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The next session will be held with the First Baptist church of Little Rock, Ark., Rev. J. P. Robinson, pastor, Wednesday before the second Sunday in September, 1918.

CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION.

(Adopted September, 1895 and Amended September, 1916.)

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

Article I.

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

Article II.

The object of this Convention shall be to correlate and co-operate with the many Baptist state and district organizations in doing missionary, Sunday school and educational work, and to promote, foster and stimulate the publication and circulation of religious literature through our several boards and auxiliaries as may be hereafter named.

Article III.

The messengers of this Convention shall be representative and annual.

Section 1.—Representative: Any orthodox Missionary Baptist church, Sunday school, Missionary or Baptist young

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people's society, district and general association, Sunday school convention and state convention may become an annual representative by the payment of Five (\$5.00) Dollars for the general expenses of each annual session, and may be entitled to one or more additional messengers by the following payments: \$2.50 each, to be paid in at the session or twenty-five or the maximum part of twenty-five dollars contributed through the several boards for any of the objects named in Article II. The maximum number of messengers from any one organization shall be specified by resolutions or by-laws.

Section 2.—Annual Membership: Any person who is a member of any regular Missionary Baptist church in union with this organization may become an annual member by the payment of \$2.50 for the general expenses at each session, or twenty-five dollars or the maximum part of twenty-five dollars contributed through either of the boards for any of the objects named in Article 2.

Article IV.

Officers: The officers of this Convention shall be a President, two or more Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, four Assistant Secretaries, a Statistical Secretary, a Lawyer, a Treasurer and a General Auditor, all of whom shall be elected annually and hold their offices until their successors are chosen. The President or Vice President of each state convention, moderator of each general association co-operating with this body shall be associate honorary or advisory Vice President.

Article V.—Duties of Officers.

Section 1. The President or any of the Vice Presidents shall preside at any of the meetings of the Convention. The Vice Presidents shall represent and assist the President of the Convention in their order named. In case of death, absence or inability to attend of the President, one of the Vice Presidents named in their order shall represent him. He shall sign all orders drawn by the Secretary on the Treasurer, sign the call for the regular meetings or special meetings of the Convention, appoint all committees not elected by the general body and may make annual visits to the state or territorial conventions and general associations in the interest of this body by special invitation or by consent of the state convention or association. He shall perform

such other duties as may be designated by resolution or by-laws.

Section 2. The Recording Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all the proceedings of the annual meeting, compile and distribute the minutes of the annual proceedings and shall see that the minutes are sent to all members whether they be representative or annual. He shall prepare and distribute the necessary enrollment blanks, cards, etc., to enroll the members, shall draw all drafts on the Treasurer to be countersigned by the President; he shall keep all such proceedings, together with the proceedings of the Executive meetings, in a well-bound book and report the same at each annual session.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall receive all money brought up to or collected at the annual meeting of the Convention, and shall, by order of the Convention, turn over the same to the Treasurers of the different boards in accordance with the object for which the money was brought up to the Convention, at the Convention. The Convention shall say how all undesignated funds shall be used. The Treasurer of the Convention shall make an annual report to the Convention of all moneys paid out by him, to whom, for what, and the amounts turned over to the Treasurers of the boards and shall receipt the Finance Committee and any messenger for all money turned over to him, and shall accept or take receipts, vouchers, cancelled checks, or other evidences to show money paid out and keep his account in a well-bound book.

Section 4. The Statistical Secretary of the Convention shall, together with the Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary of each of the boards of the Convention, gather the statistics of the denomination from year to year and is expected to make them as full as possible, and the same may be printed in pamphlet form for distribution as information.

Section 5. The General Auditor of the Convention shall audit the accounts of the Convention and shall pass upon the accounts of each of the auditors of the various boards; shall make a report of his findings at each annual session of the Convention. Each auditor of the several boards shall make such reports to the general auditor as may be designated by the by-laws of the Convention and the by-laws of the several boards.

Article VI.—Management.

The Convention shall elect at each annual meeting a Foreign Mission, a Home Mission, an Educational, a B. Y. P. U., a Publishing, a Benefit and Woman's Auxiliary Board, Evangelical Board and other boards as may be deemed necessary from time to time, and these boards shall continue in office until a new election.

Section 1. The Boards shall consist of one member from each state or territorial convention, represented in or cooperating with this Convention.

Section 2. The members of these boards shall be nominated by the members from the several states and territorial convention and confirmed by this body. This general board may be divided into two separate boards to be known as the General Advisory Board and the Board of Management.

Section 3. Each board of management shall have a chairman recording secretary, corresponding secretary and treasurer. The corresponding secretary and treasurer may be one and the same person. The duties of each board may be regulated by by-laws adopted by the boards and by-laws made by and accepted by the Convention. The recording secretary of each board shall keep a faithful record of all the meetings of the board and of the executive committee of the board. The treasurer of each board shall receive and disburse all money of the board. He shall keep a record of all money received and disbursed. He shall hold all deeds, bequests or other property of the board. He is treasurer and his books shall be opened to inspection to any member of the board. No money shall be paid out except by order of the board from whose treasurer it is to be drawn.

The Corresponding Secretary of each Board shall conduct the correspondence of the board of which he is Secretary. He shall have general management of the work of the Board but shall be subject to such by-laws as the Board may think best for the management of the work.

The officers of each board, together with such members as may be designated by the by-laws, shall constitute the board of management to transact the business for the constitutional provisions and by-laws made by the boards at such time and place as may be called by the President of management shall consist of not less than five members and shall hold quarterly meetings and shall have power to make such rules and regulations for the management of its

business and its officers as they may think best. To each board shall be committed during the recess of the Convention the entire management of all of the affairs relating to the objects with whose interest it shall be charged; all of which management shall be in strict accordance with the constitutional provisions and by-laws made by the boards and adopted by the Convention.

Each board shall have power to make such compensations to its officers and employees as its by-laws and regulations may specify, or as the board of managers may in its judgment think best. Each board shall make an annual report to the Convention of all missionary, educational, publication and other work done by them during the year, together with the receipts and disbursements of all money.

Article VII.—Qualifications.

All agents, missionaries, district, field and corresponding secretaries employed by the boards of the Convention must be members of some regular Baptist church in union with the churches composing this Convention. They must, previous to their appointment, furnish satisfactory evidence of genuine piety, fervent zeal in the Master's cause and talents which fit them for the service for which they are to be employed.

Article VIII.—Annual Meetings.

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

Article IX.—Executive Board of the Convention.

The general Executive Board of the National Baptist Convention shall consist of all the elected officers of the Convention, the corresponding secretaries and chairman of each of the Boards elected by the Convention, together with the associate honorary, or advisory Vice President, elected according to Article IV of the Constitution.

Section 2. This General Executive Board shall have an Executive Board of Management which shall consist of the President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, elected at the annual meeting and the secretary and chairman of each of

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the boards. This Executive Board of Managers shall meet at such time and place as may be called by the president of the Convention or as may be designated by the by-laws.

Amendments.

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

Amendments.

Any rule or by-law not in harmony with the foregoing constitution is hereby annulled.



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PROGRAM.

Wednesday—Morning Session.

- 10:00 A. M.—Convention called to order.
 Devotional exercises by Rev. J. W. Wylder, Ga.; Rev. R. J. Moore, Ala.; Rev. T. C. Phillips, S. C. Theme, "The Gospel for the Whole World."
 Address of Welcome.
 Response, Rev. H. M. Williams, Texas.
 11:20 A. M.—Appointment of Committee on Credentials and Finance.
 Recess for the purpose of enrollment.

Wednesday—Afternoon Session.

- 2:30 P. M.—Devotions: Rev. W. J. M. Price, Ky.; Rev. C. T. Dorrah, Fla.; Rev. C. C. Caldwell, Miss.
 3:30 P. M.—Report of Committee on Enrollment.
 Recess.

Wednesday—Evening Session.

- 7:30 P. M.—Music by National Chorus.
 Devotional: Revs. P. W. Dunavant, Mo.; J. C. Fields, Tenn.; W. H. Woods, Okla.
 8:00 P. M.—Sermon, Rev. E. W. Bowen, S. C.; alternate, Rev. E. H. Branch.
 Collection. Adjournment.

Thursday—Morning Session.

- 9:00 A. M.—Devotional: Revs. C. H. Sharp, Ga.; P. T. Washington, La.; J. E. Haywood, Ill.
 11:00 A. M.—Report of Foreign Mission Board. Introduction of speakers by Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, Rev. E. W. Moore, D. D., Columbus, O.

Sermon or Address on Missions, Rev. D. W. Over, Denver, Colo.

Report of the Board by the Corresponding Secretary.

R. Kemp, S. C. Appeal for contributions follows.

11:30—President's Annual Address.
Recess.

Thursday—Afternoon Session.

2:00 P. M.—Devotional, Revs. J. H. Earle, J. Wesley Carter, Ohio, J. H. Holder, Ind.

2:30 P. M.—Report of Officers.

Report of Committee on Permanent Organization.

3:30 P. M.—Report of Home Mission Board. Report and Offering.

5:00 P. M.—Recess.

Thursday—Evening Session.

7:30 P. M.—Devotional, Revs. T. H. C. Messer, Pa.; G. H. Daniels, Mo.; J. A. Nelson, N. C.

8:00 P. M.—Sermon, Rev. B. J. Prince, D. D., M. D., alternate, Rev. C. J. Smith.

Friday—Morning Session.

9:00 A. M.—Devotional: Revs. Fannin, Ga.; J. C. Calhoun, Tex.; M. L. Porter, Ky.; Dr. L. V. Collins, La.; Wm. Clark, Texas.

9:30 A. M.—Reports of Committees.

10:00-11:00—Report of B. Y. P. U. Board.

11:00-12:00—Report of Publishing Board.

Offering.

Recess.

Friday—Afternoon Session.

2:00 P. M.—Devotional: Revs. L. H. Ingram, Ala.; P. H. May, Fla.; A. Hubb, La.

2:30 P. M.—Introduction of Fraternal Representatives.

3:00 P. M.—Report of the Educational Board and Rally.
Recess.

Friday—Evening Session.

7:30 P. M.—Devotional: Rev. I. W. Crawford, Miss.; W. B. Reed, Conn.; G. W. Woodbey, Cal.

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Saturday—Morning Session.

9:00 A. M.—Devotional: Revs. T. H. Fannings, Ga.; J. S. Steele, Ark.; T. T. Timberlake, Ky.; A. J. Wimberly, Ga.

9:30 A. M.—Session of Laymen's Missionary League.

10:30 A. M.—Report of Evangelical Board, Dr. B. J. Prince, Ill., Chairman, presiding; Remarks by Dr. E. W. White, Texas. Reading of report by Jas S. Anderson, Corresponding Secretary.

11:00 A. M.—Report of Church Extension Board.
Recess.

Saturday—Evening Session.

7:00 A. M.—Devotional: Rev. R. F. Frair, Ohio; B. F. Ferrell, Ind.; T. W. Stephenson, Okla.

8:00 P. M.—Sermon, Rev. R. H. Bowling, Va.; alternate, Rev. H. A. Alfred, Tenn.

Sunday—Morning Session.

9:00—Sunday school.

11:00—Sermon, Dr. E. P. Jones; alternate, Dr. F. H. Cook.

Sunday—Afternoon Session.

Foreign Mission Mass Meeting. Ten thousand people are expected to attend this meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions. Addresses will be delivered by Dr. C. P. Madison, Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. G. M. DeBaptiste Ashburn, President of the Women's National Baptist Convention Auxiliary and returned missionary from Africa.

Sunday—Evening Session.

7:30—Devotional.

8:00—Sermon, Dr. J. W. Hurse, Mo.; alternate Rev. Allen, Kan.

Mohday—Morning Session.

9:30—Devotionals: Drs. M. E. Robinson, Texas; H. W. Knight, Illinois; Chas. W. Lewis, Ind.

10:30—Report of Benefit Board.

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- 11:30—Report of Woman's Auxiliary Convention.
 Final report of all committees.
 Bible study each morning from 8 to 9 o'clock. Drs. Johnson, of Virginia and Wm. Hicks, Miss.
 REV. EDW. P. JONES, President.
 REV. T. J. KING, Secretary.



WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

PROGRAM.

Wednesday—Morning Session.

