carried.

Mrs. Clark, Illinois, presented President Layten a pretty quilt.

The presentation of a beautiful quilt, costing $125.00, was made by Miss P. Funches to the Convention, as a prize in a contest to close next year's Convention.

Mr. Webb, of Arkansas, one of the race's wealthy men, was presented. He told us of his trip abroad; congratulated our Convention upon the success of our work, and made a donation.

Rally continued, total $1,835.15.

Song, "We'll Sing Hallelujah."

Dr. L. G. Jordan spoke reviewing our work from its beginning in Richmond, Va., in 1900, down to the present; bade us go forward. He presented us a book that would help us on developing our work. Mesdames Carter and Maxwell made announcements.

Dr. Charles Morris made remarks; congratulated the women for the work they were doing; made special reference to Miss Sarah Williamson, our missionary in Africa. He has a daughter there also doing blessed service.

Mrs. Brockway made remarks as to the Committee on Education.

Mrs. S. F. Lewis reported for Finance Committee, $6,830.34.

A motion to receive the report and continue committee until close of the Convention. Georgia led in the rally. A gold medal was given to Georgia and pinned on the president by delegate from Texas.

A motion prevailed to turn a vote of thanks to Mrs. Viola T. Hill, Florida, for her valuable service in the rally.

Art and Needle Work Department reported $301.15. A motion to adopt report carried.

A motion prevailed to give a second prize to Texas, (Carried.)

Remarks by Mrs. A. J. Abington.

A motion to give a vote of thanks to Mrs. J. C. Mapp, (Carried.)

Rummage Sale, total $1,232.23.

Remarks by Mrs. Carter, Parliamentarian. She presented a book on parliamentary usages for our guide.

Two blind men were given an opportunity to sing. They sang effectively; contributions were given each.

Committee on Law Enforcement reported. (See report.) This committee raised $35.00. They asked the privilege of furnishing a room in the hospital in Liberia, Africa.

President Dean, Illinois, assured the Convention of $129.00 more from Illinois.

A service for women only was called. Dr. Fannie Kneeland, Tennessee, presided. Remarks by Dr. Kneeland. She appreciated the opportunity for this special service to give our women information about the proper care of their bodies.

Mrs. Wiseman was introduced as daughter of the richest woman of color in Kansas City. She expressed herself as pleased to be in our meeting.

Songs, "In my Father's House," "Move up the King's Highway," Chorister Petty, leading.

Dr. F. E. Kneeland presented Dr. Northcross, of Detroit, Michigan. She said that all doctors should put in at least one year in a hospital; study medicine and learn to protect our lives. Women should get behind the hospitals in our local communities. They are absolutely necessary to the health of our women. We'll have no dark-skinned internes unless we have our own hospitals. She told of her own hospital in Detroit, Michigan, and how God had helped her to start and manipulate it.

President Layten announced that Bishop Vernon was present, and asked the women to suspend their special service for a few moments and hear the Bishop. An escort of three ladies of the Official Staff went out and accompanied the Bishop to the platform. Miss N. H. Burroughs, in highly complimentary terms, introduced Bishop Vernon as one of the greatest men the race had produced. Bishop Vernon expressed himself as happy to be in our meeting. He had just accompanied President Moton to his train and forthwith came to us. He greatly appreciated the good work we were doing; told how the Lord had used him in so many different ways, both in the homeland and abroad; his African experiences specially interested us. He praised God that after all his varied experiences, he was here today to rejoice with us and bid us go forward in all the lines of our glorious endeavors.

Song, "A Bright Crown Waiting for Me," led by Miss L. E. Campbell, Tennessee.

Song, "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There."

Announcement by Miss Burroughs concerning the Sunday school at 9:30 Sunday morning, and concerning a delicious cake that had been given her by a Detroit cateress.

Mrs. M. H. Flowers, Tennessee, spoke words of high commendation of Dr. Coleman, who was then presented by Dr. F. E. Kneeland, to make her talk to women only. Dr. Coleman said that the week just spent with us in Detroit had been one of the greatest in her life. She was pleased because of the many constructive things we were doing. She spoke of things in general, pertaining to our racial life; women ahead, although not given credit; saving our fallen girls; operating old folk's homes, orphanages, etc.; spoke of the death rate due to poor treatment at birth; spoke a word about social diseases; urged women to care for their bodies, and when sick, consult a doctor; urged us to protect our girls and boys and make home the happiest place on earth for them. A very helpful and instructive address.

Convention arose and repeated "Mizpah."

SUNDAY—Morning Session

Model Sunday School

Miss L. E. Campbell, Memphis, Tenn., Superintendent

Song, "Lift Him Up." by chorister, Mrs. W. L. Petty.
Prayer by Mrs. Booker, Arkansas.
Responsive reading by school.
Song, No. 38, "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There."
Introduction read by Mrs. S. A. Owen, Tennessee.
Teachers called by states.
Song, "Twill Be Glory."

After the classes recited, collections taken. Total amount $106.55.

A blind brother sang, "If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again," very effectively.

Blackboard demonstration by Mrs. C. M. Davis, Tennessee.

Comments by Mrs. A. M. Townsend, Editor for Beginners' Department.

Time having expired, Sunday school closed by repeating the closing exercises.

SUNDAY MORNING—11 o'clock Service

Pastor R. L. Bradby took charge.
Song, "Nearer My God to Thee."
Prayer by pastor.
Remarks in general by pastor.
Church offering taken.

Remarks by President S. W. Layten, who introduced Rev. L. M. Glenn, Georgia, the speaker of the hour.

By request of speaker, the chorus sang "Blessed Assurance."

Scripture reading, Proverbs 31:18-29. "The Perfect Woman." Text—Prov. 31:28. He counted it a great privilege to speak to our Woman's Convention. He said that women have more power in their looks than men have in their laws; men uncivilized without the sympathetic, gentle touch of women; called attention to what God had wrought through women. Woman represents the world's greatest Christian leadership although not accepted by this generation without question. It is not enough to say you know, but you must make some contribution worth while, before the world will believe in woman's leadership. As women, you must interpret God for yourselves; have personal convictions; see God as your Father, as well as that of other races; nothing more precious than a pious womanly woman. Text suggests the blessed life of women in general and of mothers specifically. It was not the influence of David but that of Bathsheba, his mother, that made Solomon the greatest philosopher of his day. The utterances of Solomon in mature life testify to his attitude toward his mother. Women relieve suffering everywhere, because of their great sympathy for humanity. Woman's liberality to God's cause; note self-sacrifice. Not alone naturally born children, but all children whose lives you've touched rise up and call you blessed. The making of homes depends upon the work of women; the encouragement of our Lord's work in all the earth advanced by woman's missionary endeavors. Counsel of good women a treasure. Women urged to pray; reference to the women who prayed for Peter. Beauty of heart and soul to be desired more than physical beauty; urged to appreciate the honor of motherhood given us, by Christ's incarnation. We were bidden to continue our efforts and go forward until all the world should hear the glad tidings of Jesus and his love. A precious message of encouragement to the Woman's Convention.

Song, "I'm Going Through."
Announcements made by Pastor Bradby.
Remarks by President Layten, complimenting the beautiful sermon given by Rev. Glenn.
Offering taken for Convention.
Announcements—Afternoon and evening services.

President Layten expressed the thanks of the Convention to pastor and local committee who had helped to make our Convention a great success.

Closing prayer by Rev. R. L. Bradby, Pastor.

SUNDAY—Afternoon Session

Mrs. E. Strickland, First Vice President, presiding.

Meeting opened by singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," "Take the Name of Jesus With You." "We Will Sing Hallelujah," "Lift Him Up," "Just a Little While to Stay Here."

Prayer by Rev. W. L. Brasco, Ohio.

Song, "He Will Carry Your Burden for You."

Paper read by Miss Arta Richberg, Detroit. She sang the praises of her pastor, Rev. R. L. Bradby. He was a man of great power, dearly beloved by his people; he was leading them on to victory.

Pastor Bradby took charge. He spoke kindly of the Convention; he informed us that the General Convention took up $12,000.00 on enrollment and had given $25,000.00 to the Sunday School Publishing House. He then introduced Dr. Sims of New York and told him to preach, for he had a select audience.

Song, "Everybody Will Be Happy."

Dr. Sims highly complimented Rev. Bradby for the lovely entertainment given us during our stay in Detroit. He took for his subject "Transformation of Mission Work." He referred to the modern improvements of the times, electricity, radio, machinery, etc. As in material things, so in the church-life, we should be active and think out new plans to advance our Lord's Kingdom work. He spoke of Joseph's vision, and said "We all should have visions and keep working toward them." He referred to Simon's supper, where he called people to sse Jesus. Lazarus was there after being raised from the dead; also his sister, Mary, who anointed Jesus. We specialized in funerals, but Jesus, in life, really broke up funerals and transformed things. Actions louder than words. Everything should move; no standing still.

Songs, "Any How," and "I Shall Not Be Moved." Concluded by complimenting the Woman's Convention.

Remarks by the pastor.

Rev. Harris was then presented. He spoke of his pleasure in being present and complimented our work. He would not attempt to preach, as enough had been already said, but would call our attention to the Great Commission and ask us to join the host who were pushing the foreign mission work, at the Armory, at that time.

An offering was taken for Forcign Missions by Finance Committee and Rev. Bradby.

Dr. L. G. Jordan was presented, and made a few timely remarks, and again presented his book.

Doxology.

Benediction by the pastor.

SUNDAY—Evening Session

Devotions were conducted by Sisters Hill, of California and Clark, of Illinois.

Song, "We Praise Thee, O God."

23rd Psalms repeated, Mrs. Clark, leading.

Choir sang "I Love to Tell the Story," "Remember Thy Creator."

Scripture lesson, Phil. 1:19, read by Rev. T. L. Griffith, California.

Prayer by Rev. J. Goins, Missouri.

Solo, "The Old Rugged Cross" by Mrs. Mattie Hawkins, Illinois.

Pastor Bradby said the Convention had been a great blessing to Detroit and a great joy to him and his church. He appealed for the regular church offering.

Choir sang "Hush! Some One's Calling My Name," also "Trust in the Lord."

President Layten introduced the speaker, Rev. W. D. Carter, President of California Convention. Rev. Carter said that he had spent 28 years in the Northwest, Minnesota, Washington, and California, and how greatly his wife had helped in getting employment for our girls; and in Y. W. C. A. work in general. Subject: "Stand in One Spirit With One Mind." Through Paul's preaching Lydia was converted. Paul and Jude both urge that we stand fast in the faith. The Holy Spirit cannot quicken unless we come to him. Steadfastness without God is mockery. We must stand by the Bible. There is a battle between the church and the world and we must earnestly contend for the faith, once delivered to the saints. We cannot stand still nor sleep on our job, Jesus has committed this great work of preaching his gospel to his church and in his might we must continue to fight and the victory will be ours.

President Layten said that she was sure Tennessee was proud of the son she was about to introduce, Rev. O. C. Maxwell, of St. Louis, Missouri.

Song, "Have Thine Own Way Lord."

Rev. O. C. Maxwell selected his text from Matthew 9:17. We need a gospel to tell us our faults. The gospel of Jesus Christ not new, but plainly stated. A parable of the old and new bottles helps us to understand the old and new dispensations; not by the works of the law, but by grace through faith in Jesus, are we saved. Great writers exalt Christ. Scott said to his son-in-law, "Read to me." The son asked, "What book?" Scott said, "There's but one book, God's blessed book, the Bible." The poor hear the gospel gladly. When we read it carefully, we find it is for all classes of mankind. Christ has no respect of persons, women accept the gospel more readily than men, because of their purity, rather than weakness. The gospel must go on and is destined to cover the earth, as the waters cover the sea.

Mrs. Butler submitted report of Committee on Obituary. Upon motion, the report was approved.

Song, "There Is Rest for the Weary."

Mrs. Arter, District of Columbia, spoke of a Memorial Fund for Mrs. A. C. Williams, suggesting the annual payment of ten or more dollars, to be applied to a scholarship for some worthy student.

The final reports of the Enrollment and Finance Committees were read. They were adopted as read.

Officers were installed by Rev. Hedgeman of California.

Mrs. R. L. Bradby and son were introduced.

A medal for raising the most money as State Director was presented Mrs. Sarah Fisher-Brown, Georgia, by Rev. R. L. Bradby.

Medal to Y. W. C. A. was presented to Miss Holman, Texas, and Miss Wallace, Kentucky, by Miss Burroughs.

Miss Burroughs commended Rev. R. L. Bradby for attending our Convention and extended her appreciation and thanks to the church.

Mrs. Robinson, California, presented Miss Burroughs a beautiful rug and nine sheets for the Training School. Miss Burroughs accepted them with gracious words of thanksgiving.

President Layten announced the Executive Board would meet Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Watson of Illinois moved to extend vote of thanks to the church. (Carried.)

Song, "God Be With You Till we Meet Again."
Benediction by Rev. C. Morris.

JUNE EXECUTIVE MEETING

Washington, D. C., June 1, 1927

The meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. C. D. Trice, Illinois.

Mrs. E. M. Peters called attention to the presence of Mesdames Gaddie and Winstead of Indiana, who were not representatives of the state. These ladies were given seats in the meeting, with a view that they would return home and settle their differences. The minutes of the Fort Worth, Texas, meeting were called for. Mrs. Broughton not being present and the minutes not available, President, Layten proceeded to business. A recommendation made that the recording secretary attend the June meeting and that the minutes of previous Annual Meeting be placed in hands of corresponding secretary before the June meeting.

Communications from the following, expressing regrets of their absence, were read: Miss Violet Johnson, New Jersey; Mrs. A. E. Thomas, New Jersey; Mrs. Ruth Bennett, Pennsylvania; Mrs. S. F. Brown, Georgia; Mrs. E. L. Robinson, California, and Mrs. A. D. Austin, New Mexico.

Discussion of the program arose: How to make it attractive, interesting and instructive. As a result of this discussion, an excellent program was to be rendered in Detroit, Michigan. (See program.)

The Committee on Revision of Constitution reported. The report was referred to committee for corrections, to be read at Detroit meeting.

A motion to adjourn. (Carried.)

MRS. S. W. LAYTEN, Chairman
MRS. VIOLA T. HILL, Secretary

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 10, 1927

The meeting opened by singing "A Charge to Keep, I Have."
Repeated Psalms 23.
Song, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?"
Repeated "Lord's Prayer."
Roll called.

Chairmen of committees were considered members of the Board. Vice President E. Strickland presided to this point.

President S. W. Layten came to chair. She called the Committee on Revision of Constitution.

A motion to lay the report on table until later. (Carried.)

Minutes of June Executive Board meeting were read. A motion prevailed to adopt minutes.

The expense of attending June meeting discussed. General opinion that all members who could, should come.

A motion by Mrs. V. T. Hill, that hereafter our annual programs should be larger and more modern. Discussion arose. Remarks by Miss Burroughs expressing her unwillingness to arrange the program under existing conditions. Mesdames Trice, Walker, Brown and Strickland spoke to the subject. Mrs. Hill made a motion that the program be placed in hands of Corresponding Secretary, ready to read in the June Executive Board meeting. Miss Burroughs remarked that the Convention should be better organized: lacked system, as to transaction of business; no meetings on time; too much noise, etc. She was unwilling to make program contrary to President Layten's wishes.

President Layten stated her position as to the program and the work of the Convention in general. No one wished the work to advance and be more constructive than she. She asked the state directors to organize their states and come to the Convention ready to organize the first day of the meeting.

Mrs. Hill's motion finally passed.

Remarks by Mesdames Harris, Georgia, and Mrs. Griffin, Nebraska.

A motion to take up the next order of business.

Mrs. C. R. McDowell made motion to adjourn. Motion out of order.

Committees on Enrollment and Finance made their final reports; upon motion the reports were adopted. (See reports.)

A motion prevailed to pay the bills later.

The Committee on Accounts reported. (See report.)

A motion to adjourn. (Carried.)

MONDAY—Morning Session

September 12, 1927

The Executive Board met to conclude its business. The meeting opened with song and prayer, Mrs. C. R. McDowell, presiding.

A motion by Miss Burroughs to appoint a Committee on Accounts. (Carried.)

Mrs. M. H. Flowers, Chairman of Home Missions Committee, made her report. Upon motion, report was adopted. (See report.)

Miss Burroughs suggested that states enroll Tuesday evening prior to setting of the Annual Convention, and be ready to organize the first morning. Have a chairman and secretary and blanks provided for the facts desired. A motion made to accept Secretary Burroughs' suggestion. Mrs. Pope, Michigan, was not ready for the motion. She asked how the women of the states would be informed of said suggestion. President Layten answered her question. The motion was then put and carried.

A motion prevailed to furnish Recording Secretary a ledger in which to record the minutes.

Finance Committee reported total receipts, $8,628.99. Turned over to Treasurer Parrish $8,307.74. Upon motion Finance Committee's report was adopted.

Miss Burroughs introduced Mr. Withers of South Dakota.

Miss Burroughs reported additional $200.00, given for Training School, making total receipts $8,828.99.

Committee on Accounts reported as follows:

Mrs. S. W. Layten, salary and expenses	$200 00
Mrs. Edna Strickland, to two meetings	248 00
Mrs. C. R. McDowell, expenses	43 00
Mrs. V. W. Broughton, salary and expenses	133 72
Mrs. M. E. Goins, salary and expenses	70 63
Miss N. H. Burroughs, expenses	55 36
Mrs. M. V. Parrish, to two meetings	100 00
Mrs. E. Arlington Wilson, printing and expenses	30 00
Mrs. B. Corinne Carter, expenses	25 00
Mrs. Gertrude Rush, Legal Adviser	225 00
Mrs. L. L. Craig, young people's department	30 00
Mrs. Willie McKinney, pianist	51 50
Mrs. W. L. Petty, Musical Director	26 00
Mrs. Viola T. Hill, for medals and expenses	37 00
Mrs. J. C. Mapp, Rummage Campaign, etc.	101 86
Mrs. S. F. Brown	1 00
Mrs. Ruth L. Bennett, Enrollment Committee	20 00
Mrs. Carrie Foster, Enrollment Committee	12 00
Mrs. Fannie Cobb-Carter, Enrollment Committee	16 00
Finance Committee of five	104 00
(6) Ushers	60 00
Church and pastor	100 00
	$1,690 07

A motion by Mrs. Arter, District of Columbia, to make Secretary V. W. Broughton, secretary emeritus, with same conditions as now prevail, throughout life. (Carried.) And, with Mrs. Broughton's consent, to elect Miss L. E. Campbell, Tennessee, to fill her unexpired term. (Carried.)

Vice President Strickland asked concerning the continuance of the rally.

Treasurer Parrish spoke to the subject of dispensing the funds.

Mrs. Fluker, Georgia, made a motion to raise $5,000.00 for operating the Training School.

Mrs. L. L. Craig made report for Young People's Department. A motion to approve the report.

Discussion arose concerning the expenses of young people's work. Finally, Miss Burroughs stated that the Woman's Convention should not be expected to pay the expenses of the Young People's Department. The states sending the girls, should bear their expenses.

Mrs. B. C. Carter, Parliamentarian, called the house to order.

A motion that chorister and organist go two weeks before the Convention convenes, to prepare a chorus to sing. An amendment that the matter be deferred until the Constitution was adopted. A motion to defer the whole matter to the June Executive Board meeting. (Carried.)

The motion to adjourn, carried.

A quartette of girls from Cincinnati, Ohio, was given $11.25.

MAE JONES HILLIARD,
818 W. 9th St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES

Enrollment Committee

States Represented by Conventions	39
District Conventions Represented	28
Missionary Societies	123
Delegates	353
Annual Members	7
Total Constituency	150,000

Respectfully submitted,
RUTH L. BENNETT, Pennsylvania, Chairman
CARRIE FOSTER, Michigan,
FANNIE COBB-CARTER, West Virginia, Secretary

Finance Committee

Received Through Letters	3,752 88
Received From Rally	1,840 10
Received From Rummage Sale	1,232 23
Received From Hospital Drive	768 70
Received From Art Department	301 05
Received From Annual Members	22 00
Received From Sunday School	111 00
Received From Young People's Dept.	180 09
Received From Supplies	335 00
Received From Public Collections	260 42
Received From Memorial Fund	12 00
Received From Pledges N. T. S.	169 00
Supplementary Receipts	100 00
Total Receipts	$9,034 47

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. S. F. LEWIS, Chairman
MRS. IDA FRAZIER-BATES, Kansas

Home Missions

Our dear Co-workers:

Another twelve months have passed into history, and we have come as workers with him, to give an account of our stewardship. Last year, when the Home Missions Committee met, each of us was enthusiastic to do some real service for the Master, and as we talked over the work, we gave you our thoughts for the year. We have come now to see how well the states have cooperated with the plans set forth by the committee. It is not enough for us to make suggestions, and have you accept them, but we should each strive to carry them out. You adopted our report last year and many have given more liberally than heretofore, for our school in Washington, but do not be satisfied, for much more is expected for the maintenance of the school than ever before. Therefore, we would urge a more tangible plan for the support of the school. Let us ask the members of our Convention to plan and pay each year a certain amount for the school, in order that it might have the proper standard that other schools have.

We also suggest that we give more attention to the plans given us for paying off the indebtedness of our Sunday School Publishing House; it is very necessary that we fall in line and pay for the things we claim. The "Underwriters' Campaign" sets forth the plan for paying off this indebtedness. This committee recommends that we all pledge and encourage all of the departments of our several churches to do likewise. This is a great work and should not be neglected.

As an organization, have we another missionary on the field besides our dear Sister Whitfield, who is failing physically? We should have someone in training. We suggest that the missionaries in the states cooperate with the plans of the national work and report to the chairman of the Home Mission Committee, that the Woman's National Auxiliary may have the benefit of knowing what is being done in the states.

The time has come that reading and adopting reports mean little unless something has been actually accomplished. We further suggest that the corresponding secretary send her plans for the work of the Training School to the Executive Board that they might assist in carrying them out.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. H. FLOWERS, Tennessee, Chairman
MRS. A. D. PETTUS, Arkansas
MRS. BETTIE WITHERS, Kentucky
MRS. JANIE MORRIS, Florida
MRS. E. BURDELL, Alabama
MRS. BELL MATLOCK, Illinois
MRS. JULIA BELL, Illinois
MRS. M. A. JONES, Oklahoma
MRS. S. G. LAMKIN, District of Columbia
MRS. V. B. PEARSON, Alabama
MRS. CORA DAVIS, Indiana
MRS. F. A. KELLY, Mississippi
MRS. MARY PARKER, Pennsylvania
MRS. L. W. TAYLOR, Mississippi
MRS. IDA HENDERSON, Georgia
MRS. T. C. TURNER, Nebraska
MRS. JANIE MASON, Illinois
MRS. J. B. SCOTT, Illinois
MRS. L. A. JOHNSON, Illinois
MRS. P. B. WELTON, District of Columbia
MRS. IDA PETTUS, Mississippi
MRS. N. WILLIAMS, Indiana
MRS. ROSELLA BRANDIA, Indiana
MRS. DELETTA PRIM, Maryland

Foreign Missions

The following have donated to this work of Foreign Missions:

Mrs. C. Stapler, Illinois (Dorcas Sewing Circle)	$ 5 00
Mrs. Bell Phelps, Osceola, Ark.	1 00
Mrs. N. C. Anderson, Pres. Iowa Wom. Convention (For a room in hospital)	25 00
Mrs. Carrie B. Crain, Kentucky	1 00
Mrs. C. B. McDowell, North Missouri (Wom. Dist. Conv.)	25 00
First Baptist, Coffeyville, Kansas	3 00
Miss S. E. Minor, District of Columbia (Embroidery Circle)	12 00
Miss S. E. Minor, District of Columbia (Metropolitan Bapt. Church)	135 00
Mrs. Louis Clark, St. Louis, Mo. (First Bapt. Mission Circle)	38 50
Miss Lillian Robinson, District of Columbia (Woman's. Aux. Mt. Bethel Association)	84 50
Mrs. E. W. D. Isaac, Tennessee	21 25
Mrs. S. F. Lewis, District of Columbia	11 50
Mrs. Dantzler	5 00
Rev. Wm. H. Harris, Mod. Antioch Bapt. Association	25 00
Missouri Sunday School State Convention	10 00
Mrs. Hettie Fishback, Indiana	5 00
First Bapt. B. Y. P. U., St. Louis, Mo.	10 00
First Bapt. Sunday School, St. Louis, Mo.	7 75
Mrs. Fannie Anthony, Ashland, Kentucky	25 00
Mrs. Pinkie Atch, Antioch Dist. Wom. Convention	22 00
Received From Rummage Sale	1,232 23
Received From Art Department	245 58
Received From Hospital Drive	601 26
Received From Tags	159 96
	$2,721 53

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. O. C. MAXWELL, Chairman,
Foreign Mission Committee,
MRS. LENA MITCHELL, Pennsylvania
MRS. LAURA JACKSON, Missouri
MRS. JESSIE ROBINSON, Georgia
MRS. GEORGIA THOMAS, Nebraska
MRS. PEARL THOMAS, Illinois
MRS. S. E. BAILEY, Arkansas
MRS. LAURA COOK, Missouri
MRS. CARRIE B. CRAIN, Kentucky
MRS. PATSY HILL, Florida
MRS. JANIE BRITTON, Alabama
MRS. M. B. CLARK, Illinois
MRS. E. STRICKLAND, Texas
MRS. E. BURTON, Illinois
MRS. G. WILLIAMS, Indiana
MRS. LESSIE DAVIS, Indiana
MRS. P. FUNCHES, Illinois
MRS. C. C. SAMSON, Texas
MRS. S. P. MAYFIELD, Louisiana
MRS. L. M. MAXWELL, District of Columbia
MRS. H. M. GIBBS, Alabama
MRS. IDA LISTON, Indiana
MRS. P. H. HARRIS, Mississippi
MRS. DESSIE STANDFORD, Illinois
MRS. M. MILLER, Illinois
MRS. E. W. D. ISAAC, Tennessee
MRS. L. G. MACK, Oklahoma
MISS S. E. MINOR, District of Columbia
MRS. M. E. FLINN, Mississippi
MRS. LULA RICHARDSON, Maryland

Committee on Recommendations

The Committee on Recommendations submits the following report:

First—That there shall be a mid-season Board meeting at the same time and place of the National Baptist Convention's Board meeting, if possible.

Second—We recommend that there shall be a Board meeting the morning of the opening day of the Convention at 8:30 a. m., and that the work transacted in each Executive Board meeting be read in the Convention.

Third—We recommend that we adopt the president's recommendation for a stenographic secretary and a certain amount be allowed for that office per day.

Fourth—We recommend that we continue our membership in the Baptist World's Alliance.

Fifth—We recommend that we encourage our work among the children; emphasizing the Cradle Roll Department. We recommend that we use the courses of study of our denomination: Children's Crusade and W. W. G. Royal Ambassador, making changes to suit our own needs. We recommend that our Committee on Education study the course and at some time, we can confer with committees of other conventions for fine cooperation.