- 10:00—Opening Session, Union Meeting, Friendship Baptist Church.
 12:00—Woman's Auxiliary Executive Board, Liberty Baptist Church.

Afternoon Session.

- 2:00—Song Service—Big convention choir, Mrs. E. P. Bushell, Chorister.
 2:15—Devotional exercises, Miss I. J. Casen, Florida.
 Topic, "Missionary Effort; What It Is."
 "Any service that supplies the needs of men is Missionary, Efforts. Being of a triune nature, it has three classes of needs. Physical, Intellectual and Spiritual." (Matt. 25:36, 37; Matt. 6:33; 2 Tim. 2:45.)
 3:00—Formal opening of the Convention by the President, Mrs. G. M. DeBaptist F. Ashburn.
 Notice—Delegates who have not sent to the Corresponding Secretary their representation fee are requested to see the Enrollment and Finance Committees at once.
 3:15—Music—Service of songs.
 3:20—Addresses of Welcome and Greetings:
 "On behalf of Liberty Baptist Missionary Society, Mrs. S. F. Pattman.
 "On behalf of the Baptists of the City," Miss Lizzie Wynn.
 "On behalf of the Baptist of Georgia," Mrs. E. M. Ballou.
 "On behalf of W. B. M. U. of Georgia," Mrs. W. J. Neal, President, Cartersville, Ga.

- 3:50—Response to Addresses of Welcome and Greetings, Mrs. Mary Johnson, Pennsylvania.
Response to W. B. M. U. Greetings, Mrs. J. H. Winn, Texas.
4:00—Echoes from Field Workers (three minutes each)—Vice Presidents.
5:00—Offering by States.
5:10—Music. Introduction of Visitors. Announcements. Adjournment.

Evening Session.

- 7:00—Song Service.
7:15—Devotional Exercises, Miss Casen.
Topic: "A Requirement of a Successful Christian Life—Faith." Mark 11:22; John 3:16; John 11:25, 26; Acts 14:22; Rom. 1:17; Rom. 5:1; I Cor. 16:13; Gal. 5:22; Heb. 6:12; Heb. 11:6; John 5:4.
7:45—Annual Sermon, Dr. E. W. Moore, Ohio.
8:45—Solo, Mrs. Annie Washington, Indiana.
8:55—Offering. Announcements. Adjournment.

Thursday—Morning Session.

- 5:30—Sunrise Prayer Meeting, led by Louisiana and Mississippi delegations.
9:00—Song Service.
9:10—Devotional Exercises, Miss Casen.
Topic: "Missionary Method—Go or Send." Ex 3:10; Ezra 1:2, 3; Jer. 1:17; Mal. 4:5; Matt. 3:1; John 1:41, 42; John 4:28, 29; Acts 3:26; Acts 8:4; Acts 11:22, 28, 30; Acts 13:3.
9:40—Report of Enrollment Committee.
9:50—Music.
10:00—Annual Address of the President, Mrs. G. M. De B. F. Ashburn; Mrs. A. Washington, Vice President, presiding.
11:00—Music.
11:05—Address—"How the District Conventions Can Finance Our National Baptist Training School. Located at Nashville," Mrs. S. E. Atkinson, Texas.
11:15—Address—"The Part Our Local Societies Can Play in Equipping the Training School," Mrs. M. B. Fortier, Louisiana.

- 11:25—Address—"What the State Conventions Should Do in Raising Finance for Our Training School," Mrs. E. J. K. Hines, Indiana.
11:35—Address—"The Need of United Efforts on the Part of Christian Women," Mrs. Fannie Maderon, Arkansas.
11:45—Music. Introduction of Visitors. Offering. Announcements. Adjournment.

Afternoon Session.

- 2:00—Service of Songs.
2:10—Devotional Exercises, Miss Casen.
Topic: "Missionary Motive—Love." John 3:16; John 15:12, 13; Matt. 5:43-48; Lev. 19:18; Luke 10:27; 2 Cor. 5:14; 1 Cor. 13.
2:25—Music.
2:30—Report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. A. B. Fuller.
Cash offering and pledges for the Woman's Baptist Training School.
Music.
Report of the Treasurer, Mrs. Emma Grumble.
Reading of Minutes. Announcements. Adjournment.

Home Field.

Evening Session.

- 7:00—Song Service.
7:10—Devotional Exercises, Miss Casen.
Topic: "Missionary Authority," Matt. 10:1, 5, 16; Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15; Luke 10:1-3.
7:25—Address: "The Attitude of the Distressed Toward the Church and the Social Worker," Mrs. Helen Adams Moore, Ohio.
7:35—Address: "The Social worker as an Aid to the Court," Mrs. Addie Clark, Tennessee.
7:45—Address: "Equipment for Service," Mrs. Daisy Russell, Illinois.
7:50—"Wielding Our Smaller Organic Units into Links of National Service," Mrs. Ella B. Woods, Kentucky.
8:00—Address: "Enlisting Unenlisted Women in Missionary Work," Mrs. Rufus Cage, Tennessee.

- 8:10—Address: "Sowing and Reaping," Mrs. J. W. Radford, Texas.
 8:20—Address: "How to Make a Missionary Society Go," Mrs. Francis McFalls, North Carolina.
 8:30—Address: "The Spirit of Service," Mrs. S. B. Strickland, California.
 8:40—Address: "The Duty of Local Missionary Societies to the Denominational Program," Mrs. Bessie Whiteside, Indiana.
 8:50—Offering. Announcements. Adjournment.

Friday—Morning Session.

- 5:30—Sunrise Prayer Meeting, led by Oklahoma and Arkansas delegations.
 9:00—Song Service.
 9:10—Devotional Services, Miss Casen.
 Topic: "Woman's Part." 1st, "Love Him," Matt. 22:26-37; 2nd, "Follow," Mark 8:34; 3rd, "Witness," Matt. 10:32; 4th "Shine," Matt. 5:14-16; 5th, "Love Others," Gal. 5:13.
 9:30—Address and Greetings from Our Foreign Mission Board, Rev. James Kelly, Texas.
 Pledges for the work.
 10:00—Address: "Visions and Tasks," Mrs. W. J. Neel, President W. U. M. U., Georgia.
 Vocal Solo—Mrs. E. P. Bushell, Texas.
 10:30—Address: "The Gospel of Co-operation," Mr. J. E. McCullough, General Secretary, Southern Sociological Congress, Washington, D. C.
 11:00—Address, Hon. William Harrison, Oklahoma.
 Vocal Solo—Miss Lulu Butler, Texas.
 11:30—Address: "Making the Best Use of Our State Organizations for World-Wide Evangelization," Mrs. D. A. E. Ferguson, Tennessee.
 11:40—Address: "The Cause of Southern Migration," Rev. W. J. Ballou, Georgia.
 12:00—Music. Announcements. Adjournment.

Afternoon Session.

- 2:00—Song Service.
 2:10—Devotional Exercises, Miss Casen.
 Topic: "Reward," Matt. 25:31-40; Mal. 3:16-18; Matt. 13:41-43; Dan. 12:3.

- 2:30—A Report and Address on Temperance and Nation-Wide Prohibition, Mrs. G. E. Adams, Texas.
 2:45—Address: Representative of the Anti-Saloon League of America.
 3:00—Address: "War Crisis as It Concerns My Race," Mrs. Agnes Ford, Florida.
 3:15—Address: "How the Back Yard Garden Will Help Win the War," Mrs. J. H. Thompson, Oklahoma.
 3:25—Address: "How to Enlist the Interest of Non-Interested Pastors in Women's Work," Mrs. S. A. Mimms, Mississippi.
 3:35—Address: "Fireside School," Miss Ada Morgan, Tennessee.
 3:45—Address: "How to Train Our Young People for Service Through the Y. W. A. Organization," Mrs. Eva M. White, Louisiana.
 3:55—Address: "How to Denominationalize a Church," Mrs. J. S. Morton, Pennsylvania.
 4:05—Address: "The Duty of the Church to the Denominational Program," Mrs. F. B. Winfield, Illinois.
 4:15—Address: "Woman as a Worker in the Kingdom," Mrs. G. B. Coates, Alabama.
 Introduction of Visitors. Announcements. Adjournment.

EVENING.

Young People's Night—Mrs. Eva C. Hooper, Illinois, Presiding.

- 7:00—Song Service.
 7:15—Devotional Service, Mrs. C. M. Smith, Kentucky.
 Topic: "Study." 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Pet. 2:2; Psalm 119:11; Psalm 37:30, 31; Prov. 4:4.
 7:30—Vocal Solo—Miss Helen Messer, Pennsylvania.
 7:35—Address: "Woman's Mission and Its Fulfilment," Miss E. C. Wyatt, Alabama.
 7:40—Instrumental Solo—Mrs. Venetta J. Smith, Ohio.
 7:45—Vocal Duet, Misses Carrie and Hazel Hubbs, Louisiana.
 7:55—Address: "The Value of Christian Schools," Miss Irene Shepherd, Alabama.
 8:00—Vocal Solo—Miss Hattie Evans, Louisiana.
 8:05—Address: "The Value of Christian Education," Miss Pearl Jones, Indiana.
 8:10—Vocal Solo—Mrs. J. B. Batson, Tennessee.

- 8:15—Address: "Our Part in Modern Sunday School Movements," Miss Julia Garnell Logan, South Carolina.
 8:20—Vocal Solo, Mrs. F. H. Lewis, Louisiana.
 8:25—Address: "Influence of Christian Young Women" Mrs. M. J. Lewter, Florida.
 8:30—Instrumental Solo—Mrs. A. E. Booker, Ohio.
 8:35—Address: "Financing Young Women's Missionary Circles for Effective Kingdom Work," Miss Mazie Ryan, South Carolina.
 8:40—Address: "What America Owes the Heathen Girl," Miss Iola Carter, Georgia.
 8:45—Instrumental Solo—Mrs. A. C. Williams, Alabama.
 8:55—Address: "A Better Sabbath Observance," Mrs. J. B. Beckham, Missouri.
 9:05—Address: "Greater Efficiency in Local Work," Mrs. J. H. E. H. Nelson, South Carolina.
 9:15—Vocal Solo—Miss Lula Butler, Texas.
 9:25—Offering. Announcements.
 9:35—Closing Chorus by the Convention Choir.

Saturday Morning—Children's Period.

- 5:30—Sunrise Prayer-meeting, led by Texas and Georgia delegations.
 9:00—Devotional Services, Miss Casen.
 Topic: "Obedience," I Sam. 15:22; Matt. 7:21; Luke 6:46-48; John 14:21-23; Acts 5:29-32; Rom. 15; 1 John 2:3-5.
 9:15—Music.
 (All Superintendents of Children's Bands are requested to occupy seats on the platform.)
 9:20—Address: "The Latent Powers Hidden in a Boy," Mrs. E. M. Abner, Texas.
 9:30—Address: "Amusements for Children," Mrs. G. L. Prince, Missouri.
 9:40—Address: "The A. F. Cadet and Its Place in the Church," Mrs. B. J. Prince, Illinois.
 9:50—Address: "Negro Doll Clubs—Their Racial Influence," Mrs. Ethel Tatedrake, Kentucky.
 10:00—Address: "The Social Side of the 'Teen' Age of the Girl," Mrs. G. W. Raiford, South Carolina.
 10:10—Address: "The Danger Period of the 'Teen' Age of the Girl," Mrs. K. M. Jones, Oklahoma.

- 10:20—Address: "The Boy and His Gang," Mrs. M. J. Rucker, Mississippi.
 10:30—Address: "How to Induce Children to Remain for the Preaching Service," Mrs. I. H. Kelly, Texas.
 10:40—Election of Officers.
 Reading Minutes. Committees' Reports. Miscellaneous Business. Announcements. Adjournment.

Afternoon Session.

- 2:30—Executive Board Meeting.

Evening Session.

- 7:00—Song Service by Big Convention Choir.
 7:15—Devotional Exercises, Mrs. M. A. Taylor, Mississippi.
 Topic: "The Fruit of the Spirit," Gal. 5:22.
 7:30—Musical Programme, by Atlanta talent, assisted by Convention delegates.
 8:00—Address: "How to Finance Baptist Schools," Prof. W. H. Fuller, Secretary General Baptist Convention, Education Board, Texas.
 8:30—Address: "The Ideal Layman in Action," Prof. C. T. Hume, Tennessee.
 8:50—Address: "Christ and the Plain People," Dr. R. H. Boyd, Tennessee.
 9:10—Report of Executive Board. Presentation of Medals, Banners and Pennants. Announcements. Adjournment.

Sunday—Morning Session.

- 10:30—Song Service, Convention Choir.
 Devotional Services, led by Rev. E. D. Hubbard, Mississippi.
 11:00—Sermon, Dr. John H. Frank, Kentucky, Editor Union-Review.
 Offering. Announcements. Benediction.

Afternoon Session.

Union Missionary Mass Meeting, Friendship Baptist Church.

chosen words introduced the Hon. Benj. J. Davis, Editor of the Atlanta Independent, as Master of ceremonies. Solo, by special request, a song was rendered by Dr. J. D. Bushell, Texas, "Was that Somebody You?" The Master of ceremonies then introduced Rev. C. O. Jones (white) pastor of the Trinity Methodist church, Atlanta, Ga., who represented His Honor, Hugh Dorsey, Governor of the state of Georgia, and in his own way made us feel welcome to the great state of Georgia and city of Atlanta. A response to this welcome was delivered on behalf of the Convention by Rev. I. W. Crawford of Miss.

Welcome on behalf of the white Baptists of Atlanta, was delivered by Dr. Daniel, pastor of the First Baptist church, (white) at Atlanta. A letter from the Mayor of the city of Atlanta was then read by the Master of ceremonies in which his honor stated that it was with much regret that his official duties in connection with the getting off of the draft soldiers would not permit him fulfilling his duty to the convention.

Welcome on behalf of the colored Baptists of Atlanta, made by Dr. A. P. Bedford, pastor of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

Two telegrams were read at this time by Rev. H. A. Boyd, the one from Rev. Wm. Johnson of Houston, Texas, stating that their train had been delayed at Memphis, Tenn; but would arrive at 11 o'clock, Wednesday. The other from Rev. H. Watkins, Belton, S. C., stating that he could not be present but he had already sent his representation fee in a letter. Song by the convention chorus, "Nobody knows the trouble I see."

Welcome on behalf of the C. M. E. connection was given by Bishop R. A. Carter, Bishop of the Texas Jurisdiction of his church.

Welcome on behalf of the Atlanta Y. M. C. A., was given by Prof. J. B. Watson, International Secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

Welcome on behalf of the A. M. E. Connection was given by Rev. Singleton, pastor of the Bethel A. M. E. Church of Atlanta.

Welcome on behalf of the Fraternal Societies was given by Hon. Henry L. Johnson.

At this juncture, Rev. H. M. Williams of Galveston, Texas, was chosen to respond to the noble addresses of welcome on behalf of the convention. This he did with much credit to himself and the convention.

The following committee on Enrollment having been appointed by the President was read by Secretary T. J. King: Revs. B. J. Prince, Ill.; J. W. Hurse, Mo.; A. A. Galvin, Va.; D. E. Over, Colorado; Col. E. W. Porter, Ark.; A. W. Luney, Miss.; R. H. Bowling, Va.; H. B. N. Brown, La.; O. Edwards, Texas; A. Lucas, Texas.

Committee on Finance.

Revs. C. H. Clark, Chairman, Tenn.; E. W. Moore, Ohio; E. W. Bowen, S. C.; M. M. Haynes, Texas; L. L. Campbell, Texas; E. H. Branch, Texas.

After which a telegram from the Department of Commerce of Washington, D. C., was read stating that Rev. J. C. Austin, Pa., and Mrs. Eva Hooper of Ill., had been appointed by that department to demonstrate the Food and Health program as outlined by the U. S. Food commission at this conventional session. Information was also given that Mr. George H. Cox had been appointed as census clerk to gather the available statistics for the Census Department at this session of the convention and the President insisted that the brethren attending the convention furnish him with all of the information available.

The President announced Bible study Hour at 8 o'clock each morning conducted by Rev. Wm. Hicks of Mississippi. Also calling attention to the fact that a great treat was in store for the convention on Friday evening as Hon. Wm. Harrison of Oklahoma was to be the speaker, assisted by an appropriate musical program. The Theological and Training school was also mentioned and statement made that the collection would be taken at 3 o'clock session.

Dr. A. A. Galvin of Va., and L. L. Campbell of Texas, were asked to get a list of the pledges made at the Kansas City session and the S. S. Congress at Nashville, Tenn., to be read at the evening session, immediately after the address of Dr. J. B. Gambrell.

The President introduced Mrs. G. M. DeBaptiste Ashburn, President of the Woman's Auxiliary, who announced that the Executive session of the Woman's Convention would be held immediately at the Liberty Baptist church that they might be able to attend the evening session of the convention in a body.

On motion of Rev. H. B. N. Brown the two communications from Washington, D. C., were referred to above were adopted by the convention. The chair seeing the time was precious announced that the Finance Committee would meet

in the basement and give the state delegations the privilege of calling their various delegations together for the purpose of enrollment and registration.

Benediction and adjournment.

REV. EWD. P. JONES, President.

T. J. KING, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY—Afternoon Session.

The hour having arrived for the opening of the convention session the Vice President, Rev. R. Mitchell of Kentucky, called the house to order and asked Rev. J. D. Bushell of Texas, Rev. W. M. Hicks of Miss., and W. J. M. Price of Ky., to conduct devotionals. Song by the choir, "I am leaning on the Lord." Scripture lesson by Rev. W. J. M. Price from 1 Cor. 13th chapter. Song, "Come thou Fount of every blessing," was sung by the chorus. Dr. O. L. Hailey, Secretary of the Southern Baptist convention was thereupon introduced and gave a cordial greeting from the Southern Baptist convention and referred to the resolution adopted by his convention in which it was suggested that a committee from his convention meet a like committee from each of the Negro Baptist conventions to see if amicable arrangements could not be made whereby they could adjust all differences among the Negro brethren satisfactory to separation and finally concluding by telling the visitors that speaker and reviewed some of the history of the important phases of the matter, giving causes and facts concerning the separation and finally concluding by telling the visitors that they had been helping one side of the Negro Baptists to go over the country attempting to destroy the other. The speaker was heard at length for his timely remarks for the future welfare of the Baptist denomination. Time being far spent Dr. J. B. Gambrel, President of the Southern Baptist convention was introduced and among other things said: His first pastorate was in a Negro Baptist church and that he firmly believed in the independence of the Baptist church; if he could not get along with a man his policy had always been to get along without him; that in order to accomplish great things we ought to get together on some common ground; that ignorance was a besetting sin to everybody. A thoroughbred Baptist was the highest development of the human race. At the conclusion of the address the convention raised a collection amounting to \$40. which was presented to President Gambrel on his expenses

to Muskogee, Okla., where he went to attend the session of the other National Baptist Convention.

Dr. J. M. Masters, Secretary of the Home Mission Board (white) made a timely address to the convention showing the mission of the convention which he had the honor of representing was to help all of the Baptists and no particular set. He assured the convention they would not assist any set whose mission it was to tear down instead of up-building the denomination and racial enterprise.

Motion prevailed that Drs. J. B. Gambrel and O. L. Hailey be made life members of the convention. The following resolution was offered by Rev. D. Abner and adopted by the convention. (See resolution.) The chair stated the order of the day was that the enrollment be had by states and the thousands of delegates were called to meet at various places about the church for the purpose of enrolling and paying representation fees. A recess was declared by the chair for this purpose.

REV. EWD. P. JONES, President.

T. J. KING, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY—Evening Session.

The hour of 7:30 having arrived, Vice President Rev. R. Mitchell of Kentucky, called the convention to order and asked the following named ministers to come to the rostrum: Revs. T. W. Stevenson of Oklahoma, J. C. Fields, Tenn.; E. W. Cole, Mo. Song "Soon will be done with the troubles of the world," by the convention chorus. Scripture reading Ps. 84 by Rev. J. C. Fields. Prayer by Rev. T. W. Stevenson of Oklahoma. Song, "Standing in the need of prayer." Prayer by Rev. E. C. Cole of Mo. Song, "I am going to sit down at the welcome table."

The Vice President then introduced Rev. E. W. Bowen of S. C., as the speaker of the evening. The speaker took for his text, Romans 13:12, "The night is far spent, and the day is at hand," etc., subject, "The Dawn of Day." This was indeed a conventional sermon and all who heard this eminent divine were inspired to go further and do more for the Master's cause. A fervent prayer was offered by Rev. A. Hubbs of New Orleans, La.

The President again called the attention of the convention to the fact that Hon. Wm. Harrison would make the address of the convention on Friday evening together with an efficient musical program and urged all of the members of the convention to be present. The convention was at this

time treated to a solo by Miss Lula Mae Butler of Texas, from "It is Real." This song electrified the convention but an encore was prohibited.

Chairman Clark, of the Finance Committee came forward and responded to the call of Rev. C. H. Clark, Chairman of the Finance Committee and raised a collection amounting to \$11.50.

Secretary Chas. J. W. Boyd then read the printed program which was adopted with some necessary corrections and alterations suggested by various members of the convention.

The following committee on President's Address was announced by the President: Revs. Wm. Johnson, Texas; R. H. Bowling, Va.; J. Gordon McPherson, California; S. R. Prince, Mo.; G. L. Davis, Ohio; J. S. Earl, S. C.; O. Edwards, Texas; J. W. Brown, Miss.; Prof. R. McCorkle, Miss.; J. D. Leonard, Texas; D. Abner, Texas; S. L. Finley, S. C.; J. W. Willard, La.; H. M. Burns, Tenn.; J. E. Wood, Ky.; D. B. Gaines, Ark.; G. W. Lewis, Ind.; G. W. Wyatt, Ohio; A. M. Thomas, Ohio. Song, "Blest be the tie that binds."

Adjournment.

REV. EWD. P. JONES, President.
T. J. KING, Secretary.

THURSDAY—Morning Session.

Promptly at 8 o'clock the Bible Institute was conducted by Dr. Wm. Hicks of Mississippi. Subject for discussion "Reason why we know the Lord is our Shepherd." Bible statement 23rd Ps. Prayer was offered by Rev. L. L. Campbell, of Texas.

The hour of 9:30 having arrived the Vice President, Rev. R. Mitchell, Ky., called the convention to order. Selections were rendered by the chorus. Devotional exercises were conducted by Revs. C. H. Sharp, Ga., and J. E. Haywood, Ill. The discussion of the theme, "The Gospel for the whole world." Song, "It is me O, Lord." The journal of the previous day and same was adopted with a few minor changes. Song, "I am leaning on the Lord." "Come ye that love the Lord," etc., were sung in the old fashion way by the congregation. Vice President then asked for some fervent prayers to which Revs. Robt. Jackson, Ky.; W. S. Ellington, Jr., Tenn.; R. C. Williams, V. Smith, E. D. Simmons, La.; J. A. Brown, Tenn.; A. O. Cook, Ark.; E. W. White, La., responded. Song, "In my heart," was sung by the choir.

The Foreign Mission Board with Rev. E. W. Moore of Ohio, presiding, next reported to the convention through its Corresponding Secretary, Rev. R. Kemp of Charleston, S. C. Dr. Moore read Romans 10th chapter. Dr. Hall, the President of the Minister's conference of Philadelphia, Pa., led in prayer followed by Revs. J. C. Fields, Tenn.; T. J. James, Ala.; J. H. Hubbard, A. L. Haywood, Ill. Song, "All hail the power of Jesus name," by chorus. The very able and well arranged report was then read by Dr. R. Kemp to the entire satisfaction of the convention which disclosed some startling information as to the enormous amount of work accomplished by this important Board during the conventional year. (See report under appendix pages 13-34.)

Motion was adapted that the convention send a committee to inform the various boards in session out side of the convention proper to come into the convention proper.

After the report was read of the Foreign Mission Board the Chairman asked that the presidents of the conventions of the many states represented in this convention rise where they were and make statements as to what they were doing for Foreign Mission work in their respective fields of labor. This met response from the following: Drs. A. A. Galvin, Va.; A. M. Thomas, Ohio; H. Pittman, Fla.; Vice President, J. S. Earl, S. C.; D. E. Over, Colorado. Solo by Rev. T. C. Phillips of Union, S. C., "Jesus is all to me." Rev. White, Texas, called attention to the fact that Texas had paid more than \$2000 during this conventional year. Rev. J. C. Austin startled the convention by making the statement that his church had contributed more than \$7892.88 for a period covering eight years to Rev. J. M. East, a missionary in Africa. He stated that a number of barrels of clothes and provisions were now awaiting shipment.