Sixth—We recommend that we have a Memorial Membership in the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to National Baptist Convention of $100.00 or more, to be paid for Memorial Membership annually. (M. M. W. Arter)

Respectfully submitted,
Committee,

MRS. A. J. ABINGTON, Missouri
MRS. S. J. FLUKER, Georgia
MRS. C. DARENSBURG, Louisiana
MRS. ANNA HAYNES, Tennessee
MRS. C. C. HARPER, Texas
MRS. EVA PETERS, Colorado
MRS. N. L. WINN, Alabama
MISS FRANCES NELSON,
District of Columbia
MRS. MATILDA COLE, Indiana
MRS. E. D. McGOWAN, Mississippi
MRS. VIOLET W. GOODALL, Pennsylvania
MRS. LENA CABLE, Michigan
MRS. IDA LISTON, Indiana
MRS. F. P. GIVENS, Kentucky
MRS. T. E. KNIGHT, Florida
MRS. W. D. JACKSON, Arkansas
MRS. MILLIE ANDERSON, Kansas
MRS. J. R. GOFF, Oklahoma
MRS. L. M. MAXWELL, District of Columbia
MRS. J. WINN, Alabama
MRS. L. J. FRAZIER, Indiana
MRS. ADDIE WHITE, Indiana
MRS. I. H. COSEY, Mississippi
MRS. IDA WINSTON, Indiana
MISS VIOLET A. JOHNSON, New Jersey

Committee on Obituary

Madam President and Members of the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to National Baptist Convention:

Your Committee on Obituary, with deep and solemn reverence come to report the repeated and most unwelcome invasion, the grim reaper, death, has made within the ranks of our Convention during the past year. So many times this year the sad intelligence has reached us that another co-worker has taken her flight and gone to the blessed beyond. We sorrow not as those without hope, we are not solicitous about their condition, but we miss them so greatly in our services. We would be glad to have a good report, but God's will is supreme and we humbly submit to his will. We are fading as the flowers and passing away. God places us upon the stage of life to play our several parts, and when our work is done, he calls us to himself.

Mrs. Anna C. Williams, of Washington, D. C., who served so faithfully and efficiently as Chairman of the Finance Committee for several years, went to her heavenly Home last March. We miss her today. That gentle, loving spirit of service, that sweet smile and her kind words of encouragement have been a great inspiration to our Convention. Her life has touched hundreds in the various avenues of life, wherein she labored and many shall rise up and call her blessed.

Miss Fannie E. Blackburn, Washington, D. C., is also numbered with those who sleep. She was connected with the National Training School for Women and Girls, from the beginning and was a true friend and supporter of the Woman's Convention, and although she did not attend our sessions often, she could be counted upon to do her full duty.

Mrs. R. T. Pollard, of Selma, Ala., a highly cultured Christian educator, has gone to her Eternal Home. Her deep interest and devotion to the cause and to the uplift of humanity, have erected for her, a monument in the hearts of all, whose pleasure it was to know her.

Mrs. Georgia Miller, President for eight years of the Woman's State Convention of Ohio, has departed this life. She was a faithful, untiring worker. We expected her here today; but instead, the message comes that she has just been summoned home.

Mrs. [illegible] Harris, of Illinois, the faithful and beloved Vice President of the Bethlehem Association has also gone from us.

The following are names of others who have departed: Mrs. Rosetta Thomas, Georgia; Mrs. Rosa Davis, Georgia; Mrs. Jeff Thomas, Georgia; Mrs. E. S. Jones, Georgia. All these whom we knew to love, have finished their course and passed as we all must do soon or late. May we be inspired to redouble our energies and place our feet on higher ground, that whenever our summons comes, we may wrap the drapery of our couches about us and lie down to pleasant dreams. Be it

Resolved, that we extend our sympathy to all the bereaved relatives and friends; and we humbly submit to the will of our heavenly Father, who doeth all things well.

"Oh, for the friends and loved ones gone on,
We should neither sigh, nor weep.
All of their pains and sorrows have gone,
Sweetly they sleep.

Only sleeping, calmly sleeping,
Safe from the world's alarms,
Only sleeping, sweetly sleeping,
Safe in the dear Saviour's arms."

Respectfully submitted,
Committee,

MRS. I. BUTLER, Indiana
MRS. PINKIE ATCH, New Jersey
MRS. D. D. CRAWFORD, Georgia
MRS. R. J. HARRIS, Arkansas
MRS. J. C. MAPP, Illinois
MRS. HESTER TAYLOR, Illinois
MRS. JULIA BELL, Illinois
MRS. LILLIE SHIELDS, Tennessee
MRS. J. L. MANCE, Texas
MRS. ANNA BISHOP, Alabama
MRS. RUTH MAHON, Pennsylvania
MRS. L. V. McLAWLER, Kentucky
MRS. W. H. WASHINGTON, Florida
MRS. E. LUNSFORD, Illinois
MRS. E. LINSLEY, Illinois
MRS. W. H. POLK, Illinois
MRS. C. C. CULLERS, Illinois
MRS. HOLA PERKERSON, Kansas
MRS. B. T. JACKSON, Oklahoma
MRS. DONZELLA NICHOLS, Indiana

Committee on Hospital

MRS. CATHERINE SANDERS, Georgia
MRS. E. B. FISHER, Louisiana
MRS. PHELPS, Arkansas
MRS. TOBIE GRAND, Georgia
DR. FANNIE KNEELAND, Tennessee

Committee on Rummage Sale

MRS. J. C. MAPP, Illinois
MRS. ELNORA WALLACE, Kentucky
MRS. ESTELLA SMITH, Louisiana
MRS. JANIE PEAK, Tennessee
MRS. M. M. YOUNG, Tennessee
MRS. IDA HUDSON, Tennessee

Committee on Art Department

MRS. M. B. CLARK, Illinois, Chairman
MRS. JEANETTA SMITH, Louisiana
MRS. L. GOZA, Illinois
MRS. WILLIAM HOLLAND, Illinois
MRS. MABREY, Illinois
MRS. F. C. JACKSON, Illinois
MRS. BENNETT, Illinois
MRS. J. MEANS, Illinois
MRS. SADIE SMITH, Illinois
MRS. MARY EDDINGS, Tennessee

ANNUAL MEMBERS

Mrs. Belle F. Wood, Tabernacle Baptist Church, St. Louis	$2.00
Mrs. P. L. Capshaw, St. Matthews Baptist Church, St. Louis Mo.	2.00
Mrs. D. C. Freeman, Poplar Bluff, Mo.	2.00
Mrs. Charlotte Cook, Pittsburgh, Penn.	2.00
Mrs. B. M. Burrus, Alliance, Ohio	2.00
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Tyrrell, Cleveland, Ohio	2.00
Mrs. Amelia J. Abington, Huntsville, Mo.	2.00

STATISTICS

STATISTICAL TABLE

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	DELEGATES AND NAME OF PLACE	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education of Foreign Students	National Training School	Miss Burroughs Salary	Expenses of the Convention	Total Sent
ALABAMA								
Baptist Woman's State Convention	Mrs. H. M. Gibbs, Mrs. R. J. Fisher, Mrs. V. B. Pearson, Mrs. R. E. Pitts-Anderson, Mrs. E. V. Hamby, Mrs. Minnie Mims, Mrs. Annie Bishop, Mrs. Cora Johnson	$	$	$	$	$	$ 50 00	$ 50 00
Macedonia Missionary Society	Mrs. Chanie Ward, Ensley	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00			5 00
Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs Florence E. Anderson, Fairfield							5 00
Star Progressive District of the New Era Association								
Dexter Avenue Missionary Society	Mrs. Limmie Whitson, Mrs. Mary E. Barker							
	Mrs C. E. Wells, Mrs. H. M Gibbs, Montgomery						10 00	10 00
Mt Pilgrim Missionary Society	Mrs. Jessie Gray, Birmingham							5 00
Women's Missionary and Educational Ass'n of Rushing Springs								
6th Avenue Missionary Society	Mrs. Rebecca P. Anderson, Mrs E. K. Easley						10 00	10 00
	Mrs. Mittie C. Pitts, Birmingham							2 00
ARKANSAS								
Women's State Convention	Mrs Ida Drew							50 00
St. Marian	Mrs. A. D. Peitus							10 00
[illegible]	Mrs. S. L. T. Baine							20 00
N. Arkansas	Mrs. Belle Phelps							10 00
[illegible]	Mrs E. L. Blackwell							10 00
S. East	[illegible]							20 00
Ozan	Mrs. S. F. Bailey							25 00
[illegible]	[illegible]							10 00
[illegible]	Mrs. Ophelia Gilbert							5 00
[illegible]	[illegible]							10 00
[illegible]	[illegible]							10 00
[illegible]	[illegible]							5 00
[illegible]	[illegible]							10 00
[illegible]	[illegible]							10 00
[illegible]	[illegible]							10

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Sixth Avenue Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. S. A. McKinney, Mrs. S. W. DeYampert, Pensacola	1 50			3 50		5 00	10 00
Mt. Zion Missionary Society	Rev. D. H. Hagan, Pensacola				5 00			5 00
New Zion Missionary Society	Miss A. M. Holman, Daytona	3 00		1 00	4 00		1 00	10 00
Home Missionary Union	Mrs. Carrie Cary, Rev. H. O. Dixon, Pensacola	5 00		1 00	1 00		2 00	10 00
GEORGIA								
1st African Woman's Missionary Society	Rev. E. G. Thomas, Savannah							$10 00
Antioch Missionary Society	Rev. J. T. Dorsey, Lithonia	50	50	1 00	1 00		2 00	5 00
Bethlehem Missionary Society	Miss Mary Richie, Mrs. Minnie Stephens	1 00	1 50	3 00	3 00		3 50	10 00
1st Bryan Missionary Society	Rev. W. D. Thompson, Atlanta, Mrs. Julia C. Woodruff, Miss Bessie E. Foster, Mrs. L. M. Glenn							
Berean District Association	Mrs. Bertha Gray, Savannah, Mrs. Bessie E. Foster	1 00	1 00	3 00	3 00		2 00	10 00
Tremont Temple Missionary Society	Mrs. L. J. Washington, Mrs. Hattie Brown, Macon							1 00
Zion Hill Missionary Society	Mrs. C. H. Robinson, Mrs. Mary Lowe, Atlanta	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	10 00
Auxiliary Hopewell District	Mrs. Emma Nuckles, Mrs. Lizzie Dawson	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	10 00
Senior Missionary Society, Wheat Street	Mrs. W. F. McKinney, Mrs. Beatrice South, Mrs. Emma Phillips, Mrs. L. C. Wyatt, C. M. Williams, Mrs. Eliza Gaines, Mrs. L. E. Ramsey, Mrs. Carrie Smith, Mrs. L. T. Craig, Mrs. Lillie Jones, Mrs. C. A. Williams, Mrs. Emma Black, Atlanta	5 00	1 00	1 00	10 00		3 00	20 00
Antioch Baptist Church	Mrs. Hattie Forrest, Mrs. Willie Jones, Mrs. Susie L. Bryant, Valdosta	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00		2 00	11 00
Missionary Society Ebenezer	Mrs. Minnie Dooley, Mrs. N. W. Crawford, Atlanta							10 00
Woman's Missionary and Educational Convention, Fulton County	Mrs. Cyrus Boutte, Mrs. H. B. Harris, Mrs. Cyrus Brown, Mrs. [illegible] Crawford, Mrs. Lula Cook, Mrs. [illegible], Mrs. [illegible]							
Liberty Baptist Church, Missionary Society	Cyrus Brown, Mrs. W. F. McKinney, Mrs. [illegible] Dorsey, Mrs. L. H. Henderson	5 00		5 00	10 00		10 00	10 00
Auxiliary of Hopewell Association	Mrs. [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Mrs. Emma Nuckles, Mrs. Lizzie Dawson, Rev. [illegible]	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00		1 00	10 00
Woman's Auxiliary General Baptist Convention	Mrs. S. [illegible] Brown, Mrs. Lula Washington, Mrs. Laura Scott, Mrs. Hattie Harris, Mrs. Buckhead, Mrs. Laureno Hatcher, Mrs. A. D. Williams, Mrs. Bessie Foster, Mrs. C. L. Fletcher, Mrs. Bula Johnson, Mrs. Mattie Pritchett, Mrs. Rosa Burroughs, Mrs. Carrie Smith, Mrs. Mary Jones, Mrs. J. H. Evans, Mrs. Willie McKinney, Mrs. Julia Woodruff, Mrs. Leith Craigg, Mrs. Shoemaker, Mrs. Adella Gadson, Mrs. C. H. Robinson, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Ida Baiden, Mrs. Hattie Berry, Mrs. E. M. Taylor, Mrs. J. N. Brown, Mrs. Lillie Broadnax, Mrs. Georgia Washburn, Mrs. E. J. Reed	25 00	5 00	1 00	50 00		1 00	100 00
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church	Mrs. Lirana Hatcher, Mrs. Eliza Beaver, Mrs. Annie Sue Reese, Mrs. Annie Bailey, Mrs. Sarah Brown Newman	50	50	50	1 50		1 50	5 00
Woman's Missionary Club, Mt. Zion Baptist Church	Mrs. Gertrude Harris, Atlanta	25	3 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	50	9 50
Missionary Society, Mt. Olive Baptist Church	Mrs. L. L. Davis, Atlanta	1 00	2 00	2 50	1 00		1 50	10 00
Missionary Society, First Baptist Church	Miss Ida Baiden, Mrs. Della Gaden, Macon	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00		2 00	10 00
First A. B. C.	Mrs. Lula Ramsey, Atlanta				1 00			1 00
Missionary Society, Bethlehem	Mrs. C. S. Shoemaker, Thomasville				17 00			17 00
Missionary Society, First Bryan	Mrs. Mary Richie, Mrs. Minnie Stephens	1 00	1 50	3 00	3 00		3 50	10 00
	Rev. W. T. Thompson, Mrs. Julia C. Woodruff, Miss Bessie E. Foster, Mrs. L. M. Glenn, Mrs. Bertha Gray, Savannah	2 00	1 00	3 00	3 00		3 00	10 00
IOWA								
Woman's State Missionary Convention	Mrs. N. C. Marshall, Mrs. S. Bates, Mrs. Gertrude Rush	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00		10 00	50 00
Antioch Missionary Society	Mrs. Withers, Mrs. Geo. W. Day, Mrs. H. T. Ingram, Waterloo							1 00
INDIANA								
Woman's State Convention	Mrs. Ella Peters, Mrs. Parthenia, Crawford, Mrs. Gertrude Pugh, Mrs. Mary Carlisle, Mrs. Mattie Holmes, Mrs. L. [illegible] Frazier							