The following Committee on Permanent Organization was appointed and read by the Secretary: Revs. J. W. Hurse, Mo.; J. H. Hendricks, Miss.; H. T. Wise, Texas; J. T. Thomas, C. B. Baskin, D. P. Jones, Ill.; J. W. Willard, La.; S. L. Finley, S. C.; H. W. Knight, Ill.; J. L. Burrell, La.; Chas. H. Clark, Tenn.; L. L. Campbell, Texas; Rev. J. D. Johnson, Ind.; F. H. Cook, Ark.; E. R. Carter, Ga.; R. F. Parks, M. E. Robinson, Texas; Wm. Grimbale, La.; W. A. Jones, Ohio; A. J. Willis, E. D. Offutt, Ky.; A. M. Jackson, E. W. Bowen, S. C.; R. H. Bowling, Va.; G. H. Gore, Ind.; Wm. J. Ballou, Ga.; S. R. Prince, Texas; J. S. Ladell, Texas; J. A. Wilder, Ga.; V. S. Smith, Ky.; W. L. Dickson, Texas. Song, "All hail the power of Jesus name," by choir.

The hour having arrived for the address, Dr. D. E. Over,

Colorado was presented by the President and announced as his subject, "I heard the voice of Jehovah saying, 'Whom shall I send and who will go for us?'" The speaker put some stress on the failings of the ministry to do real church work and carry on the missionary work which was an essential to the missionary Baptist church. The address went home to the hearts of his hearers. At the conclusion of the address a collection was taken for Foreign Missions amounting to \$380.00.

Benediction by Rev. J. W. Hulse, Mo.

REV. EWD. P. JONES, President.

T. J. KING, Secretary.

THURSDAY—Afternoon Session.

The hour of 3 p. m., having arrived, Vice President Rev. J. E. Wood, Ky., called the house to order and selections by the choir were rendered. The following ministers were called to the rostrum to conduct the devotional services: Revs. J. S. Earl, S. C.; J. Wesley Carter, Ohio; J. H. Holder, Ind. Scripture lesson, Ps. 37. Song, "Steal away to Jesus," by the convention chorus. Prayer by Rev. J. Wesley Carter of Ohio. While a committee was getting the convention to come into the building from committee rooms, etc., several selections were rendered by the convention chorus.

Drs. B. J. Prince, Ill., and L. L. Campbell, Texas, were appointed as a committee to escort the President to the rostrum. Song, "All hail the power of Jesus' name." Rev. I. W. Crawford, Miss., was introduced to present the President to the convention which he did in a few well chosen words depicting the characteristics of our efficient presiding genius. Dr. Ewd P. Jones then arose amid the uproars and Chautauqua salutes of the entire convention and delivered his annual address. It will long be remembered by all who heard it and was inspiring to the most pessimistic of our constituents. (See appendix pages 3-11.)

Dr. R. H. Boyd, Tenn., came forward at the conclusion of the address by the president and gave some valuable information as to the purchase of the Boscobel College which the convention had purchased as the National Baptist Theological Seminary and Training school.

Motion was adopted that the address of the president be referred to the Committee on President's Address. The order of the day was called by Rev. M. E. Robinson of Texas, and the chair declared the report of officers would be continued. The President then introduced Dr. G. L. Prince,

Chairman of the Educational Board to make a statement preparatory to taking the collection of pledge money for the National Theological and Training school but owing to the dissatisfaction on the part of some of the brethren as to the proper way to take the collection same was suspended by a motion being adopted that the convention adjourn owing to the lateness of the hour.

REV. EWD. P. JONES, President.

T. J. KING, Secretary.

THURSDAY—Evening Session.

Promptly at 7:30 p. m., the Vice President Rev. J. P. Robinson of Arkansas called the convention to order and several selections were rendered by the convention chorus until the congregation had filled the auditorium. The following ministers were called to the rostrum to conduct devotionals: Drs. T. H. C. Messer, Pa.; G. H. Daniels, Mo.; D. Norfleet, Mo. Selections by the choir. Prof. J. E. McGirt of Chicago Ill., was introduced to the convention and made some very inspiring remarks on Negro music introducing a Negro song on the Negro soldier which he composed and set to music which was being disposed of by a number of the leading music houses of the country. Scripture lesson was read from Exodus 6:1-20. Prayer by Rev. D. Norfleet of Mo. Rev. R. H. Bowling of Va., came forward and made some remarks concerning the work in Virginia and stated how necessary it was that the state be held in line at this particular time. Rev. B. F. Riley of Alabama, a white minister who has shown his deep sympathy for humanity and the Negro race was given an opportunity to make a few remarks to the convention in which he showed that the purchase of the Boscobel College property was a God given opportunity for the convention to do a great work for humanity.

A collection was then taken by Revs. E. R. Carter, Ga., and A. W. Porter of Tenn., for Dr. Riley amounting to \$11.38.

At this juncture Rev. G. L. Prince, Chairman of the Educational Board was presented and had Rev. D. Abner, Jr., Secretary of the Board to read the list of individual pledges for the Boscobel College taken at the session of the Sunday School Congress and the K. C. Session of the convention and money was collected on same. This amount was added to from time to time as collections were made by the Board.

The time being far spent, the President then introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. B. J. Prince, Ill., who spoke

from the subject: "A man shall be as a hiding place and as a coat from the wind." The speaker held his audience spell bound and swayed them at his will. The sermon was inspiring from start to finish. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. W. Moore of Ohio. The chair made statements asking the Georgia delegation to meet him at Rev. Bedford's church at 3 p. m., Friday evening. Also announced the Friday night session at the Friendship Baptist church in which Hon. Wm. Harrison of Oklahoma would speak and the Sunday evening meeting at the Odd Fellow's auditorium by the Foreign Mission Board.

Motion prevailed that a collection be taken and given Rev. B. J. Prince for the Original Providence Baptist church which had recently been burnt. Collection amounting to \$27.91 was given him.

Mr. J. N. C. Coggins, Secretary of the Temperance Board of the U. S. A. was introduced and spoke at length concerning the Temperance cause in this country and showed at length by statistics the part our people are playing in this cause.

A resolution was offered by Rev. E. W. Moore of Ohio, which was after some lengthy discussion as to certain clauses affecting the Union Labor in the south stricken, adopted an ordered made a press dispatch for the newspapers.

Benediction by Rev. G. A. Long, Arkansas.

REV. EWD. P. JONES, President.
C. P. MADISON, Secretary.

FRIDAY—BIBLE INSTITUTE—Morning Session.

The Convention opened Friday morning with a Bible Institute conducted by Dr. L. R. W. Johnson, Virginia, and Dr. William Hicks of Mississippi. The subject was "Power of God's Word." Scripture reference, Ps. 19. The topic was discussed under three heads namely:

1. It is quick and powerful.
2. It is unfailing.
3. It is everlasting, Rev. 14:6.

After discussion prayer was offered by Rev. Collins of Louisiana.

Promptly at 9 o'clock, Vice President R. Mitchell of Kentucky called the House to order. The Scripture was read by Rev. W. B. Wood also of Kentucky. He read the

12th chapter of Romans, after which prayer was offered by Rev. William Clark of Texas. The Congregation then sang, "Give me that old time religion." Then followed the discussion of the topic: "The Gospel For the Entire World." The discussion was led by Dr. Gray of Chicago, and Rev. C. C. Phillips of Illinois.

The Congregation then sang, "Standing in the Need of Prayer" after which the Chairman introduced Dr. B. F. Riley (white), Historian of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Riley's remarks were timely and encouraging, and he is looked upon by the Negro Baptists as being their friend indeed. His address was responded to by Rev. Dr. B. P. E. Gayles of Illinois.

Dr. R. H. Boyd, Tennessee, arose and suggested that the Convention favor the sentiments made by Dr. Riley by a rising vote.

Motion was also made that a committee of 100 be appointed to set forth the sentiments of Dr. Riley towards their white friends.

The motion was made by Rev. W. B. Wood of Kentucky. The motion was carried.

Rev. R. H. Boyd offered the following resolution in accordance with a resolution offered by the Southern Baptist Convention at New Orleans, La., and reported to this body in session.

Whereas, The Southern Baptist Convention in session in New Orleans, La., in May, 1917 passed a resolution tending the good offices of the Southern Baptists to both factions of the National Baptist Convention, and,

Whereas, Rev. Dr. J. A. Gamble, president of the Convention, and Rev. Dr. O. L. Hailey, an official of the Southern Baptist Convention, came to Atlanta in person and urged the appointment of a like committee or commission from this body to meet with their committee at such time and place as could be hereafter agreed upon; therefore be it,

Resolved, That the president of this convention shall be empowered to appoint a committee of seven whose duty it shall be when called upon, to meet a committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to confer with them concerning a harmonious consideration of the differences between the two factions of the National Baptist Convention, and to report their findings for the consideration of this convention at its next session.

A collection for Dr. B. F. Riley was augmented by a former one, making the total amount given him \$20.25. Drs. W. H. Jones of Ohio, and S. M. Russell of Wisconsin were

sent to urge the brethren on the outside to come into the meeting. At this juncture, Miss Ada F. Morgan (white) the successor to Sister Joanna P. Moore of the Fireside Schools, Nashville, Tenn., was introduced who made an address upon the subject, "The Importance of the Home," at the conclusion of which she offered prayer in the interest of the home.

Rev. Dr. S. M. Russell of Wisconsin was then introduced to the Convention as being the only delegate from that state. He made interesting and encouraging remarks concerning the work of the state of Wisconsin. At the close of his remarks communications from Shiloh Baptist Association in session at El Paso were read, also communications from the National Equal Rights League of New York, to be held with Mother Zion Church on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 18, 19. This league has Rev. Byron Gunner as President and William Monroe Trotter as Secretary. The former communication was approved and the latter was referred to the Committee on State of Country.

A Committee on Time and Place was then appointed by the Chairman as follows: Dr. G. W. Wyatt, J. H. Adams, B. W. Currie, Miss., B. P. E. Gayles, Ill., I. M. Hendon, Texas, Wm. Holloway, Tenn., Hill J. F. Hughes, Ga.

Minutes of the previous session were then read, and on motion with the several corrections were adopted, after which a communication was read from Rev. W. B. Reed of Hartford, Conn. The communication included a check for \$2.00.

Rev. E. W. Moore of Ohio, introduced a resolution on Migration, which was by motion of Dr. C. H. Clark referred to the Committee on State of Country. Dr. M. E. Robinson of Texas, then called for the Order of the Day. The chair at this point introduced Rev. J. Gordon McPherson of California, a surviving member of the 24th U. S. Infantry, who was one to help make the famous charge up San Juan Hill and come to the relief of the Rough Riders in the Spanish American War. He was warmly received, after which the congregation sang, "Blessed Assurance," at the conclusion of which Dr. L. Drane of Illinois, Chairman of the B. Y. P. U. Board was called by the Chair. He spoke on the work of the B. Y. P. U. Board, showing that it had no money, and that Dr. R. H. Boyd of the Publishing Board made it possible for the Board to be able to furnish literature. Dr. Drane then introduced Rev. S. R. Prince, Corresponding Secretary of the B. Y. P. U. Board, who gave his report as follows

(See report in appendix pages 36-39—An offering was then given which amounted to \$35.25.

The Committee on the President's Annual Address was now called for by the Chair, but it was stated that the report was not ready. The Chair requested that the Committee retire immediately and prepare the report.

At this juncture, Rev. F. W. Lancaster of Florida, who spoke concerning his invention of church furniture, Rev. E. W. Moore of Ohio, here introduced Sargeant McKissack Jones who was elected as Page of the Convention. He was called upon for a few remarks to which he responded.

The Committee on the President's Annual Address now said that it was ready to report. The report was as follows (See report.) Rev. W. L. Dickson of Texas moved the adoption of the report as a whole. Rev. T. C. Phillips of Union, S. C., moved that the report be considered by items. Rev. Wm. Johnson of Texas moved to table resolutions. The motion was lost. The entire address was adopted with recommendations. The recommendation to make the Union-Review the official organ of the Convention received special comment. W. L. Dickson of Texas moved that an after collection, at a time set by the President, be taken for the Union-Review. This motion was seconded by Rev. C. J. W. Boyd of Texas and J. E. Knight of Illinois. Dr. Knight also moved that an allowance be made for the Union-Review. The motion was adopted, after which the benediction was offered by Dr. E. C. Cole of Missouri.

FRIDAY—Afternoon Session.

The afternoon session was called to order by Vice President Mitchell. Several selections were sung by the chorus including a thrilling and soul-stirring jubilee after which Rev. V. S. Smith of Kentucky read for the Scripture, 1st Isa. Rev. Ingram of Alabama offered a very fervent prayer. Song by the chorus, "Bye and bye, when the morning comes." At this juncture Dr. J. W. E. Bowen of Gammon Theological Seminary was introduced and made very encouraging remarks. The chair extended thanks to Dr. Bowen for his remarks, after which Dr. E. W. Moore of Ohio offered a motion referring to the Chaplain War Commission. The motion was carried (See motion in reference to Chaplain War Commission).

The hour having arrived for the report of the Publishing Board, Dr. C. H. Clark of Tennessee, and Chairman of the Board was introduced who spoke concerning the work. He said in part: "I firmly believe that God has associated me

and the great and distinguished brother, Dr. Boyd in the Publishing House." He touched every soul, it seemed, as he spoke of the Publishing House and Dr. Boyd. At the conclusion of his remarks, Dr. Clark introduced Dr. Boyd, the secretary and treasurer of the Publishing Board, who made a glowing report (See report in appendix pages 41-68.) He mentioned in his report the establishment of a Theological Seminary and Training School at Nashville. His report was heartily received, at the conclusion of which the Educational Board took a collection which was responded to by pledges amounting to \$507.30. Benediction was then offered by the President.

FRIDAY—Evening Session.

The President called the meeting to order at 8 o'clock p. m. Song by the chorus, "Let us all give thanks." Prayer was offered by Dr. Branch of Houston, Texas, after which a beautiful musical program was rendered as follows:

A trio by Dr. and Mrs. Bushell and Miss Lula Mae Butler all of Texas, which filled every cup to overflowing.

Vocal Solo, Dr. Johnson of Texas.

Vocal solo, "When I can see him face to face."

Bass solo, Rev. Allen of Virginia.

Address by Hon. William Harrison of Oklahoma.

Judge Harrison is a native of Mississippi and a scholar of no mean ability. He has represented his race before the Supreme Court of the United States, and is regarded as the best orator and the foremost advocate of race advancement. He is looked upon by many as the logical successor to the late Booker T. Washington. He has presided as judge in the superior court of his county.

Following his address the program ended with a solo, "I'll not be moved," by Mrs. Daisy Cowherd of Indiana, also one by Mrs. Bushell, "it was for me." Dr. A. C. Williams of Alabama sang very effectively a bass solo, and responded to encores. At this juncture, Mrs. M. A. B. Fuller, Corresponding Secretary Woman's Auxiliary, of Austin, Texas, was introduced, who spoke very encouragingly. The Educational Board was now given an opportunity to call for pledges. A collection amounting to _____ was taken.

Benediction by Dr. Hall of Philadelphia.

METOKA—GALEDA ENTERTAINMENT.

A pleasant surprise at the conclusion of the Friday evening's session in the main auditorium, the Metokas and Galedas of the Friendship Sunday School with their Pastor and Superintendent and other officers entertained the National officers of the Convention and the Publishing Board, Sunday School Congress and Metokas and Galedas in the Carter Home next door to the church. A pleasing and appetizing menu was prepared, interspersed with timely remarks from the following officers: Dr. E. P. Jones, President, Dr. Mitchell, Vice President, Judge Harrison, Dr. R. H. Boyd, Henry A. Boyd, Mrs. G. E. Ashburn, President of Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. M. A. B. Fuller, Corresponding Secretary, Rev. W. S. Ellington, Editorial Secretary, Dr. L. L. Campbell, Rev. J. A. Sharp, Miss Louretha U. Chambers, Mrs. S. F. Pattman, Toast Master, Russell and others.

SATURDAY—Morning Session.

Saturday morning's session opened with a Bible Institute conducted by Drs. W. S. Ellington, Tenn., L. R. W. Johnson, Va., William Hicks, Mississippi. The subject for discussion was, "Love the greatest thing in the world." Scripture reference, 1 Cor. 13. The meeting opened at 8 o'clock. At 9 o'clock the house was called to order by M. E. Robinson. Devotions were conducted by Rev. H. C. Coshaw of Texas, and E. I. Harris of Arkansas. The congregation sang, "The old time religion." Rev. Coshaw read the 37th Psa. after which "None but the righteous was sung." Prayer was then offered by E. M. (Rondow).

On motion, the minutes of the previous session were read and adopted with the necessary corrections. After the reading of the minutes a telegram was read from Rev. Dr. John E. Ford of Jacksonville, Fla., stating his position as to the Convention, sending \$25 to the Theological Seminary and \$10 to Foreign Mission. Zion Hill Association, Okla., paid \$2.50. Remarks were made by the president after which prayer was offered by Dr. F. H. Cook of La., song, "Nobody knows the trouble I see," after which Dr. G. L. Prince of Mo., Chairman of the Educational Board was introduced who spoke on the work of the Board. The Board reported splendid work along educational lines, chief among which was the recent purchase of the National Baptist

Theological Seminary and Training School to be operated at Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Prince at the conclusion of his remarks introduced Prof. D. Abner of Texas, Secretary of the Educational Board, who gave his report as follows, (See appendix, pages 70-87.) said report was warmly received.

Dr. R. H. Boyd of the Publishing Board was called upon to respond, which he did to the delight of the convention. Dr. J. L. Harding, Tenn., Judge Wm. Harrison, Okla., also made remarks, followed by a collection of pledges amounting to \$227.75.

At this juncture, the Committee on Permanent Organization with Rev. J. W. Hurse, Chairman, Mo., presented a report which was adopted as follows:

For president, Dr. Edward P. Jones, Mississippi; first vice president, Dr. Robert Mitchell, Kentucky; second vice President; Dr. W. A. Jones, of Ohio; Third Vice president, Dr. W. T. Hall; recording secretary, Dr. C. P. Madison, Virginia; first assistant, Dr. C. J. W. Boyd, Texas; second assistant, Professor C. T. Hume, Tennessee; third assistant, Dr. Charles W. Lewis, Indiana; fourth assistant, Dr. W. H. Woods, Oklahoma; treasurer, Dr. J. F. Thomas, Illinois; auditor, Dr. J. B. Beckham; Statistician Professor J. Hubert, Georgia; official reporter, Dr. D. P. Jones, Chicago, Ill.; assistant, Dr. H. Williams, Texas; attorney, Judge William Harrison, Oklahoma. Adjournment.

SATURDAY—Afternoon Session.

The House was called to order at 3:30 by Vice President, Robt. Mitchell, Ky. A song service was led by Rev. Dr. J. D. Bushell of Texas. Devotions were conducted by W. O. Harper of Ohio, and W. P. Washington, Ill. The Scripture lesson was 122 Ps., after which singing was led by Rev. Harper. Dr. E. W. White of La., presided, after which Dr. B. J. Prince, Chairman of the Evangelical Board, took the chair, while the corresponding secretary, Dr. J. S. Anderson, of Texas, read his report. (See appendix, pages 89-111.) This board employs twenty-five district evangelists. The report showed \$8,547.40 raised in cash for evangelism among the Negro race; miles traveled by the evangelist, 44,933; letters written, 1,650; personal workers enlisted, 2,150; family altars instituted, 2,265; subscriptions, 42 and 5,000

tracts distributed. From these efforts 16,453 converts were made during the year.

At the conclusion of the report, Dr. B. P. E. Gayles of Ill., was called upon to deliver a special prayer for the Board. This was followed by an offering, \$2.91. The Church Extension Board also made its report through its Secretary, Dr. J. E. Wood of Ky. He was warmly received. At this juncture Rev. Dr. Barnes of the Congregational Church, Atlanta, was introduced to the Convention and made some timely remarks, after which the convention adjourned its afternoon session.

REV. EWD. P. JONES, President.
C. P. MADISON, Secretary.

SATURDAY—Evening Session.

At 8 o'clock the house was called to order by Dr. L. L. Campbell of Texas. Prayer services were conducted by Rev. F. H. Davenport, Penn., and H. H. Hardy, Ark. The Scripture lesson was taken from the Acts. Acting President Campbell at the conclusion of the devotionals introduced Dr. A. A. Galvin, President Virginia State Convention, who in turn introduced Dr. R. H. Bowling, who was programmed to preach the evening sermon. Dr. Bowling used as his subject, "The Coming Kingdom," and took for his Scripture reference Matt. 6:10. It was indeed a great sermon. Dr. J. C. Austin of Penn., offered prayer, and Dr. B. J. Prince, Ill., led in singing, "Jesus is all the world to me." At the conclusion of the sermon, Rev. J. A. Sharp, Supt. Sunday School Teacher-Training announced at this juncture the Model Sunday School that would be held Sunday morning at 9:30.

Dr. J. C. Austin spoke on National Food Conservation, and a motion was offered by Rev. T. J. King of Va., prevailed that the sentiments expressed by Dr. Austin were as previous motion.

A National Food War Commission was then appointed (See commission.)

Following this, a motion was made to adjourn; a standing vote of 47 to 45 against the motion.

The question of Time and Place then came up for discussion. Lexington, Ky., and Little Rock, Ark., were nominated. After much discussion Lexington was withdrawn and Little Rock was selected as the next meeting place under the auspices of the First Baptist Church, Dr. J. P. Robinson, pastor.

Benediction by Dr. H. H. Lucas, of Texas.

SUNDAY—Morning Session.

The session opened Sunday morning at 9:30 with perhaps the greatest attendance in the country. Three thousand or more children and adults being present. The Supt. H. W. Russell, Supt. also Supt. Department, Sunday School Congress conducted the opening exercises. After song and prayer, and roll call of teachers, Mr. Russell turned the Sunday School over to Rev. Dr. J. A. Sharp, Supt. Teacher-Training, who in turn introduced Dr. W. S. Ellington, Editorial Secretary of the Sunday School literature of the Publishing Board. Dr. Ellington gave a very interesting talk on methods and blackboard demonstrations for teachers. Mrs. W. S. Ellington was at this juncture introduced as the one who gives the Blackboard Drawings for the Sunday School Lesson Commentary. The Sunday school then assembled by states. Dr. C. H. Clark of Tennessee instructed the Primary Department, while Dr. Wm. Hicks of Miss., was Supt. of the States. Representatives from nearly every state in the Union were present, and were instructed as follows:

Indiana, Dr. J. D. Johnson; Illinois, Rev. J. S. Swanson; Georgia, L. R. W. Johnson; Louisiana, Dr. J. W. Willard; Florida, Dr. J. H. Moore; Texas, Dr. S. R. Prince, E. L. Lake, B. F. Parks and W. J. Locker; District of Columbia, V. Holly; Kentucky, Dr. M. L. Porter; Tennessee, Rev. H. M. Burns; Mississippi, Dr. J. H. McCorkle; Arkansas, Rev. R. B. Porter; Missouri, G. L. Prince; advance class, Ruth Lemons; cradle roll department, I. Harden, superintendent, L. A. Conn, teacher; Oklahoma, W. H. Woods; Colorado, D. E. Over; South Carolina, Dr. E. W. Bowen; Alabama, Dr. A. A. Holder; Ohio, D. A. M. Jackson; Iowa, A. L. Haywood; Pennsylvania, M. T. H. Messer and I. C. Austin.

The Metoka-Galeda, the Organized Bible Class Department of the Baptist forces was conducted by Miss Louretha U. Chambers, Editor of the Metoka Galeda Magazine, Tenn. Metokes and Galedas from various states were present at the convention, and she gave them a very interesting talk on Class Organization, Team work, and the importance of reading their Class Magazine. The classes were very much benefited by her presence and her talk on organized class work. Following the teaching of the lesson Dr. R. H. Boyd, the founder, secretary and treasurer of the greatest Negro Publishing House in the world, supplying literature to Sunday schools, was introduced and delivered an address. He was followed by E. W. Hawthorne, of Tennessee; John H.