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	Mrs Ella Weshrook, Mrs C H. Johnson, Mrs. Ida B. Liston, C D. Shaw, Mrs Lillian Ward, Mrs. Ethel Holmes, Mrs. Mamie E. Brown, Mrs. I. C. Fox, Mrs. Mamie Woods, Mrs Letha Hubbard		10 00	10 00				50 00
Missionary Society, Mt. Olive Baptist Church	Mrs. Carrie D. Shaw, Mrs. Forizelle Rindy, Ft. Wayne	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	5 00
Lott Carey Missionary Society, Mt. Zion Baptist Church	Mrs. Anna D. Winston, Mrs. Mattie P. Long, Mrs. I. E Butler, Georgia Shelton	2 50	2 50		2 50		2 50	
Missionary Society, Mt. Zion Baptist Church	Mrs. C. L. Allen, Mrs. C. E. Fox, Gary	5 00					5 00	
Missionary Society, New Baptist Church	Mrs. C. H. Gaddie, Mrs. Georgia Williams, Rev. W. U. Wines, Indianapolis	2 00			2 00		5 00	10 00
Indiana Woman's Missionary Convention	Mrs. Anna D. Winstead, Mrs. C. H. Gaddie, Mrs. Ida Winstead, Mrs Emma Brown, Mrs. Donzella Nichols, Mrs. Mattie P. Long	10 00	10 00		10 00		10 00	50 00
Senior Missionary Society, Olivet	Mrs. Cora Davis, Mrs. Cora Abernathy, Mrs. Ida P. Liston							5 00
Child's Auxiliary Convention	Mrs. Eula Weshrook, Mrs Georgia Taylor							1 00
Junior Band, New Hope Missionary Society	Mrs. Mattie Holmes, E. Chicago							1 00
Missionary Society, 1st Baptist Church	Mrs. Nancy Sinclair, Mrs. N. J. Johnson, Mrs. Willie Lee Anderson, East Chicago							5 00
Senior Missionary Society, 2nd Baptist Church	Mrs Leslie Davis, Indianapolis							
Dorcas Missionary Society, Greater St. John	Mrs. Ida Winstead, Indianapolis							
E. B. Delaney Missionary Society, Ebenezer Baptist Church	Mrs. Parthenia Crawford, Mrs. Ethel Singleton Indianapolis			2 00				10 00
Home Missionary Society	Mrs. Mollie Latham, Gary							5 00
Missionary Society, 2nd Baptist Church	[illegible]							5 00
[illegible]	Mrs. Norene [illegible] Indianapolis							10 00
[illegible]	[illegible]							5 00
ILLINOIS								
Woman's Missionary Society, Olivet Baptist Church	Dr. L. K. Williams, Rev. J. H. Branham, Mrs J. T. Mapp, Mrs. B Price, Mrs. Nora Washington, Mrs C. M. Readus, Mrs Josephine Hunter, Mrs. C. E Johnson, Mrs N. Avant Mrs Vannie Thorne, Mrs Emma Henry, Mrs. J. W Taylor, Mrs Ruby Nurnall, Mrs Alice James, Mrs. Frankie Spencer, Mrs. Luretta Wallace, Mrs. Mary Brawner, Mrs. Pinkie Bell, Mrs. A. H. Gibbs, Mrs. Lula Boyter, Mrs. L. C. Gladney, Mrs Mary E. Miss Humes, Mrs. E. Horton, Mrs M. Backers Mrs J. Taylor, Mrs. L. Crutchfield, Mrs. Smith, Mrs M. C. Hawkins, Mrs. L. Chestnut, J. A. Peterson, Mrs. Savannah Williams, A Bowen, Mrs. E. House, Mrs. L. M. Spruggelks, Mrs A Evans, Mrs. A J Mickey, Mrs S. V. Porter Earter, Mrs. K. B. Bohannon, Mrs A. A. Spikes, Mrs Jennie Williams, Mrs. Elizabeth Henderson, Mrs. Mary Pointer, Mrs. Estelle Jackson, Mrs. M. Epps Mrs. S. M. Fisher, Mrs. Carmen Taylor, Mrs. M. Beasley, Mrs. Ruth Mitchel, Mrs. L. M Fowler, Mrs Adah Williams, Mrs Janie Mazly, Mrs. Milo Maxey, Mrs. Julia Draper, Mrs L. C. Haney, Chicago				25 00		70 00	125 00
New Era District	Mrs. J. C. Johnson, Mrs. D. Ousley, Mrs. Edith Burton, Mrs. J. C. Washington, Mrs. L. Bradley, Mrs L. M. Bowles, Mrs. A. F. Carroll, Mrs. A. J. Mickle, Mrs. E. Strickland, Mrs. L. A. K. Johnson, Mrs. W. L. Petty, Mrs. S. E. J. Watson,						25 00	
Rope Holders, F. M. Pilgrim Baptist Church	Mrs. Leah Mabry, Mrs. Juliette Phillips, Mrs. M. E. Newland, Chicago	5 00			5 00			
Dorcas Missionary Society Baptist Church	Mrs. E. D. Holland, Mrs. J. C. Austin, Mrs. Willie B. Jones, Mrs. Mattie Miller, Mrs. O. Daniel, Chicago				2 00		3 00	10 00
Mt. Moriah Junior Missionary Society	Mrs. Susie Parker, Rev. W. L. Petty							5 00
Missionary Society, International Baptist Church	Rev. M. M. Bennett, Mrs. J. Means, Mrs. W M. Bennett, Mrs. D. A. Gaither, Chicago							
Missionary Society, Shiloh	[illegible] Chicago							
Missionary Society, Mt. Zion	Rev. I. I. Strong, Mrs. I. I. Strong, Chicago							
Missionary Society, Mt. Olivet	Mrs. H. Allison, Mrs. Viola S. Yancy, Chicago							
Woman's Auxiliary to Baptist State Convention	Mrs. E. T. Dean, Mrs. W. L. Petty, Mrs. S. J. Hutchinson, Mrs. C. C. Cullars, Mrs. M. Hudgins, Mrs. C. D. Trice, Mrs J. C. Mapp, Mrs. Ruby Hudgins, Mrs. B. Matlock, Mrs.							

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Missionary Society, 2nd Baptist Church	E. T. Martin, Mrs. L. B. Watson, Mrs. M. B. Clark, Mrs. M. E. Taylor, Mrs. C. Staples, Mrs. Hattie Wells, Mrs. Florence Cook, Mrs. L. D. Fletcher	132 55	12 00	16 00	104 00		59 41	532 14
Woman's Auxiliary Union, Baptist Association	[illegible]						3 00	3 00
Greater Salem Y. W. A.	[illegible]							10 00
Woman's Auxiliary of Bethlehem Association	[illegible] Chicago							6 00
Woman's Missionary Society, Second Baptist Church	Mrs. C. D. Trice, Mrs. W. L. Petty, Mrs. S. J. Hutchinson, Mrs. C. C. Cullars, Mrs. M. Hudgins, Mrs. Ella Lunford, Mrs. J. C. Mapp, Miss Ruby Hudgins, Mrs. Matlock, Mrs. J. T. Martin, Mrs. L. B. Watson, Mrs. M. B. Clark, Mrs. M. C. Taylor, Mrs. Mattie Miller, Mrs. Nina Johnson, Mrs. T. E. Brown, Mrs. W. L. Dennis, Mrs. Mary [illegible]	63 55			13 00		25 00	101 55
Missionary Society Baptist Church	Dr. I. A. Thomas, Mrs. C. C. Cullars, Mrs. Anna Fletcher, Mrs. Rosa Blair, Mrs. Ophelia Holmes, Mrs. Helen Branch, Mrs. Bertha [illegible]	4 00		3 00	10 00		10 00	27 00
[illegible]	Rev. Wm. Madison	2 00			5 00		3 00	10 00
[illegible]	Mrs. L. S. Strong							6 00
[illegible]	[illegible] Chicago							5 00
Dorcas Missionary	Mrs. E. D. Holland, Mrs. J. C. Austin, Miss Willie B. Jones, Miss Mattie Miller	5 00			2 00		3 00	10 00
Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Original Providence	[illegible]							10 00
Progressive Missionary Society	Mrs. I. R. Avery, Mrs. Catherine J. Prince Chicago			3 00	5 00		2 00	10 00
Senior Missionary Society, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church	Mrs. C. R. McAlpine, Mrs. B. Sanford, Mrs. L. M. Brown, Mrs. C. Low, Mrs. H. Baldwin							18 00
	Mrs. Nina Johnson, Mrs. Flora Baker, Mrs. Bettie Moore, Mrs. A. [illegible]							10 00

[illegible]	[illegible]	3 00	1 00	3 00			5 00	12 00
[illegible]	[illegible]							3 00
[illegible]	Petty, Chicago							3 00
[illegible]	Mrs. Susie Parker, Rev. W. L. Petty, Chicago							3 00
KANSAS								
Woman's Baptist State Convention	Mrs. Emma Gaines, Mrs. Mary Dial, Mrs. J. W. Gordon, Mrs. I. F. Bates, Mrs. Anna Smothers, Mrs. M. D. Jones, Mrs. G. R. Young, Mrs. Millie Anderson, Mrs. L. A. Turner							24 00
Missionary Society, King Solomon Baptist Church	[illegible]							6 00
Woman's Home, Foreign Missionary Society, New Hope Baptist Church	Mrs. C. Tillman, Mrs. Helen McAfee, Mrs. P. Marchant, Mrs. I. F. Bates, Wichita							10 00
Ruth Missionary Society, 1st Baptist Church	Mrs. Julia Hendricks, Mrs. Jimmie Jeffers, Kansas City, Kansas	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	6 00
Missionary Society, 9th Street Baptist Church	Mrs. S. A. Fitzhugh, Kansas City, Kansas	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	6 00
Missionary Society, St. Mary	Rev. J. E. Douglas, Mrs. J. E. Douglas, Wichita							6 00
Kaw Valley Woman's District Convention	Mrs. L. A. Turner, Mrs. G. R. Young, Mrs. Nettie Smothemon, Mrs. Eva White, Mrs. E. Hendricks, Rev. W. H. Young, Rev. D. B. Jackson, Rev. S. Montgomery, Rev. Geo. McNeal	3 00		3 00	3 00		3 00	12 00
KENTUCKY								
Woman's State Missionary Convention	Mrs. Fannie E. Givens, Mrs. Mary V. Parrish, Mrs. Elanora Wallace, Mrs. Bettie Withers, Mrs. Lucinda Middleton, Mrs. Mamie Morris, Mrs. McLawler, Mrs. Vienna Parker, Mrs. Carrie Crane	91 70			9 22		50 00	152 07
Missionary Training Class, Sunday School, New Hope	Miss Rosa E. Horton, Mrs. Fannie Anthony, Ashland	2 00	50	1 00	1 00		1 00	5 50
Woman's New Hope Senior Missionary Society	Mrs. Clara Pannell, Ashland	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	12 00
Missionary Society, Green Street	Mrs. Carrie B Crane, Louisville	5 00	1 50	2 50	3 50		3 00	12 00
LOUISIANA								
Woman's State Convention	Mrs. M. T. Wells, Mrs. S. P. Mayfield, Mrs. M. A. Anderson, Mrs. E. C. Ross, Mrs. O. C. Carter, Mrs. M. B. Johnson, Mrs. C. Darnsburg, Mrs. J. P. Harden, Mrs. R. Wagoner, Mrs. S. Joseph, Mrs. N. S. Hamilton, Mrs. A. Watkin, Mrs. E. Smith, Mrs.							

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	V. G. Smith, Mrs. O. P. Captain, Mrs. E. B. Fisher	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Home Missionary Society, First Baptist Church	Mrs. Mary B. Johnson, Mrs. Y. Purnell, New Orleans	[illegible]			[illegible]			5 00
MARYLAND								
Jones Watkins Memorial Club	Mrs. Lula Richardson, Baltimore	5 00			5 00			[illegible]
Woman's Auxiliary of United Baptist	Mrs. Diletha Pinn, Baltimore	15 00			10 00			[illegible]
MISSISSIPPI								
Woman's State Convention	Mrs. E. D. McGowan, Mrs. J. H. Fossey, Mrs. M. J. Walker, Mrs. M. E. Edwards, Mrs. J. W. Turner, Mrs. J. E. Hoskin, Mrs. A. M. Flanders, Mrs. Sarah Washington, Mrs. Caledonia Bristol, Mrs. T. B. Hampton, Mrs. Millie Reeden, Mrs. Callie McGhee, Mrs. E. B Mayfield, Mrs. M. A. Minor, Mrs. T. Y. Dove, Mrs. F. L. Reed, Mrs. P. J. Smith, Mrs. F. E. Kelly, Mrs. K. C. Gayden, Mrs. P. H. Harris, Mrs. A. B. Middleton, Mrs Effie Smith, Mrs. E. L. Coleman, Mrs. V. M. McGhee, Mrs. E. B Topp, L. E. Tatum, Mrs. Addie Turner	[illegible]		[illegible]				50 00
Educational and Missionary Convention	Mrs. M. E. Flynn, Mrs. T. J. Wilson, Mrs. G. L. Hill, Mrs Ida Pettus, Mrs M. A. Overstreet, Mrs. A. M. Leonard, Mrs. L. C. McCoy, Mrs. A. J. Wallace, Mrs. Bettie Donwell, Mrs. L. P. Reid	[illegible]		[illegible]			[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]						