Frank D. D., M. D., editor of the Union-Review, the greatest Weekly Negro religious newspaper in the world, and President Edward P. Jones, of the convention.

At this juncture a great financial rally was held by states, as follows: Va. \$1.20; Ill. \$.67; La. .60; S. C., \$1.25; Ind. \$.42; Miss., \$3.78; Tenn., \$2.50; Texas, \$17.12; Mo., \$2.00; Ark. \$4.00; Ky., \$2.55; Ga. 18.51. The Convention State Banner went to Georgia.

Benediction.

REV. EWD. P. JONES, President.
C. P. MADISON, Secretary.

SUNDAY—Morning Session.

At 11 o'clock, the meeting opened by singing, "Lord I want to be a Christian," led by Prof. H. B. P. Johnson, National Chorister of Oklahoma. Dr. J. L. Burrell of La., read for the Scripture, John 14:1-20, after which Rev. J. B. Bushell of Texas sang the "Old time religion," the congregation joining in the chorus. Prayer was offered by Dr. J. H. Kelly of Texas, Field Secretary of Foreign Missions. Mrs. Helen Adams Moore of Ohio, and Recording Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary, sang very effectively "The Cross is not greater than the crown," followed by Prof. H. B. P. Johnson in a varied voice, "My Jesus tis now." The sermon of the hour was preached by Rev. Dr. Edward P. Jones, President of the Convention, Miss., he used for his text, Heb. 5:12. Dr. Jones is easily one of the most eloquent pulpit orators in the country, and his congregation was moved to tears as he spoke to them on this subject. In the meantime Dr. E. H. Blue, O., preached to an overflow crowd in the Sunday school department of the church. He used for his subject, "Thoughts," and Bible text, Phil. 4:8. At the conclusion of the sermon in the main auditorium, the congregation sang, "Some of these days." Dr. R. H. Boyd, Tennessee arose and asked that everybody in the audience place emphasis upon the verse and sing with a spirit, which was responded to readily and the house was moved with the spirit in which the song was sung. Following this, an offering of \$14.80 was taken, at the conclusion of which Prince Condolee of Africa was introduced and an offering of \$23.62 was taken for him. He spoke at length about the conditions of his native land and his desire to return to his people and help them.

Benediction by Rev. Grainnis of La.

SUNDAY—Afternoon Session.

Another big feature of the day was the foreign mission mass meeting of the joint convention in the Odd Fellows' auditorium at 3 p. m.. This meeting was presided over by the retiring chairman of the board, Dr. E. W. Moore. The meeting opened with a song by the chorus, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and a prayer by Dr. Edward P. Jones.

Chairman Moore introduced Dr. R. Kemp, corresponding secretary of the board, who announced that the national foreign mission board is now located at 531 Center street Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Georgia M. DeBaptiste Ashburn, president of the Women's Auxiliary, who has also been a missionary to Africa addressed the meeting, followed by Dr. C. P. Madison of Virginia, newly elected recording secretary of the convention.

Two Native Africans.

Chairman Moore then introduced native Africans, Dr. Malakabue and Prince Condolee, who addressed the mass meeting and exhibited hats, baskets, purses, baskets from palm leaves for suitcases, gourds, spoons, combs, spoons of wood, caps, charms, the medicine man's love charm, the gods of water in the form of a wooden crocodile and the god of wisdom, fear, love and hate in the form of an owl.

At this juncture, Miss Lula M. Butler of Texas, was introduced who rendered very effectively, "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling," to which the house repeatedly applauded for encore, but after promising that Miss Butler would sing later, the chairman, Rev. Dr. E. W. Moore appointed Dr. D. E. Overs, of Colorado; E. C. Cole of Missouri; J. S. Ladelle, of Texas and W. A. Gaines, of Arkansas, to take the offering, which amounted to a total of \$3,100 in cash and pledges. Lula M. Taylor, returned missionary of Africa, addressed the meeting, after which Miss Butler, according to promise, sang, "It's all right now." An offering was then taken for her to aid her in her school duties. A special selection was rendered by the Ladies Choral club of the Liberty Church of which Rev. E. Hall is pastor. The ladies sang very effectively, "Soon in the morning."

SUNDAY—Evening Session.

The evening session began with a mammoth B. Y. P. U. meeting at the Friendship Church, conducted by Rev. Dr. S. R. Prince of Texas, Corresponding Secretary of the B.

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Y. P. U. Board. This is getting to be one of the chief departments in Baptist Young Peoples' work, and Dr. Prince has bright hopes for the future.

At 8 p. m., Dr. J. W. Hurse of Mo., preached the sermon of the Convention. Many hearts were made glad as he explained to them Word of the Lord. At this service the Committee on Divine Service reported preaching at other churches as follows: Tabernacle Baptist church, corner Piedmont avenue and Houston street, 11 a. m., E. W. Bowen, South Carolina; 7:30 p. m., M. T. H. Messer, Pennsylvania; Shiloh Baptist church, corner Greensferry and Lawshe street, 11 a. m., Dr. J. G. McPherson; 7:30 p. m., Dr. T. P. Johnson; Little Mount Olive, corner Chestnut and Par-Thornton; Rush Memorial church, corner Chestnut and Par-Thornton streets, Dr. W. S. Ellington, Tennessee, 11 a. m.; 7:30 p. m., Dr. R. H. Bowling, Virginia; Allen Temple, A. M. E. church, Clark street, near Fraser, 11 a. m., Dr. J. C. Austin; 7:30 p. m., J. H. Holden, Marietta; Rev. Nelson; Cosmopolitan A. M. E., 11 a. m., Dr. E. W. Hawthorne, Tennessee; 7:30 p. m., Dr. J. R. Hall; basement of the Friendship Baptist church, 7:30 p. m., Dr. D. P. E. Gayles, D. D., Illinois, and Rev. E. H. Blue, Ohio; Providence Baptist church, Greensferry avenue, Dr. William Hicks, Mississippi, 11 a. m., and 8 p. m., Dr. A. Hubbs, Alabama; Mount Olive Baptist church, corner Butler and Harris streets, 11 a. m., Dr. E. C. Cole, Missouri; 8 p. m., Dr. E. W. Kaizler; Big Bethel A. M. E., corner Butler and Auburn avenue, 11 a. m., Dr. Robert Mitchell, Kentucky; 8 p. m., E. W. Moore, Ohio; Ebenezer Baptist church, Rev. S. E. Goer; Warren chapel, Greensferry avenue and Chapel street, 11 a. m., Dr. T. J. King, Virginia; 8 p. m., Dr. William Johnson; Bethlehem Baptist church, M. A. Fries, Florida; Holsey temple C. M. E. church, 11 a. m., Rev. V. S. Smith; 8 p. m., A. Lucas; Mount Carmel Baptist church, Rev. S. E. Gore; Warren chapel, Greensferry M. E. church, 8 p. m., Dr. E. H. Branch; West Mitchell C. M. E. church, 11 a. m., Rev. J. W. Brow, Mississippi; 8 p. m., Dr. A. M. Jackson, Ohio; Butler Street C. M. E. church, 11 a. m., Dr. F. H. Cook Louisiana; 8 p. m., Rev. J. M. Hendon, Texas; South Atlanta M. E. church, 11 a. m., A. L. Haywood, Iowa; Beulah Baptist church, 11 a. m., E. Wood 8 p. m. M. E. Robertson.

The Zion Hill Baptist Church was addressed by Dr. C. H. Clark of Tennessee known as "the Black Spurgeon" of his race. His subject was, "The Badge of Discipleship," Bible text, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples."

Monday's Session.

Monday was the last day of the convention. The program included principally the report of the Benefit Board, treasurer and other officers who had not reported. The morning session at 9 a. m., opened with Dr. Robert Mitchell, Ky., vice president, presiding. Dr. William Hicks, Mississippi, conducted the Bible institute.

Following the institute, President Mitchell introduced Dr. J. W. Leonard, Ohio chairman of the National Benefit Board, who presided, while Corresponding Secretary S. T. Floyd, D. D., made the annual report to the convention, showing several thousand Negro ministers enrolled with the board and more than fifty thousand dollars worth of business during the year (See appendix, pages 113-118.)

Captain Jackson McHenry, representative of The Atlanta Independent, was introduced and made a splendid address. Judge William Harrison, president of the National Laymen's League, also addressed the meeting in the interest of the league.

Dr. W. O. Harper, Dayton, Ohio chairman of the Church Extension Board delivered a splendid address in the interest of the board.

Food Conservation.

The convention put itself on record at the last session as being concerned in the entire welfare of the country as well as the progress of the Baptist church, and offered many resolutions re-establishing their spirit of patriotism and loyalty. The Rev. J. C. Austin, of Pittsburg, having been appointed by the government presented a plea for food conservation which was heartily received by the convention, and timely resolutions to this effect were adopted.

A commission of twenty-seven persons was appointed to work jointly with Rev. J. C. Austin, of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Eva Hooper, of Chicago, for food conservation. The National Baptist Convention, unincorporated, unanimously indorsed the plans of Herbert Hoover.

The convention by speeding up its business, was able to close its thirty-seventh annual session last night with a sermon by Rev. J. Gordon McPherson, of California, the newly-elected general evangelist, widely known as the "Black Billy Sunday" of America, who preached on the subject of "Regeneration." The sermon was a masterful plea for evangelism in the conversion of the world.

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After resolutions of thanks and general handshaking, the Negro Baptist National Convention adjourned to meet in the First Baptist church, Little Rock, Ark., September, 1918.

REV. EWD. P. JONES, President.
C. P. MADISON, Secretary.

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 17th, 1917.

National Baptist Convention, Unincorporated,
Atlanta, Ga.

Greeting:

Through Rev. Dr. J. Gordon McPherson.

It is earnestly desired to inform you that the Rio Grande District Missionary Baptist Association, now in its first sitting with the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 2311 Magoffin Ave., El Paso, has gone on record in its support of you in all of the noble principles for which you stand.

We have unshaken confidence and unbounded faith in the National Baptist Convention, Unincorporated, and in President Edw. P. Jones and Secretary R. H. Boyd.

May these remarks be accepted as our humble way of declaring our affiliation with you. May we ask an interest in your prayer to the end that we may gather in more to our cause; and that we may have more faith in God, through His Son Jesus Christ.

REV. Wm. GREEN, Moderator.
L. W. WASHINGTON, Cor. Sec'y.

1917, Sept. 7 p. m. 6:15.

Jacksonville, Fla.

Rev. E. P. Jones:

President National Baptist Convention care Friendship Baptist Church, Atlanta Ga., Greetings to the meeting, hoped to be present but business for the college detains me. Bethel Church pledges twenty-five dollars to the Seminary and ten dollars to Foreign Mission. I am in hearty sympathy with your progress and success.

JOHN E. FORD.

To the National Baptist Convention now in session in Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Brethren:—

It was my purpose to have been with you in this meeting but I am engaged in a great revival and cannot be with you.

So I am taking this method to express greetings and profound confidence in the integrity and purpose of the convention.

I am with you to the finish in the struggle. Enclosed find an order for Five Dollars. Two and one half Dollars of which will be turned over to Dr. Kemp, our Corresponding Secretary, the other Two and one-half Dollars for general purposes.

I have the pleasure of being, Yours very respectfully,

H. WATKINS, Secretary of the Convention of S. C.

NATIONAL EQUAL RIGHTS LEAGUE.

Office of the Corresponding Secretary, 34 Cornhill, Boston.
September 4, 1917.

To the National Baptist Convention, Unincorporated,
Rev. E. P. Jones, President:

The National Equal Rights League extends greetings to the National Baptist Convention.

The National Equal Rights League invites each delegate to the National Baptist Convention as a citizen to the National Race Congress called by our League to meet in the city of New York at Mother Zion Church, Tuesday and Wednesday, September 18-19 followed by the 10th annual meeting of the League on Thursday September 20.

The League also requests that your convention formally adopt Sunday September 16 as National Race Congress Day to the end that on that day each pastor would pray and preach for the success of this Equal Rights Congress and protection from mob violence and will endeavor to have the church send a delegate.

Yours for rights and protection to the race,

WILLIAM MONROE TROTTER, Sec'y
Per order of the President, Rev. Byron Gunner.

RESOLUTIONS.

Be it,

Resolved, That the National Baptist Convention, here and now ratify the action of the Educational Board and Executive Board of the National Baptist Convention in their purchase of the Boscobel College, property of Nashville, Tennessee for the purpose of establishing a National Baptist Seminary and Training School, and commend the same to the good will and support of the Convention.

Resolved, That the printing of the minutes of this Convention shall be paid for out of the general funds of the Convention, and that a copy of the same shall be furnished free to each person who enrolls in the annual session; that same shall be printed within ninety days.

W. H. FULLER.

England's Attitude towards American Missionaries.

Whereas, England for some cause, unknown to us, has seen fit to bar from the colonies in Africa under her control, all native American Missionaries as teachers, preachers, or workers, among the blacks of Africa, and,

Whereas, England is enjoying our united support and co-operation in the war against Germany, in view of which we deem this unfair and unjust discrimination against ten millions of law abiding American sons and daughters of America, whose sole interest in Africa is for her uplift in Christianity and civilization, be it,

Resolved, That we appeal to the State Department of our Government, requesting in the name of Christianity that this embargo be lifted, and that a committee of three messengers shall be appointed to convey this message.

Box 195, Blocton, Ala.,
September 8, 1917.

National Baptist Convention,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Brethren:

This will let you know that I am with you all and am praying for your success.

On account of the recent death of my father, I could not get off to be with you. Home affairs handicapped me. I am praying that you will have a great session.

With many wishes for the success of our great convention I remain,

Yours,

H. P. JANUS.

Abner Resolution.

Whereas, We have been so nobly and wisely entertained by our white brethren, be it,

Resolved, That the Convention express its gratitude to them for their helpful remarks, and that as to their mission offer proposing a Committee of mediation between the two wings of Negro Baptists of America, that we shall in this meeting give their proposition, or mission, our most prayerful consideration.

DAVID ABNER.

Whereas, The character of the Secretary of the Publishing Board of our National Baptist Convention has been assailed by the pamphlet circulated by the officers of the Incorporated Convention, and,

Whereas, We know that such circulations are false and malicious, therefore be it,

Resolved, That we the National Baptist Convention Unincorporated, brand and condemn as false such circulations and commend to the entire country that Dr. Boyd is an honorable business man, and that the Baptists of this National Convention assembled do hereby assert the same, and do hereby request Baptists everywhere to patronize their only Publishing House at Nashville, Tennessee.

Moore Motion Referring to Chaplain.

War Commission of the National Baptist Convention (Unincorporated.)

Resolved, That the President of this Convention shall appoint a Commission of 100, who shall represent this body and be known as the War Commission which shall co-operate

with like commissions, in working to safeguard the religious and moral welfare of our soldiers, chaplains for the army, food conservation, religious needs of the various training camps.

This is a vast field for service, pastors should be loaned from the churches. Baptists should be among the foremost in doing this work, while the government is doing much to protect the soldiers from vice exploiters, yet the church should do more.

Migration—(Referred to State of Country.)

Whereas, The war has brought about a scarcity of labor in many sections of the country, and,

Whereas, Many of our people in response to these appeals have migrated to these sections, (which is the right of any free American citizen to do in seeking to better his condition), but we would urge our people before leaving home to ascertain the kind of work to be done, the wages paid, living conditions, and thus avoid congestion and inconvenience that would defeat the object attained.

We would further suggest that on leaving home they will take with them letters from their churches, or cards from their lodges, in order that they may enter the best circles that will help them in their new homes, believing as we do that the Negroes' salvation lies in his industry and obedience to law.

We would urge them to avoid the lawless element that loafs in saloons and dives, and living a shiftless, good-time life; but identify yourselves with industrious law-abiding classes of the community where you locate, save your money, be sober, upright and establish a character for general uprightness, build good homes, support the schools and churches, be punctual, honest, for your success or failure rests with you and not the place you live or work, or the man who hires you.

E. W. MOORE.

Layman's League—Official Staff.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Enrollment fee	\$1033 15
Educational Board, per D. N. Abner	1395 56
Per R. H. Boyd for abstract	200 00
For Home Mission Board, from W. A. per J. P. Robinson	31 00
Foreign Mission Board, per Jno. Frank	639 80
B. Y. P. U. Board, per S. A. Prince, C. W. Boyd	44 05
Benefit Board	19 00
Evangelical Board, per Anderson	5 00
Women's Auxiliary, per Mrs. M. A. B. Fuller	1150 00
Laymen's Movement, per Hon. Wm. Harrison	32 00
Church Extension Board, per W. O. Harper	5 00
Nat. Bapt. Pub. Board, per H. A. Boyd Asst. Secretary	55 00
Fraternal Messenger, G. B. Gambrel, W. O. Hailey (White)	40 00
Educational Secretary, B. F. Riley (white)	27 25
Sponsor for Prince Condele	23 25
E. R. Carter, for Badges	125 00

For Original Providence Baptist Church, Chicago

H. J. Prince 27 95

Miscellaneous, McPherson and other churches

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Extra collection for education 239 30

.....\$5,275 25

• Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Clark, Chairman.

E. W. Bowen, Treasurer.

M. M. Haynes,

J. H. House,

E. H. Branch,

L. L. Campbell.

Committee.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Rev. Robt. Mitchell, R. R. fare	\$ 10 00
Rev. B. J. Prince for Providence Church	27 25
Rev. E. R. Carter for badges	125 00
Rev. T. J. King, Secretary	45 50
Rev. J. H. Frank for Union-Review	45 50
Hon. Wm. Harrison	54 60
Rev. C. J. W. Boyd, Assistant Secretary	11 80
C. T. Hume, Asst. Sec'y, allowed unpaid	11 80
Rev. J. F. Thomas	31 81
Rev. W. H. Woods, Asst. Sec'y	9 10
Rev. Chas. W. Lewis, Asst. Sec'y	9 10
News paper Advertisements	182 00
Stenographer	13 65
S. R. Prince (B. Y. P. U.)	45 50
Program Committee	10 92
Prof. B. W. Currie	4 50
Newspaper reporter expense	36 40
Chorister H. B. P. Johnson	36 40
Finance Committee	36 40
Baptist Gazette, Mound Bayou	9 10
D. P. Jones, Official Reporter	18 20
Dr. A. A. Galvin	25 00
President's expenses for year	455 00
Rev. C. P. Madison, Secretary	9 10
Rev. J. E. Wood	7 25
Convention Ushers	10 00

\$1269 12

**THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST OF THE THEOLOGICAL AND
TRAINING SEMINARY OF THE NATIONAL
BAPTIST CONVENTION.**

We The Undersigned Subscribe the Amount opposite Our
Names to be Paid One Two Three and Four Years...
The Same to be Evidenced in Four or Five Prom-
issory Notes According to Amounts.

Rev. Edw. P. Jones, Box 412, Vicksburg, Miss	\$500 00
Rev. R. H. Lloyd, 523 Second Ave., N., Nashville Tenn.	500 00
Rev. J. W. Hurse, 800 Independence Ave. Kansas City, Mo.	500 00
Rev. G. L. Prince, 2515 Jones St., St. Joseph, Mo.	500 00
H. Clark, 523 Second Ave., N., Nashville Tenn.	500 00
Henry Allen Boyd, 523 2nd Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.	500 00
Lincoln Association and Avenue L. Baptist Church Galveston, Tex., by Rev. H. M. Williams, 2610 L. street	300 00
S. S. Congress of Texas—Rev. S. R. Prince, 915 E. 15th street Ft. Worth Texas	200 00
Rev. S. S. Jones, Muskogee, Okla.	200 00
Rev. J. L. Harding, 2714 Jefferson St., Nashville Tenn.	200 00
Rev. D. Abner, Care Conroe College, Conroe Texas.	200 00
Rev. J. F. Thomas, 3629 Vernon, Chicago, Ill.	100 00
Rev. Robt. H. Pittman, Ft. Myers, Fla.	100 00
Rev. E. R. Carter, 71 Tatnalls St., Atlanta, Ga.	100 00
Rev. M. E. Robinson, 910 Swatz St., Houston, Tex.	100 00
Rev. Robt. Mitchell, 324 E. 5th St., Lexington, Ky.	100 00
Rev. E. H. Branch, 1090 Dowling St., Houston, Tex.	100 00
Rev. Chas. J. W. Boyd, 408 Cliff St., Ft. Worth, Tex	100 00
Rev. J. S. Earl, 543 S. Liberty St., Spartanburg (14)	

S. C.	100 00
Rev. F. H. Cook, 1215 Wright Ave., Little Rock Ark.	100 00
Rev. L. Drane, 1948 Walnut St., Chicago, Ill.	100 00
Rev. A. A. Mathews, 341 W. Fair Atlanta, Ga.	100 00
Rev. F. L. Morris, 2046 Highland Place, Indianapolis, Ind.	100 00
Rev. E. W. Hawthorne, 730 Winter St., Nashville, Tenn.	100 00
Rev. W. M. Clark, Houston, Texas	100 00
Rev. W. T. Mills, Memphis, Tenn.	100 00
Mrs. F. V. Pollard, 1406 Forest St., Beaumont, Tex	100 00
Rev. A. W. Bemey, Shelby, Miss	100 00
Rev. Wm. Hicks, 3422 12th St., Meridian, Miss	100 00
A. H. Gentry, Little Rock, Ark	100 00
Rev. J. H. Buford, Box 52, Rosedale, Miss (Pay soon)	100 00
Rev. T. A. Brown, Walter Hill, Tenn.	100 00
Rev. B. J. West, Springfield, Tenn.	100 00
Rev. Boston J. Prince, 215 Leavett St., Chicago, Ill	100 00
Rev. Jas. Kelly, 906 S. 12th St., Waco, Texas	100 00
Rev. V. S. Smith, Paducah, Ky.	100 00
Rev. E. D. Hubbard, Box 444, Ocean Springs, Miss	100 00
Rev. K. D. Britt, Florida	100 00
Rev. W. H. Whittaker, St. John Baptist Church Nash- ville, Tenn.	100 00
Rev. W. J. Ballou, Milledgeville, Ga.	100 00
Rev. S. P. Harrison, R. 1, Box 43, Muskogee Okla.	100 00
Rev. J. A. Sharpe, 523 Second Ave., N., Nashville Tenn.	100 00
Rev. G. H. Mitchell, Evansville, Ind.	100 00
J. P. Eugene, 145 Buford St., Beaumont, Texas.	100 00
Rev. H. M. Burns, 920 10th Ave., S., Nashville, Tenn	100 00
Mrs. H. M. Burns, 920 10th Ave., S., Nashville, Tenn	100 00
Rev and Mrs. J. S. Ladell, 413 Crowder St. Dallas, Texas	100 00
Rev. J. M. Royston, Box 217, Somerville, Texas	100 00
E. N. Armstrong, Box 134, D'Lo Miss	100 00
Rev. F. P. Oliver, Box 103, Munson, Fla.	100 00
Rev. M. L. Taylor, Munson, Fla.	100 00
Rev. D. J. Mincey, Holts, Fla.	100 00
Rev. A. W. Porter, 409 15th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.	100 00
Rev. E. F. Gooch, W. Line St., Shelbyville, Tenn.	100 00
North Texas Association, Rev. S. R. Prince, 915, E.	