MISSOURI								
Missionary Society, 1st Baptist Church	Mrs. [illegible], Mrs. Alice Shivers, Mrs. O. C. Maxwell, Mrs. Ethel Geter, St. Louis	[illegible]			[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
Missionary Society, Pleasant Green	Mrs. Ethel Smith, Mrs. Mamie Johnson, Kansas [illegible]	[illegible]					[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]							
Woman's Baptist State Convention	Mrs. H. A. Brazier, St. Joseph, Mrs. Mary E. Burns, Mrs. A. J. Arrington, Mrs. C. R. McDowell, A. Brown, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. D. Mason, Mrs. Marie Johnson, Mrs. Belle F. Wood, Mrs. H. S. Arthur, Mrs. Fannie Allen, Mrs. Estelle Ingram, C. C. Hammond, Mrs. Minnie Johnson, Mrs. Ethel Kimbrough, Mrs. Sarah Gibson, Mrs. Elma Tolbert, Mrs. Ethel Smith	10 00		10 00	10 00		20 00	50 00
New Era District Convention							25 00	25 00
Antioch Woman's District Convention	Mrs. Pinkie Aitch, Mrs. Ella Taylor, Mrs. Laura Jackson, Mrs. Anna Brown, Mrs. Fannie Landis			10 00	10 00		5 00	25 00
Missionary Society, Corinthian Baptist Church	Rev. W. F. Somerville, St. Louis	2 00		2 00			5 00	10 00
Missionary Society, Mt. Zion	Mrs. Sallie Mingo, St. Louis						5 00	5 00
MINNESOTA								
Missionary Society, Pilgrim Baptist Church	Mrs. H. M. Dunkin, Mrs. L. W. Harris						10 00	10 00
MICHIGAN								
Wolverine Woman's Baptist State Convention	Mrs. Ida Pope, Mrs. Sadie Peoples, Mrs. Annie Bryant, Mrs. Lena Cable, Mrs. Carrie Foster, Mrs. Adeline Jefferson, Mrs. Mary Cole						15 00	50 00
Missionary Society Baptist Church	Mrs. Carrie Foster, Mrs. Emma Smith, Battle Creek						10 00	10 00
Woman's Convention, Western Michigan	Mrs. Lena Cable, Mrs. Adeline Jefferson, Mrs. Catherine Hill, Mrs. Carrie Foster						25 00	25 00
Missionary Society, Olivet Baptist Church	Mrs. Catherine Goldsmith, Mrs. A. McColey, Detroit	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		10 00 100	10 00 5 00
Missionary Society, 1st Inst. Baptist Church	Mrs. [illegible], Mrs. Y. Hunter, Mrs. [illegible]						2 00	10 00
Missionary Society, Mt. Olive	Mrs. Wm. Banks, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. McLee, Mrs. Dudley, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. McDade	1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00		10 00 5 00	10 00 5 00
Missionary Society, Hartford Ave. Bapt. Church	Mrs. Sarah Barkins, Mrs. M. Mitchell, Detroit							
Missionary Society, Mt. Olive Baptist Church	Mrs. Amanda Finley, Pt. Huron							
Missionary Society, 2nd Baptist Church	Mrs. Minnie Thompson, Mrs. A. H. Pace, Bessie Ward, Detroit		2 50	2 50	5 00		5 00	15 00 2 50
Missionary Society, 2nd Baptist Church	Mrs. B. S. Cooper, Ypsilanti							2 50
Woman's Missionary Society, Bureak Baptist Church	Mrs. Georgia Butler, Detroit							5 00
Missionary Society, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church	Mrs. Mable La Beau, Mrs. Ella Jones, Detroit							

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Missionary Society, St. James Baptist Church	Mrs. Jennie Simms, Mrs. Maggie Stone, Mrs. J. W. Jackson, Detroit							
E. District Metropolitan Association	Mrs. Sadie [illegible], Mrs. Anna Bryant, Mrs. Willie Bank, Mrs. Ruby Clay	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	.....	1 00	10 00
Missionary Society, Nevo, Mt. Zion	Mrs. Fannie Murry, Mrs Darnetta Hall, Detroit							25 00
Missionary Society, Calvary Baptist Church	Mrs. Nettie V. Scott, Mrs Mary Hope, Detroit							10 00
Missionary Society, Macedonia Baptist Church	Mrs. Mamie Blackburn, Mrs. Carrie Lewis, Mrs. Carrie Gillion, Mrs. Myrtle Polk, Detroit	1 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	2 00	10 00
Missionary Society, Canaan Baptist Church	Mrs. J. Strong, Flint	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	10 00
Missionary Society, Bethesda	Mrs. Toomey, Mrs. R. Merrick, Mrs. S. Swift, [illegible]							10 00
Thompson Avenue Baptist Church	Mrs. Alberta Cole, Detroit							10 00
Missionary Society, Tabernacle	Mrs. Mattie Holmes, Mrs. T. L. Lewis, Detroit	1 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	1 00	10 00
Missionary Society, 1st Baptist Church	Mrs. Ruth Hunter, Mrs. Mary J. Peters, Detroit	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	10 00
Missionary Society, Corinthian Baptist Church	Mrs. Dora Lewis, Mrs. E. Ware, Detroit	2 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	3 00	10 00
NEBRASKA								
Woman's H. F., Missions Convention of New Era Convention	Mrs. E. J. Griffin, Mrs. G. Thomas, Mrs. I. F. McIntosh, Mrs. S. A. Botts, C. Jackson, T. C. Turner,							50 00
Mary Magdalene Missionary Society, Mt. Zion	Mrs. E. J. Griffin, Lincoln						10 00	10 00
Salem Missionary Society	Mrs. T. C. Turner, Omaha						5 00	5 00
NORTH CAROLINA								
Asheville Missionary Society, Nazareth	Mrs. Beulah Brown, Mrs. L. C. Jones, Asheville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	50 00
NEW YORK								
Woman's Auxiliary, New York (Colored Baptist State Convention)	Mrs. Georgetta Richardson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Mt. Moriah Baptist Missionary Society	Mrs. Nancy Davis, Mrs. Victoria Harris, Mrs. Emma R. Henderson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Woman's Hopewell Missionary Society	Mrs. Lula Harvell, Buffalo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
First Shiloh Mission Society	Mrs. Elizabeth [illegible], Mrs. M. Agnes Peterson, Mrs. Anna B. Johnson, Mrs. Frances Washington, Buffalo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Dixon Missionary Society	Mrs. Maud H. Miller, Mrs. Lottie Henderson, Mrs. Edna V. Adams, Mrs. Nellie B. Adams, Brooklyn	10 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	20 00
	Per Mrs. Maud H. Miller, Brooklyn	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
	Mrs. Lula Harvill, Buffalo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Wm. T. Dixon, Concord Baptist Church Missionary Society, Friendship Baptist Church Missionary Society, Michigan Avenue Baptist Church	Mrs. Lottie B. Malloy, Mrs. Martha Miller, Buffalo	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	3 00	5 00
NEW JERSEY								
Woman's Hopewell Missionary Society	Mrs. Bertha Burdess, Mrs. Elizabeth Baxter, Mrs. Ella Parker, Mrs. H. T. Burdess	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Missionary Society, Salem Baptist Church	Mrs. E. B. Thomas, Jersey City	2 50	.....	2 50	5 00	.....	.....	10 00
New Hope Association	Mrs. Mary Cuthbreth	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	10 00
NEW MEXICO								
Woman's H. Missionary Society, Mt. Olive	Mrs. O. F. Dixon, Mrs. D. A. Austin	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
State, New Mexico	Mrs. D. A. Austin, Mrs. O. F. Dixon, Mrs. B. Smalley, Mrs. F. D. Fauselt	5 00	5 00	2 50	5 00	.....	2 50	20 00
OKLAHOMA								
Woman's Baptist State Convention	Mrs. C. E. Mahardy, Mrs. A. M. Smyth, Mrs. D. [illegible] A. Dewberry	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00
Missionary Society, Baptist Church, Calvary	Mrs. M. A. Jones, Mrs. M. A. Brockway, Oklahoma City	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Missionary Society, St. John	Mrs. W. Johnson, Oklahoma City	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Missionary Society, Paradise	Mrs. Eliza Martin, Mrs. Callie Hall, Tulsa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
N. W. Creek Woman's Convention	Mrs. M. V. Chinn, Mrs. Jessie M. Davis, Mrs. F. A. Weathers, Mrs. Beulah S. Hollis, Mrs. Maggie Galloway	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	10 00	20 00
Missionary Society, 1st Baptist Church	Mrs. Margie Waters, Mrs. L. A. Lewis, Martha Jones, Tulsa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Missionary Society, Fairview	Mrs. Christine Price, Mrs. Josie Barnes, Oklahoma	5 00	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50	10 00
Creek District Association		.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	5 00	15 00
Missionary Society, Tabernacle	Mrs. G. L. Mack, Mrs. A. L. Hopkins	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00

STATISTICAL TABLE (Continued)

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	DELEGATES AND NAME OF PLACE	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education of Foreign Students	National Training School	Miss Gertrude Baker	General Expenses of the Convention	Total Sent
Chickasaw District	Mrs. D. [illegible] A. Davidson, Mrs. C. R. Goff							10 00
Missionary Society, Mt. Calvary	Mrs. Delmon Anderson, Muskogee						10 00	10 00
Calvary Baptist Missionary Society	Mrs. [illegible] Jones, Mrs. M. J. Brockway, Oklahoma City							10 00
OHIO								
Missionary Society, Jerusalem Baptist Church	Mrs. Hattie Williams, Mrs. Lola Ariel, Youngstown							5 00
Missionary Society, Zion Hill Baptist Church	Mrs. C. C. Glier, Mrs. Frances M. Lemar, Mrs. Alice Brown, Cleveland	2 50			5 00		2 50	10 00
Missionary Monumental Baptist Church	Mrs. A. C. Henly, W. M. Robinson, Cleveland							5 00
Missionary Society, Mt. Olive Baptist Church	Mrs. Edna Stevens						5 00	5 00
Missionary Society, Tried Stone Baptist Church	Mrs. Mamie L. Jackson, Cleveland						10 00	10 00
PENNSYLVANIA								
Lydia Missionary Society	Mrs. Alice Tucker, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, Mrs. Julia Graham, Philadelphia							
Missionary Society Baptist Church, Shiloh	Mrs. Amanda East, Winsport						5 40	5 40
Missionary Malinka Society	Mrs. S. W. Layten, Rev. Powell, Mrs. Madeline Tillman, Philadelphia			50	2 00		5 00	8 00
Buelah Missionary Society	Mrs. Violet W. Goodall, Philadelphia	10 00		5 00			10 00	25 00
Missionary Society, Providence Baptist Church	Mrs. Ruth L. Bennett	1 50		1 00	1 00		1 00	5 00
Senior Missionary Society, Ebenezer Baptist	Mrs. Mary E. Johnson, Mrs. Lena Mitchell, Pittsburgh	2 00		1 00	2 00		5 00	10 00
Pennsylvania Woman's Convention	Mrs. [illegible] Mrs. S. W. Layten, Mrs. E. M. King, Mrs. Ruth L. Bennett, Mrs. Amanda East, Mrs Patience Carter, Mrs. [illegible] Wray, Mrs. Viola Goodall, Mrs Mary Parker							6 00
Little Reapers Missionary Band	Mrs. Amanda East							
[illegible]	Mrs. [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Mrs. Alice Tucker, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, Mrs. [illegible] Philadelphia							

STATISTICAL TABLE (Continued)

TEXAS								
Women's State Committee	Mrs. Alice Burkhead, Mrs. S. J. Allbrooks, Mrs. L. J. McNorton, Mrs M. Shardley, Mrs. M. S. Jones, Mrs T. E. Y Pollard, Mrs E. A. Wilson, Mrs. B. F. Scott, Mrs. H. O. Nelson, Mrs I. L. Boone, Mrs. E. A. Johnson, Mrs. Josie Harkness, Mrs C. C. Harper, Mrs. A. Wilson, Miss J. D. Holman, Mrs. G. Sampson, Mrs. A. L. Moore, Mrs. [illegible]							50 00
Woman's District Convention, Zion	Mrs. T. E. Y. Pollard	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00		5 00	25 00
Cypress Association	Mrs. S. J Allsbrook	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00		5 00	25 00
Old Land Mark Association	Mrs B. F. Scott, Mrs. Jno. W. Whitely	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00		25 00
Northwestern District Convention	Mrs. J. N. Moss, Mrs. C. C. Harper, Mrs. Gladys Howell, Mrs. E. A. Wilson, Mrs. M. S. Jones	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00		25 00
Mt. Olive Association	Mrs. [illegible]							5 00
Friendship Association	Mrs. L. J. McNorton, Mrs. G. C. Sampson, Mrs Lillie Brown, Mrs. I. L. Boone	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00		5 00	25 00
Woman's District Convention, East Texas	Mrs. Josie E. Harkless	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00		5 00	25 00
Willow Grove Association	Mrs. E. A. Johnson, Mrs. I. S. Boone	2 00	2 00	2 00	3 00		10 00	19 00
La Grange Woman's Association	Mrs. J. A. Green, Mrs. L. J. Anderson				15 00		10 00	25 00
Woman's Texas Convention	Mrs. H. O. Nelson, Mrs. J. A. Brown			5 00	15 00		5 00	25 00
Trinity V. District Convention	Mrs. Ozanne Wilson, Mrs. O. G. Wilson	5 0	2 00	3 00	5 00		10 00	25 00
Missionary Society, Antioch Baptist Church	Miss Virginia, Mrs M. W. D. Sledge, B Miller, Miss Mary Fisher, Mrs. E. L. Harrison, Mrs. I. B. Bell, Mrs Mamie L. Simmons, Houston	2 50		2 50	2 50		2 50	10 00
St. John H. Missionary Society	Mrs. C. C. Harper, Mrs. Mary Clarborne, Dallas		10 00					10 00
Missionary Society, Mt. Gilead Baptist Church	Mrs. G. C. Sampson, Mrs. Lillie Brown, Ft. Worth		10 00					10 00
Missionary Society, Macedonia Baptist Church	Mrs. E. A. Wilson, Mrs. J. N. Moss, Mrs. Mattie Love, Dallas	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	5 00
TENNESSEE								
Woman's Missionary Society, 1st Bapt. Church	Mrs. [illegible] Lewis, Mrs. H. J. Hailey, Nashville							
Woman's Auxiliary Missionary and Education Convention of Tennessee	Mrs. F. P. Cooper, Mrs. H. J. Lawrence, Mrs. V. W. Broughton, Mrs. M. M. Young, Mrs. M. G. Valentine, Mrs. M. S. Edings, Mrs. S. R. Lee, Mrs. A. B. Grigsby, Mrs. E. M. Lawrence, Mrs. M. H. Flowers, Mrs. J. B Tartas, Mrs. Carrie Keith, Mrs. Jannie							

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NAME OF ORGANIZATION	DELEGATES AND NAME OF PLACE	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education of Foreign Student	National Training School	Miss Burroughs' Salary	General Expense of the Convention	Total Sent
Missionary Society, Spruce St. Baptist Church	Mathews, Mrs. E. W. D. Isaac, Sr., Mrs. Anna P. Haynes,	$ 50	$ 50	$ 5 00	$ 50 00	.....	20 00	50 00
1st Baptist Missionary	Mrs. M. A. Dell, E. W. D. Isaac, Nashville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
	[illegible] Nashville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
VIRGINIA								
Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. Fannie James, Mrs. Ada F. Lewis, Richmond	25 00	.....	15 00	75 00	.....	10 00	125 00
WEST VIRGINIA								
Missionary Society, 1st Baptist Church	Huntington	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	5 00	8 00
Woman's Baptist State Convention	Mrs. M. W. Arter, Mrs. Julia Wilkinson,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Mrs. Fannie Cobb Carter	.....	.....	.....	73 65	.....	.....	73 65
WISCONSIN								
Autumn Leaf Missionary	Mrs. A. E. Parks, Madison	2 00	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	6 00	10 00
Home, Foreign Missionary Society, Mt. Zion Baptist Church	Mrs. M. E. Sander, Mrs. V. L. Penick, Mrs. Nellie Smith, Rev. F. W. Penick, Milwaukee	1 00	50	.....	1 00	.....	5 00	7 50
Home, Foreign Society, Galilee Baptist Church	Rev. R. L. Matthews, Milwaukee	1 00	50	1 00	1 00	.....	6 00	10 00
Western Baptist Woman's Convention	Mrs. Ida P. Bates, Mrs. Gertrude Rush, Mrs. Mary E. Goins, Mrs. E. T. Dean, Mrs. E. M. Golden, Mrs. S. Bates, Mrs. O. A. Jordan, Mrs. J. C. Mapp, Mrs. M. S. Clark, Mrs. C. B. Burton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	50 00

JOURNAL

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JOHN L. WEBB
President Laymen's Movement

Proceedings

WEDNESDAY—Morning Session

The Laymen's Movement of the National Baptist Convention met in Detroit, Michigan, in the auditorium of the Shiloh Baptist Church, 553 Benton Street, 2 p. m.

The meeting was called to order and presided over by the Hon. John L. Webb, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, who has served the movement as president since the organization.

President Webb in his opening remarks thanked the brethren for their presence and expressed the hope that the influence of the program of this session would mean much in giving general impetus to the movement. He concluded, finally, by saying the evening session would be devoted, primarily, to the enrollment of officers and delegates. The annual enrollment fee for officers and delegates was two and one dollar, respectively.

The enrollment followed:

1.	John L. Webb, Hot Springs, Ark.	$ 2 00
2.	S. H. Fowler, Ft. Worth, Texas.	2 00
3.	H. S. Davis, Shreveport, La.	1 00
4.	C. M. Roberson, Shreveport, La.	1 00
5.	F. L. Barnett, Chicago, Ill.	2 00
6.	T. P. Player, Shreveport, La.	1 00
		$ 9 00

The above named delegates who enrolled were appointed as the Enrollment Committee. Upon the suggestion of assistant recording secretary, President Webb authorized him, at the expense of the Laymen's Movement, to get out several placards, as a means of further advertisement, since the program of the National Baptist Convention called for the meeting at a different place. The meeting adjourned after opening with prayer by Brother C. M. Roberson, and the Mizpah by the delegation.

Receipts of the evening ..... $ 9 00

JOHN L. WEBB, President
S. H. FOWLER, Asst. Rec. Secy.

THURSDAY—Morning Session

The National Baptist Laymen's Movement opened Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. President Webb stressed the far-reaching

advantage of the "Profitable Relationship" now existing between our National Laymen's Movement and our National Baptist Convention.

The following constituted the program of the morning session:

Song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," led by Dr. Graham, of Daytona, Fla.

Prayer ..... Dr. Barnett, Chicago, Ill.

Address, "Some Suggestions for a More Constructive Laymen's Organization" ..... G. T. Smith, Dallas, Texas.

Short Talks, "The Laymen's Part in the Big World Christian Movement ..... Dr. Aaron Toodle, Rev. J. W. Walker, Dr. E. A. Graham and H. I. Monroe.

The enrollment then followed:

1.	U. H. Logan, Ft. Worth, Texas	$1 00
2.	Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Goulds, Florida	50
3.	H. P. Oliver, Fellsmere, Florida	1 00
4.	H. L. Duhart, Sanford, Florida	1 00
5.	J. A. Guian, Lakeland, Florida	1 00
6.	J. N. Stokes, Cocoa, Florida	1 00
7.	New Mickins, Lemon City, Fla.	1 00
8.	Thomas Fields, West Palm Beach, Fla.	1 00
9.	W. M. Johnson, Buffalo, N. Y.	1 00
10.	S. W. Banks, Memphis, Tenn.	1 00
11.	C. B. Gibbs, Memphis, Tenn.	1 00
12.	W. M. Hardy, Anderson, S. C.	1 00
13.	F. F. Evans, Dallas, Texas	1 00
14.	P. H. Sholson, Memphis, Tenn.	1 00
15.	P. M. Smith, Mound Bayou, Miss.	1 00
16	Rev. J. A. Taylor, Hot Springs, Ark.	1 00
17.	T. W. Bryan, Tampa, Florida	1 00
18.	H. Y. Taylor, St. Louis, Mo.	1 00
19.	Thomas Fields, West Palm Beach, Fla.	1 00
20.	F. D. Davis, Birmingham, Alabama	1 00
21.	D. A. Days, Gainesville, Florida	1 00
22.	J. B. Long, Melbourne, Florida	1 00
23.	P. McDaniel, West Palm Beach, Florida	1 00
24.	J. H. Creed, Gadsden, Alabama	1 00
25.	James E. Lyons, Buffalo, N. Y.	1 00
26.	H. I. Monroe, Topeka, Kansas	1 00
27.	E. A. Graham, Daytona Beach, Fla.	1 00
28.	A. Stokes, Miami, Florida	1 00
29.	G. T. Smith, Dallas, Texas	1 00
30.	Pane Lee George, St. Louis, Mo.	1 00
31.	S. M. Frazier, Miami, Florida	1 00
32.	T. W. Williams, Sanford, Florida	1 00
33.	S. L. Jordan, Detroit, Michigan	
	Total Enrollment	$ 33 00

Laymen Organizations and Churches

(Locals)

1.	New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Daytona, Florida	$ 2 00
2.	Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Goulds, Florida	50
	Total (Locals and Churches)	$ 12 50
	Grand total receipts of the evening	$ 45 50

THURSDAY—Afternoon Session

The afternoon meeting of the second day's session opened Thursday, September 8, 2:30 p. m., with President Webb in chair. President Webb commended the messengers for their manifested interest and faithfulness, laboring as they were under unavoidable handicaps. Rev. Smiley, the Laymen's Official Musical Director, was then asked to conduct the devotional services, which consisted of sentence prayers and several fervent songs.

The state organizations then enrolled as follows:

1.	Arkansas	$ 100 00
2.	Texas	20 00
3.	Florida	20 00
		$ 140 00

Rev. J. H. Sims, Newark, Ohio, and Rev. C. B. Rutledge, Detroit, Michigan, were introduced. Rev. Rutledge, after discussing the need of a Laymen's Movement in every church, enrolled the following four deacons from his church:

1.	M. Mays, Detroit, Michigan	$ 1 00
2.	S. A. Allen, Detroit, Michigan	1 00
3.	L. Thomas, Detroit, Michigan	1 00
4.	P. H. Jefferies, Detroit, Michigan	1 00
		$ 4 00

Other enrollment followed:

1.	L. S. Sayers, Buffalo, N. Y.	$ 1 00
2.	Rev. J. H. Sims, Newark, Ohio	1 00
3.	Rev. J. H. Smiley, Louisville, Ky.	1 00
4.	C. C. Spaulding, Durham, N. C.	2 00
5.	A. Overton, Chicago, Illinois	1 00
6.	Joseph Bird	1 00

Dr. Geo. E. Haynes enrolled, will remit by church later.

Laymen Organizations

1. The Cooperative Brotherhood, Buffalo, N. Y., First Shiloh Baptist Church ..... $ 5 00
2. Avenue Baptist Church, Shreveport, La. 6 00

$ 10 00

According to the program, Mr. Anthony Overton spoke on Co-operation—Its Vital Necessity in Our Movement. The address was practical and helpful. Mr. C. C. Spaulding was introduced, also Rev. W. E. Walker, a local pastor of the C. M. E. Church. Mr. P D. Davis, Birmingham, Ala., was presented by the president and spoke at length on The Layman's Place in Community Welfare Work. Motion prevailed, moved by Dr. E. A. Graham and seconded by Mr. G. T. Smith, that the paper as read be published in some of our leading denominational papers.

The following committee was then appointed to carry greetings to the Women's Auxiliary: Dr. E. A. Graham, Florida, Mr. G. T. Smith, Texas; and Prof. R. T. Player, Shreveport, La. To the General Assembly: Attorney Roberson, Shreveport, La.; Prof. J. H. Creed, Alabama, and Mr. S. H. Fowler, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Total receipts of the evening ..... $ 161 00

After benediction the session then adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

THURSDAY—Evening Session

The second day's evening session opened promptly at 8 o'clock. President John L. Webb, presiding. This session had been set apart as the night for welcome addresses and short talks by Mr. C. C. Spaulding, president of the race's largest Insurance Company of Durham, N. C., and Dr. Geo. E. Haynes, Secretary, Federal Council of Churches in Christ.

The program as executed was as follows, with S. L. Jordan, Master of Ceremonies, Pastor James being ill at his home:

Opening remarks ..... President Webb
Special musical number ..... Shiloh Baptist Church Choir
Prayer ..... S. L. Jordan
Welcome Address ..... John Bowen, Shiloh Baptist Church
Extemporaneous talk by Mrs. Mims, Birmingham, Alabama.
Address ..... Rev. Goodgame, Birmingham
Song ..... Shiloh Baptist Church Choir
Address ..... Mr. C. C. Spaulding, President Durham N. C. Ins. Co.
Address ..... Dr. Geo. E. Haynes, Sec. Commission on Interracial Relationship and Federal Council of Churches.
Song ..... Shiloh Baptist Church Choir

The meeting was then turned back into the hands of President Webb, who took the occasion to speak in the highest terms of Mr. C. C. Spaulding and to commend the work and service of

Dr. Geo. E. Haynes. He also thanked the audience for their presence and complimented those who appeared on the program. President Webb then appointed the following named persons to constitute a Committee on State of the Country: Dr. Geo. E. Haynes, C. C. Spaulding, Attorney Roberson and Prof. R. P. Player. A public collection of $11.00 was then lifted by president Webb. $5.00 was given to the church, $5.00 expenses of lights, etc., and $1.00 to janitor for service. Meeting was adjourned.

FRIDAY—Morning Session

The third day's morning session opened with President John L. Webb at his post. Attorney Roberson led the laymen in singing "I Am Thine, O Lord." Prayer was then offered by Rev. O. C. Thomas, Howe College, Memphis, Tenn. "He Walks With Me and He Talks With Me" was fervently sung. President Webb then presented Dr. O. C. Thomas as a friend of the movement, who spoke briefly of the many good things the organization can do. Committee on Nominating of Officers was appointed as follows: Att'y Roberson, Mr. Lyons, of New York, S. L. Jones, Detroit, and the assistant secretary. President Webb then called the attention of the laymen in session assembled that the following officers had sent in their enrollment fee and had stated good reasons why they could not be present:

Mr. Averhart, Recording Secretary; Mr. Turner, Vice President; and Mr. J. W. Kuykendall, Treasurer. A committee on Resolution consisting of the following named persons was appointed: Dr. E. A. Graham, U. H. Logan, Rev. J. A. Taylor, P. D. Davis, H. I. Monroe.

Rev. Nix spoke on Christianity in the life of a People. Judge Barnett on Handicaps to the Movement. Greetings were brought by Mrs. James Barton, Second Baptist Church, Romeo, Michigan. Jno. E. Lyons then gave a very enthusiastic address on Christian Brotherhood in the Laymen's Movement.

Committee on Nomination of Officers then read the names of the following, as the official roster for the next four years:

John L. Webb, Hot Springs, Ark., President; C. C. Spaulding, Durham, N. C., 1st Vice President; Dr. A. E. Graham, Florida; 2nd Vice President; H. I. Monroe, Topeka, Kansas, 3rd Vice President; L. B. Turner, Miss., 4th Vice President; Attorney C. M. Roberson, La., Vice President at Large; M. C. Averhart, Miss., Recording Secretary; S. H. Fowler, Texas; Assistant Recording Secretary; P. M. Smith, Miss., Corresponding Secretary; and J. W. Kuykendall, Ky., Treasurer.

Board Members: Wm. Haney, S. C.; F. L. Barnett, Ill.; J. E. Lyons New York; J. H. Creed, Alabama; H. Y. Taylor, Missouri; S. L. Jordan, Michigan, Rev. J. H. James, Ohio.

The committee recommended that Brother C. M. Roberson be elected vice-president-at-large; that the president appoint organizers in each state; that an Executive Committee of ——— con-

stitute a quorum to transact official business for the movement. Said list of officers were approved by the body and recommendations adopted.

The following were appointed as organizers of states:

F. L. Barnett	Illinois
W. M. Martin	Indiana
R. P. Player	Louisiana
James E. Lyons	N. Y.

Enrollment then followed:

Friday Morning Enrollment

1.	Wm. A. Nix, Chicago, Ill.	$ 1 00
2.	Rev. Joseph Peterson, Lyons, Miss., Liberty Bapt. Ch.	1 00
3.	Rev. R. C. Gallion, Clarksdale, Miss.	1 00
4.	Wm. Martin, Gary, Ind.	1 00
5.	J. W. Vaughns, Muskogee, Okla.	5 00
6.	L. B. Turner, Kosciusko, Miss.	5 00
7.	R. B. Cowan, Romeo, Mich.	1 00
8.	Mrs. Jennie Barton, Romeo, Mich.	1 00
		$ 16 00

Report on resolutions as submitted by Judge Barnett was adopted. President Webb donated $10.00 to be applied on the $25.00 to be paid Mrs. Donivan, Detroit, Mich., for services as the official stenographer.

Total enrollment, delegates	$ 16 00
Donation from President Webb	10 00
Total receipts of the evening	$ 26 00

Thus the last regular meeting of the Fourth Annual Session ended, after closing prayer by Rev. J. H. Smiley, of Louisville, Ky. They adjourned to meet at the General Assembly in the Armory, 3:00 p. m., when the laymen were to take charge, render their final program and submit their report.

FRIDAY—Evening Session

A regular session was deferred until Saturday due to the failure of the program of the National Baptist Convention to be executed as promptly as they had anticipated, however, our President was introduced by President Williams as a layman of the first magnitude and a business man who had succeeded. He was given quite an ovation by the large audience. President Webb spoke very briefly, emphasizing the laymen's objective and counted the movement an indispensable factor in the life of our churches and the advancement of Christianity.

The following enrollment of delegates was secured:

1.	Robert L. Vann	$ 1 00
2.	R. T. Simms, Kansas	1 00
3.	E. D. Pierson, Illinois	1 00
4.	Rev. T. Grimes, Tennessee	1 00
5.	Jno. Roberts, Illinois	1 00
6.	N. A. Freeman, Arkansas	1 00
7.	N. Mitchell, Alabama	1 00
8.	Dr. W. E. Watson, Arkansas	1 00
9.	James Ware, Alabama	1 00
10.	Ben Smith, Kentucky	1 00
11.	Jno. Butler, Oklahoma	1 00
12.	W. U. Stewart, Kentucky	1 00
13.	C. S. Wood, Alabama	1 00
14.	M. T. Waters, Texas	1 00
15.	Silas Roberts, Illinois	1 00
16.	Wm. Wiley, Pennsylvania	1 00
17.	W. R. Fellows, Alabama	1 00
18.	Dr. A. J. Smith, Arkansas	1 00
19.	J. D. Williams, Georgia	1 00
20.	Jas. M. Mahart, Georgia	1 00
21.	W. H. Hilliard, Arkansas	1 00
22.	Dr. Jno. E. Seward, Tennessee	1 00
23.	W. E. Douglass, Kansas	1 00
24.	W. H. Jernigan, Washington, D. C.	1 00
25.	E. C. Hicks, Baltimore, Md.	1 00
26.	Fred C. Bryant, Newark, N. J.	1 00
27.	Rev. McJenkins, Arkansas	1 00
28.	Dr. John Hope, Georgia	1 00
29.	Rev. A. L. James, Virginia	1 00
30.	Lewis Bays	1 00
	Laymen's organizations	$ 30 00
	Local from Mississippi, by Rev. E. M. Mason	5 00
	Total receipts for the evening's effort	$ 35 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FINANCE—

Receipts:

From State Organizations	$140 00	
From Locals	22 50	
From Enrollment of Delegates	116 00	
From Public Collection	11 00	
From Donation, President Webb	10 00	
Total		$ 299 50
Brought Forward		33 55
		$ 333 05

Disbursements:

Stenographer	$ 25 00	
Sign, $5.00; Tacks, 5c; Tablet, 10c; Receipt Book, 15c	5 30	
Ad in Paper	25 00	
Chm'n Finance Com.	10 00	
Asst. Recording Secy. (Turner)	25 00	
Rev. Smiley, Musical Director	10 00	
Publishing House	50 00	
Theological Seminary	75 00	
Convention	50 00	
President Webb	15 00	
Secretary Hudson (Medallion)	10 00	
To Shiloh Baptist Ch. and Janitor	11 00	$ 311 30
Amount in hands of treasurer		$ 21 75

Included in the financial sheet is credited the amounts sent in by the following: Mr. Averhart, $35.55; two dollars of which was for membership, and $10.00 by Mr. Kuykendall; said amount included his membership of $2.00. These amounts were received when in session at our General Assembly hour at the Armory, 4:00 p. m.

ENROLLMENT SHEET

Total No. of States Represented	No. of Delegates	No. of Locals	Del.	Amounts From: Locals	States	Total
1. Arkansas	13	0	$13 00	0 00	$100 00	$113 00
2. Florida	16	3	17 00	$ 7 50	20 00	44 50
3. Texas	6	0	7 00	0 00	20 00	27 00
4. Louisiana	3	1	4 00	5 00	—	9 00
5. Tennessee	7	0	7 00	—	—	7 00
6. Alabama	8	0	8 00	—	—	8 00
7. Mississippi	2	0	7 00	—	—	7 00
8. S. Carolina	1	0	1 00	—	—	1 00
9. Oklahoma	1	0	5 00	—	—	5 00
10. N. Carolina	1	0	2 00	—	—	2 00
11. Kansas	4	0	4 00	—	—	4 00
12. Missouri	2	0	2 00	—	—	2 00
13. Illinois	3	0	3 00	—	—	3 00
14. Kentucky	3	0	12 00	—	—	12 00
15. Ohio	1	0	1 00	—	—	1 00
16. New York	3	2	3 00	10 00	—	13 00
17. Michigan	6	0	6 00	—	—	6 00
18. Indiana	1	0	1 00	—	—	1 00
19. Wisconsin	1	0	1 00	—	—	1 00
20. New Jersey	3	0	3 00	—	—	3 00
21. Maryland	1	0	1 00	—	—	1 00
22. Wash. D. C.	1	0	1 00	—	—	1 00
23. Virginia	1	0	1 00	—	—	1 00
24. Penn.	2	0	2 00	—	—	2 00
25. Georgia	3	0	3 00	—	—	3 00
	93	7	$116 00	$22 50	140 00	

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL CRADLE ROLL ASSOCIATION

Mrs. R. T. Sims, President; Mrs. G. H. Hendricks, Vice President; Mrs. M. E. Cosey, Recording Secretary; Mrs. I. S. Bates, Assistant Recording Secretary; Mrs. W. B. Smith, Treasurer; Mrs. Pearl Colbert, Cor. Secretary; Miss Ozella Moore, Statistician.

Department Officers

Mrs. J. L. Burrell, Chairman; Mrs. Marcella Rogers, Chairman Publicity Department; Mrs. Eva C. Hicks, Chairman Program Committee.

PROGRAM OF NATIONAL CRADLE ROLL ASSOCIATION

Held at New Hope Baptist Church, Dr. A. C. Williams, Pastor.
Thursday Afternoon

1:00 Call to order, President, Mrs. R. T. Sims.
1:15 Devotions, Mrs. Della Williams, Alabama; Mrs. E. V. Hamby, Alabama; Mrs. J. L. Burrell, Louisiana; Mrs. G. Hendricks, Louisiana.
1:30 Paper by Mrs. Ida Bailey, Evanston, Ill.
Solo ——— Olivet, Chicago, Ill.
Reading, Mrs. Allie Jones, Omaha, Nebraska.
2:00 Welcome Addresses: Mrs. Pearl Colbert, and others.
2:30 Response to Welcome Addresses, Mrs. N. Hamilton, Louisiana.
Cradle Roll demonstration in hygiene by registered nurses.
3:00 Address, "Educated Motherhood" Rev. M. Thornton, Alabama.
Reading and approving program. Appointing committees, etc.
4:00 Collection. Benediction.

Friday Morning

10:30 Devotions, Mrs. S. A. Fitzhugh, Missouri; Mrs. Wm. Cosey, Louisiana; Mrs. B. W. Smith, Louisiana; Miss Ozella Moore, Ohio.
11:00 Report of Enrollment Committee.
11:20 Address, "Care of Babies," Mrs. Eva C. Hicks, Illinois. Discussion.
1:00 20 minute rest period.
1:20 Devotions, Mrs. I. S. Bates, Iowa; Mrs. H. A. Rogers, Texas; Mrs. W. P. Offutt, Kentucky; Mrs. Emma Bruce, Missouri; Miss F. B. Watkins, California.
1:45 Address "The Outlook of the Cradle Roll Work," Miss Helen G. Burrell, New Jersey.
Discussion.
Songs for Cradle Roll Babies, Mrs. Allie Taylor, Chicago, Ill.
2:30 Presentation of President, Mrs. R. T. Sims, by Mrs. S. A. Fitzhugh, Missouri. Annual Address, Mrs. R. T. Sims, President.
Election of officers.
3:30 Rally of states; led by Mrs. B. W. Smith of Louisiana.
Mrs. Eva C. Hicks, Olivet Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., Chairman Program Committee.

PROCEEDINGS

The National Cradle Roll Association of the Sunday School Publishing Board, was duly called to order by the president, Mrs R T. Sims, at 1:30 o'clock. After devotions led by Mrs. Della Williams. Mrs. E. V. Hamby, Mrs. J. L. Burrell, Mrs. J. H. Hendricks, and the opening remarks by the president, there were helpful expressions from the various workers. Song, "Jesus Loves Me," led by Mrs. E. C. Hicks, after which Mrs. Allie Jones, Omaha, Neb., gave a reading "Papa's Letter." Welcome addresses for the State of Michigan, by Mrs. Pearl Colbert, Detroit; Mrs. Mary Valentine on behalf of the City of Detroit; Mrs. E. Hardeman, Superintendent Cradle Roll, on behalf New Hope Baptist Church. Response to welcome addresses by Mrs. N. S. Hamilton, Louisiana, read by Mrs. H. A. Rogers, Texas.

WELCOME ADDRESS ON BEHALF OF STATE OF MICHIGAN

By Mrs. Pearl Colbert

President, Officers, Coworkers of the National Cradle Roll Association:

On behalf of the State of Michigan we bring greetings and a most hearty welcome from the District, and State Sunday School Convention. We have watched for your coming with our doors ajar. The Cradle Roll workers of Michigan are few in numbers, but we are striving to carry out Jesus Christ's program, the only program that gave the child a place in the kingdom.

We welcome you because we know you will help us solve some of the problems of motherhood.

By your coming you have brought to us a beautiful thought, mother a coworker with God, for motherhood is eternal. We might ask how do we know that we are expected to work with God? We may know it from the fact that to each woman has been given that beautiful quality which we call mother's love. We see it in the little girl as she plays with her dolls; we see it as she grows older in the care and affections which she gives her younger sisters, and brothers, and we see it in its fullness when the mother holds her baby in her arms.

This wise protecting mother love we are bestowing upon you, for it will serve as a protector for you throughout the ages.

The big business of womanhood is that nursery of the spiritual life known to humanity as a Christian home.

> "The task that is given to each one no other can do,
> So the errand is waiting, it has waited through the ages for you,
> And now you appear, and the hushed one turn their gaze,
> To see what you can do with chance in the chamber of days."

WELCOME ADDRESS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF DETROIT

By Mrs. Mary Valentine

Madame President, Officers, and Delegates of the Cradle Roll Association:

I deem this one of the proud, yet humble moments of my life, to be honored with this privilege of extending to you a welcome to our city. I am thinking the word welcome means to receive with gladness and hospitality, in that case we want the gladness to radiate from our hearts to yours making this one great and historic meeting.

As in olden times, when the Israelites went up to Jerusalem to offer sacrifices unto God, so you have come up from all parts of the earth, to give thanks to God for past blessings, and to gain new inspiration, devotion, new courage, new strength, new ideas to take back to your various Cradle Rolls.

We want you to feel so welcome that when you return to your classes and entertain them in story and song, that they will get the impression that they through you have been made welcome to our city.

Detroit has thrown wide her doors, and surely we have opened equally as wide our hearts, and we are asking that you feel so secure, and welcome until you'll forget your various location and think as the poet says:

> "In Christ there is no east nor west,
> No north, nor any south,
> But one great fellowship of love,
> Throughout the whole wide earth."

RESPONSE TO WELCOME ADDRESSES

By Mrs. N. S. Hamilton

It is indeed a pleasure to say something in the way of a response for such a hearty welcome given us. We assure you we appreciate every word of the welcome and the spirit in which it was given. As messengers of this dignified body of Cradle Roll workers, we have been made to feel like we are surrounded, encompassed, hemmed in with the protection and good will of the workers of this great city of renown, Detroit, Mich., famous for its automobile factories, its many languages, nationalities, religious faiths, social customs also some of the best workers of the Baptist denomination in all departments. Soldiers of the cross, we greet you.

We are here from all parts of the country in the interest of Kingdom building. I am without suitable words to express my gratification to my heavenly Father for his care and protection, and I think no time should be squandered, no opportunity slighted in this great work. In this age of visual sight of the movies, and of Sabbath description, the church is put to her wit's end to stem the tide of frivolity which is sweeping against her. We must watch as well as pray. The nation is growing frivolous. There is not enough sacredness taught in our public schools, too much jazz and good time.

Thousands of our women and girls are wasting their lives, no good to themselves nor anyone else and calling it good times, which can only be stopped by just such efforts as are being put forth in organizing such department as the Cradle Roll Department teaching girls how to become women and mothers that will maintain, and support their homes in such a way as when the patter of little feet are heard in the home the good time is begun in the way the Lord would have it.

The needs of the people of our day and generation are many and varied. We must reach out and bring in the wanderer, we must reach down and lift up the fallen. We need women of ability to help advance the cause of Christ in this particular department. As Christian workers to do effectual work we must deny ourselves. Nothing is eternal but that which is done for God and others. That which is done for self dies. We are pleased to report to those who cooperated with us and the many to whom we are yet to make the Cradle Roll work a part of their program, that steady progress is being made all over the country. Then let us keep our eyes on the cross, have unshaken faith in God, and the ultimate triumph of right over wrong will bring victory to any people who work as they pray. Hence words are inadequate to express to you our appreciation for such a welcome.

Because of the absence of Rev. N. Thornton, of Alabama, Rev. W. M. Carey of Mississippi, gave a helpful talk on Cradle Roll work, the first minister to address the association. Solo by Miss L. Walker Lawrence, Kansas, Mrs. E. C. Hicks gave demonstrations of posters, scrapbooks, and songs. Committee on Enrollment was appointed: Misdames Burrell, Colbert and Williams. Program for Friday's session was read and adopted.

Partial report of Enrollment Committee reported. $5.00 for individual enrollment. The president spoke of setting salaries for the corresponding secretary, recording secretary, and chairman of Program Committee.

Adjourned by repeating Mizpah.

MRS. R. T. SIMS, President
MRS. H. A. ROGERS, Acting Sec.

FRIDAY—Morning Session

The National Cradle Roll Association of Sunday School Publishing Board duly opened its second day's session by order of the President, Mrs. R. T. Sims, at 10:30 a. m., after devotions led by Mesdames W. B. Smith, W. M. Cosey, D. B. Fisher, and Ida Bates.

Scripture, Eph. 5:1-10 was read by Mrs. W. M. Cosey. After opening remarks by the president, Mrs. Eva C. Hicks made a splendid talk on, How To Care for Babies, which was inspiring to all of the workers. Mrs. W. B. Smith and other workers gave some health hints for babies. Drs. G. H. Hendricks and W. M. Cosey, of New Orleans, made a few remarks as to the work of the Convention and expressed themselves as being highly elated over the fact that they were members of such a great Convention.

The Committee on Enrollment went in session, and the meeting adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

FRIDAY—Afternoon Session

Reassembled at 1:30 p. m., and devotions were led by Mrs. Ida Bates and Mrs. D. B. Fisher. Scripture, Rom. 10:1-10 was read. Hymn, "What a Friend we have in Jesus," was sung, then the meeting was turned into an expression meeting. Each worker seemed to be endowed with the Holy Spirit and for a few minutes the workers lost sight on their program, and soared off into the spiritual world.

Our beloved president, then came to us with her annual address, which set the Convention on fire. The words which came from this message will be stamped on the memories of the workers for many days.

ANNUAL MESSAGE OF MRS R. T. SIMS, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL CRADLE ROLL ASSOCIATION

The bearing and training of a child is woman's wisdom.—Tennyson.

Coworkers and Friends of the National Cradle Roll Association:

Four years ago in Hot Springs, Arkansas, during the sitting of our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress, we called together a small group of Cradle Roll workers, and organized the National Cradle Roll Association. Since then, we have been able to carry forward the work into about twenty states.

Our Aim

When we realized that the success of our children physically, mentally, vocationally, and socially depends more upon us as parents than upon teachers or leaders of any sort, we readily can see how highly essential it is to establish the Cradle Roll in every Sunday school and maintain a Mother's Study Class.

Our Cradle Roll is emphasizing a distinct organized effort to reach every home where there are children, that we may be able to make a personal contribution to the shaping of the lives of these, who in future years can say, "I remembered my Creator in the days of my youth."

If we would save our children, we must bend every energy to interest every home in the community in the religious training of each child beginning at the cradle. Every child should have a place in the program of the church. To neglect him because he is a child, will make him just as much of a problem when he drifts, as any grown up who is outside of Christ.

The Greatest Thing

A child is the greatest thing in the world. That is what the Saviour meant when he said "Of such is the kingdom of heaven" to which might be added "Of such is the kingdoms of earth, and the rulers and the riches thereof." All of the world's leaders of the next generation are living today in little children.

How To Reach the Homes

To save the children for Christ we must stir up the gift that is within us, and God will lead us out into the paths that lead to the homes of the community, where we will be able to touch the young life of every home. Let us be honest and sincere in our efforts. Go into the homes, gain the friendship and consent of the parents; then you will be free to go on in your work without fear of any one.

Always make renewed efforts to gain the consent of wavering parents who are saying, "I am nothing—my children must decide for themselves." This is a challenge that involves a great responsibility, and as Cradle Roll workers, we must prove ourselves equal to it if we are to save the child for Christ.

Character Building

This is the day when childhood is coming into its own. The first right of a child is to receive the right start in life. Character can only be built in youth during the formative period of life. A young child learns more by example than it does by precept. So we should be careful that he does not touch, taste, see or smell anything about home that it should not have or that is not in perfect keeping with Christian culture. Samson's mother was ordered by the Lord not to touch anything that grew on the vine, nor to eat any unclean thing. She was to build a man of character for God. To be able to do this, she had to begin by setting examples, then precept. Religion is caught and taught. The child is a product of the home environment in disposition, in speech in manners. The qualities he reveals in these things are a perfect mirror of the examples set and the instruction given at the fireside, at the table, and in the family circle.

The Sunday school nor the church can take the place of the home in surrounding him in religion. Your child is what you make him. David prayed "That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitudes of a palace, Psalm 144:12. It depends upon you whether the life-structure shall be a crumbling ruin or an enduring edifice of stately strength and imposing pride.

As a parent, if the son should prove a miserable failure of manhood; if the daughter should stray far into forbidden paths—would we be happy for our handiwork?

Cooperation of the Directors

We are glad to say that there is a beautiful spirit of cooperation existing among the Cradle Roll workers of this organization. Each director (with the exception of a few) has striven to make the work a complete success in every way. We do not know, but so far as we have been able to observe, the state of Louisiana seems to lead in Cradle Roll activities. For two years we have visited the 13th District Sunday School Convention

as the guest of the Cradle Roll Auxiliary to the Convention, and each time our heart was made happy to see how fast the Cradle Roll is taking root, and growing in the hearts of the pastors, and Sunday-school superintendents.

This year we also visited the State Sunday School Convention, of Louisiana, with Mrs. B. W. Smith, State Director for Louisiana, and assisted her in giving two demonstrations of the work. It is needless to say that we made a very fine impression, which will help mightily in the establishing of the work throughout the state.

Mrs. Della Williams, of Alabama, wrote a very encouraging letter of her work in the State Convention this year. She was given a place on the program to demonstrate the Cradle Roll work. She wrote that she was well pleased with the impression her demonstration made.

Mrs. Pearl Colbert, Corresponding Secretary of this body, has constantly written during the year of her Cradle Roll activities.

Mrs. Eva C. Hicks, Chairman of our Program Committee, and State Director for Illinois, wrote that the good people of her organizations had adopted her work for the year, which was very encouraging to us.

Mrs. Marcella Rogers, of Texas, Publicity Chairman, has done some splendid work for the organization this year. She has had an opportunity to travel quite a bit through the state, and has driven some large nails of inspiration, and information into the minds of the pastors and Sunday-school superintendents, for our work.

Mrs. S. A. Fitzhugh, Vice President of our organization, and Director for Kansas has been pushing the work in more ways than one. Realizing what an important work we are trying to do for the Master, and knowing that "many hands make work light" she has been trying to enlist other helpers for us out there. And that is just what we want and need, more workers.

Mrs. Victoria Turner is not in our bunch, but she is determined to help us put over the program. We are grateful to her for the lady who appears on our program from her city and state.

Miss Helen G. Burrell wrote that she would attend our meeting this year. She is of Ashbury Park, N. J., and is the Cradle Roll Director for her state.

Mrs. Emma Bruce, of St. Louis, Mo., I am sure has done what she could, although she has met with very stubborn opposition in her state from one that I could hardly consider a Christian.

Miss Ozella Moore has not done much writing or talking, but she is very dependable, and I am sure that we can always count on her.

We have three "brand new" workers down in New Orleans, La. This is their first year with us. Mrs. Wm. Cosey, Mrs. G. H. Hendricks, and Mrs. J. L. Burrell. We were down there last December, and enjoyed a very fine meeting with them under the auspices of the Ministers' Conference. They assured us that we could count on them for a full measure of service.

Miss F. B. Watkins, State Director for California, wrote that she was on the job this year, and that we would hear from her in this meeting.

Mrs. E. V. Hamby of Alabama wrote us that she would stand by us nobly financially. This is Mrs. Hamby's first year with us.

Our Cradle Roll Magazine

should be read by all Cradle Roll workers, and every member of the Cradle Roll Mothers' Study Class. It is brimful of solid reading matter for mothers. It also features Negro babies' pictures. The workers are asked to send in any program or plan that they have successfully used so that we may pass it on to others through the magazine. Negro babies' pictures are also asked for, for publication in the magazine.

Our Cradle Roll Outfit

Nowhere in the world can you find such a wonderful Cradle Roll outfit as we have at the Sunday School Publishing Board, Dr. A. M. Townsend,

Secretary. And it is there that all Negro Cradle Roll workers are expected to purchase their Cradle Roll supplies.

During the year we have worked very hard to keep up the interest in our work. At times we have felt very much discouraged. Sometimes because of the outlook being so very dark, and sometimes because of the very stubborn opposition some of the workers had to go up against.

Perhaps I should not say so, but it really pains my heart for any of the workers to write me that they are being opposed. I remember that in a certain state my workers had some very trying things to come against their efforts, and when I learned of it, I wept very bitterly, and prayed very earnestly for their success. My prayers were answered.

And now as we close, permit us to say that it was through your unselfish efforts that brought success to our work, for which we thank you one and all. You have been most loyal to the work of our organization. And many of you have kept our spirit up by writing us that you were praying for us. We wish you knew how very much those words meant to us.

As we begin our work for another year, let us carry with us the thought that Christ honored and exalted woman because she was faithful. May we, as women, know no other face to illuminate us but the face of our risen Lord. May we, like the faithful women of the cross seek our risen Lord in the dark hours of distraction and trial.

The Committee on Nomination was appointed, and went in session. The following constitute the Committee on Nomination: Mrs. J. L. Burrell, Mrs. Della Williams, Mrs. I. S. Bates, Mrs. D. B. Fisher, Mrs. W. B. Smith.

The committee made its report as follows:

Mrs. R. T. Sims, Canton, Miss., President; Mrs. G. H. Hendricks, New Orleans, 1st Vice President; Mrs. S. A. Fitzhugh, Kansas City, Kan., 2nd Vice President; Mrs. W. M. Cosey, New Orleans, La., Recording Secretary; Miss Ozella Moore, Ohio, Statistician; Mrs. Pearl Colbert, Detroit, Mich., Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Ida Bates, Des Moines, Iowa, Assistant Recording Sec'y; Mrs. W. B. Smith, Shreveport, La., Treas.; Mrs. H. A. Rogers, Ohio, Chairman of Publicity Dept.; Mrs. E. C. Hicks, Chicago, Ill., Chairman of Program Committee; Mrs. J. L. Burrell, New Orleans, La., President Art Department. A motion was made by Sister Della Williams and seconded by Sister E. Hardeman that the report be received and adopted. (Carried.)

MRS. R. T. SIMS, President
MRS. W. M. COSEY, Recording Sec'y

REPORT OF NATIONAL CRADLE ROLL CONVENTION

To the President, Officers, and Members of the National Cradle Roll Association of the National Baptist Convention:

We, the officers and members of National Cradle Roll Convention under the auspices of the Sunday School Publishing Board, beg to make the following report of work done by our Convention showing states represented as follows:

Mrs. Della Williams, Alabama, Director	$ 33 00
Mrs. Ida Bates, Iowa, Director	107 25
Mrs. E. C. Hicks, Illinois, Director	107 25
Mrs. Pearl Colbert, Michigan, Director	64 41
Mrs. Victoria Turner, Nebraska, Director	255 00
Mrs. H. A. Rogers, Texas, Director	25 00
Mrs. S. A. Fitzhugh, Kansas, Director	14 50
Dr. T. S. Harden, New York, Director	1 00

California	$ 30 [illegible]
Missouri	10 00
Ohio	10 00
Kentucky	—
New Jersey	1 00
Mrs. R. T. Sims, Mississippi	25 00
Mrs. W. B. Smith, Louisiana, Mrs. M. E. Cosey, Mrs. J. L. Burrell, Mrs. G. H. Hendricks, Mrs. D. B. Fisher	230 00
	$ 559 00
Public collections	34 70
Total amount raised in Detroit	$ 594 [illegible]
Amount raised at Congress	37 15
Total	$ 631 [illegible]

The National Cradle Roll Convention held its meeting at the New Hope Baptist Church, September 8, in Detroit.

One of the greatest meetings ever held in the history of the Convention was that of the National Cradle Roll Convention which met with the New Hope Baptist Church, pastored by Dr. A. C. Williams.

The meeting was largely attended by delegates from all parts of the country, and each one came with a determination to put the program of Christ over. The welcome addresses in behalf of state, city, and church, could not be excelled, for each individual opened their hearts to the Convention and extended a most hearty welcome.

Mrs. E. C. Hicks, of Chicago, gave a wonderful demonstration on posters, and other little suggestions that are quite helpful to the Cradle Roll worker, she also talked on how to care for babies' health.

Mrs. L. Walker, of Lawrence, Kansas, sang a beautiful selection and was followed by a reading from Mrs. Allie Jones, of Omaha, Neb., which was delivered with eloquence.

Quite a few of the workers expressed themselves as to the pleasure they derived from the Cradle Roll work and how they had hoped to do more for the department, next year.

Our president, Mrs. R. T. Sims, delivered her Annual Address, and indeed it was a burning message that will ever be stamped on the memory of each worker, and we feel that the words which came from the president will be the means of cementing us together, and another year we will come up having done more actual work than was done this year.

The election was carried out in a spiritual manner, and we feel that each officer left the meeting with an inspiration to do more for the cause of Christ another year, for we can say without contradiction that our workers are as one Christian family, working in accord.

Every state did its best to bring up the quota; and we feel proud of every worker we have, for we know they did their best. We were fortunate to have two noted ministers in our organization this year, Drs. W. M. Cosey and G. H. Hendricks, of New Orleans, Louisiana.