15, Ft. Worth, Texas	100 00
Rev. W. S. Ellington, 523 2nd Ave N., Nashville, Tenn	100 00
Rev. A. C. Williams, 1530 6th Ave., Birmingham, Ala	100 00
Rev. J. T. Tunstall, Jr., 317 N. 6th St., Nashville, Tenn	100 00
Mrs. N. H. Keeble, Glencoe, Ill	100 00
Rev. E. M. Wood, Maben, Ala	100 00
Rev. R. B. Shiner, Box 611, Yoakum, Texas	100 00
Rev. S. A. Pleasant, Jr., Coero, Texas	100 00
Rev. E. L. Cleggett, 927 28th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn	100 00
Mrs. Florilla J. M. Powell, Millstrapp, Ala	100 00
Rev. E. W. Bowen, South Carolina	100 00
Rev. H. A. Alfred, c/o Mt. Nebo Baptist Church Nashville, Tenn	100 00
Rev. John S. Slaughter, 2910 Jefferson St., Nashville, Tenn	100 00
Rev. G. W. Bolden, 103 Lewis St., Nashville, Tenn	100 00
Rev. J. T. Tunstill, Sr., 817 N. 6th St., Nashville, Tenn	100 00
A Lady Friend	100 00
Wm. H. Harrison, Oklahoma City, Okla	100 00
Rev. T. J. James, Bessemer, Ala	50 00
Rev. C. F. Whittenburg, Spartanburg, S. C.	50 00
Rev. K. E. Thornton, 2834 Belmont Place, New Orleans, La	50 00
Rev. A. A. Banks, Muskogee, Okla	50 00
Rev. T. H. Borders, Greer, S. C	50 00
Rev. J. C. Harding, 2714 Jefferson St., Nashville, Tenn	50 00
Rev. G. F. Watson, Louisville, Ky	50 00
Rev. G. W. Millstrapp, Little Rock, Ark	50 00
Rev. J. P. Cain, Reform Ala	50 00
Rev. L. C. Herrings, Bombay, Fla	50 00
Rev. Jno. C. Fields, 2030 Jefferson St., Nashville, Tenn	50 00
Prof. G. W. Williams, 1020 Swartz St., Houston, Texas	50 00
Rev. T. C. Phillips, Union, S. C	50 00
Mt. Pisgah, Baptist Church, Rev. S. R. Prince, 915 E. 15 Street Ft. Worth, Texas	50 00
A. D. Butler, Alexander, La	50 00
Mr. Joe Shutte, Nashville, Tenn	50 00
Prof. H. B. P. Johnson, Reeves Station, Muskogee	

Okla	50 00
Rev. L. R. W. Johnson, Lynchburg, Va	50 00
Rev. H. B. N. Brown, Alexandria, La	50 00
Mrs. Norvella Hunter, 918 Jackson St. Nashville, Tenn	50 00
Rev. R. L. Crittendon, Shelby, Miss	50 00
W. T. Thompson, Mound Bayou, Miss	25 00
Rev. S. E. Charleston, Wrightsville, Ga	25 00
Dr. J. H. Hale, 410 Cedar St., Nashville, Tenn	25 00
Rev. F. K. Skinner, Conroe, Texas	25 00
Mrs. W. T. Mills, Memphis, Tenn	25 00
Rev. R. McCorkle, Mound Bayou, Miss c/o Gazette	25 00
Miss Gemalia Logan, Spartanburg, S. C	25 00
Rev. S. C. Smith, Shubuta, Miss	25 00
Rev. T. M. Scott, Duncan, Miss, Box 25	25 00
Rev. H. C. Bingham, Vicksburg, Miss	10 00
Mr. T. J. Gayles, Nitta Yuma, Miss	10 00
Mr. Chas. H. Wade, Mound Bayou, Miss	10 00
Mr. P. W. Brown, Mound Bayou, Miss	5 00
Rev. H. C. Foster, Vicksburg, Miss	5 00
C. M. Monks, Box 25, Scott, Miss	2 00
Mrs. Jane Blackmon, Smyrna, Tenn	1 00
Miss Maggie Perkins, Smyrna, Tenn	1 00
Miss Pauline Perkins, Smyrna, Tenn	1 00

Total pledged at Sunday School Congress ... \$12,269.00

SPECIAL AMOUNTS TO BE PAID BY OCT. 1st 1917.

Pdelged Sept. 10th, 1917, at Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. J. S. Ladelle, Dallas Texas	\$75 00
Dr. E. R. Carter, Atlanta, Ga	75 00
Dr. M. E. Robinson, Beaumont, Texas	15 00
Dr. J. P. Robinson, Little Rock, Ark	25 00
Dr. E. P. Jones, Vicksburg, Miss	25 00
Dr. W. H. Fuller, Austin, Texas	25 00
Dr. J. E. Wood, Danville, Ky	25 00
Dr. E. W. Rowen, S. C	25 00
Dr. Chas J. W. Boyd, 408 Cliff St., Ft. Worth Texas	25 00
Dr. O. S. Smith, Paducah, Ky	25 00
Dr. R. H. Bowling, Norfolk, Va	25 00
Dr. C. P. Madison, Norfolk, Va	25 00
North Tex. Dist. Asso. by S. R. Prince	25 00

Dr. E. W. Moore, Columbus, Ohio	25 00
Dr. J. F. Thomas, Chicago, Ill	25 00
Dr. W. W. Robinson, Box 18, Ward, La	25 00
Dr. E. W. Kaigler, 209 Nix St., Lake Charles, La	25 00
Dr. G. L. Prince, St. Joseph, Mo	25 00
Dr. F. L. Morris, Ind	25 00
Dr. E. A. Dickey, Texas	10 00

Total\$575 00

LIST OF PLEDGES TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

Rev. A. N. Hawkins, Atlanta, Ga	\$ 5 00
Rev. E. L. Harris, Tucker, Ark	25 00
Rev. E. W. Kaigler, Lake Charles, La	25 00
Rev. H. B. Southern, Austin, Texas	5 00
Rev. J. E. Heywood, Chicago, Ill	100 00
Rev. R. L. Williams, Houston, Texas	5 00
Nichols Union District S. S. Convention, Tucker Ark	50 00
Arkansas Progressive Convention, by J. P. Robin- son, Little Rock, Ark	100 00
Rev. A. B. Brittan, McDade, Texas	40 00
Rev. P. A. Prince, Italy, Texas	50 00
Rev. J. N. Ussey, Houston, Texas	25 00
Rev. N. A. James, Victoria, Texas \$2.00 cash	25 00
Independent Baptist State Convention, Rev. J. D. Johnson, Ind	25 00
Shiloh District Association, by J. W. Hurse, K. C. Mo	300 00
Rev. R. B. Cannady, Box 342, Sommerville, Tex	50 00
Wm. Freeman, Sweet Home, Ark	25 00
Rev. J. A. Granderson, New Orleans, La	10 00
Henry T. Wise, Haska, Texas	50 00
Rev. C. W. Perry, Little Rock, Ark	20 00
Rev. J. S. Davis, Little Rock, Ark	20 00
Young Master's Union, by Rev. E. Thompson, Little Rock, Ark	20 00
Rev. Wm. Jones, Houston, Texas	50 00
N. Texas S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Chautauqua, by L. H. Hopkins, Waxahachie, Texas	50 00
Educational Board, Texas Convention, Prof. W. H. Fuller, Austin, Texas	100 00
Rev. L. H. Hopkins, Waxahachie, Texas	50 00

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Rev. N. Nichols, Tucker, Ark	50 00
Rev. F. J. Williams, Little Rock, Ark	20 00
Rev. J. H. Earles, Wharton, Texas	50 00
Mound Street Baptist Church, by W. A. Jones, Cincinnati, Ohio	100 00
Rev. M. M. Haynes, Austin, Texas	20 00
Rev. Calvin Alford, Rockdale, Texas	5 00
Rev. J. H. Moore, St. Augustine, Fla	50 00
Rev. E. T. Offutt, Lexington, Ky	20 00
Rev. B. H. Hunter, Evanston, Ill	5 00
Rev. J. Gordon McPherson, Los Angeles, Cal	100 00
Rev. J. W. Brown, Jackson, Miss	50 00
Rev. D. R. Bess, Wharton, Texas	75 00
Rev. G. W. Burton, Terrell, Texas	50 00
Rev. C. H. Hampton, Texarkana, Texas	100 00
Rev. Samuel E. Piercy, New Orleans, La	50 00
Rev. W. W. Robertson, Ward, La	50 00
Rev. Richard H. Bowling, Norfolk, Va	100 00
Rev. J. E. Hinshaw, Little Rock, Ark	20 00
Rev. D. J. Montgomery, Wharton, Texas	25 00
Rev. J. H. Harrison, Wharton, Texas	25 00
Rev. T. P. Johnson, Lynchburg, Va	5 00
G. N. Cushingburg, Houston, Texas	25 00
Jas. Smith, Munsey, Ind	50 00
A. D. Hendon, Galveston, Texas	50 00
Antioch Baptist Church, Beaumont, Texas, by M. J. Robinson	50 00
Rev. E. C. Cole, St. Louis, Mo	10 00
St. John Land Mark Association, by Rev. J. H. Winn, Ft. Worth, Texas	100 00
Rev. H. W. Stewart, Anderson, S. C	25 00
Rev. E. A. Dickie, Huntsville, Texas	10 00
Rev. J. W. Willard, New Orleans, La	50 00
Rev. I. H. Kelley, San Antonio, Texas	50 00
Providence Baptist Church, Leggett, Texas, by M. E. Robinson	25 00
Mt. Rose Baptist Church, Brenham, Texas, by J. D. Bushell	50 00
Union District Association, Little Rock, Ark by D. B. Gaines	50 00
Rev. G. A. Crutcher, Port Lavacca, Texas	10 00
Rev. J. A. Royal, Chicago, Ill, \$2.00 cash	25 00
Zion Rest Missionary Baptist Association, by Rev. W. C. Barnes, Dallas	100 00
Rev. J. W. Pearson, Waco, Texas	20 00
Rev. S. M. Pendergrass, Austin, Texas	20 00

Rev. E. A. Watkins, Hammond, Texas	25 00
Rev. H. L. Holmes, Mackville, La	40 00
Rev. Mella Robinson, Houston, Texas	25 00
Rev. I. R. Richardson, Ennis, Texas	25 00
Rev. G. W. Favis, Alexandria, La	25 00
Rev. W. C. Lashaw, Wharton, Texas	25 00
Rev. D. Norfleet, Kansas City, Mo	25 00
James S. Anderson, Austin, Texas	24 00
Rev. Wm. Souls, Houston, Texas	20 00
Rev. A. N. Wyatt, Wharton, Texas, \$1.00 cash	50 00
Rev. L. J. Jackson, Bryan, Texas	25 00
Rev. S. T. Floyd, Sherman, Texas	20 00
Dr. D. B. Gaines, Union Association	50 00
Dr. B. J. Prince, Original Providence Church Chicago, Ill	25 00
Rev. J. H. Kelley, Waco, Texas	25 00
Rev. S. A. Pleasant, Cuero, Texas	15 00
Dr. C. P. Madison, Norfolk, Va	25 00
Rev. A. A. Lucas, Texas	10 00
Rev. A. N. Wyatt, Texas	2 00
Rev. W. Fuller, Texas	2 00
Dr. M. Hurd, Texas	5 00
Rev. J. P. Gaines, Ala	12 50
Rev. A. Williams, Miss	10 00
Rev. G. L. Prince, Mo	45 00
Rev. N. A. James, Texas	2 00
J. V. LeGrandre, Texas	10 00
Dr. W. J. Lockett, Texas	10 00
Rev. T. A. Brown, Tenn	15 00
Dr. E. W. Moore, Ohio Convention, by cash \$25.00	
Rev. L. L. Campbell, Austin, Texas	25 00
Mrs. H. M. Miller, Ky	10 00
North Texas Association	5 00
Bro. C. H. Wade	25 00
Prof. H. B. P. Johnson	2 50
Rev. M. E. Robinson, Houston, Texas	12 50
Bro. Butler, Texas	10 00
Rev. C. F. Whittenberg, S. C.	5 00
Rev. W. R. Ashburn, Ill	10 00
	3 50

EDUCATIONAL PLEDGES AS FOLLOWS.

Rev. R. H. Bowling, Norfolk, Va	\$ 60 00
Rev. J. P. Robinson, Little Rock, Ark	50 00
Rev. C. H. Clark, Nashville, Tenn	100 00

Rev. Ewd P. Jones, Miss	100 00
Rev. E. R. Carter, Atlanta, Ga	25 00
Rev. Robt. Mitchell, Lexington, Ky	25 00
Rev. E. H. Branch, Houston, Texas	25 00
Rev. C. J. W. Boyd, Ft. Worth, Texas	15 00
Rev. F. H. Cook	20 00
Rev. F. H. Buford, Miss	100 00
Rev. Jas Kelley, Texas	25 00
Rev. E. D. Hubbard, Miss	25 00
Rev. Wm. Hicks, Meridian, Miss	25 00
Ebenezer Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill	
Thomas	25 00
Women's Missionary Society, Ebenezer Church	5 00
Mother's Union of same church	3 00

First Collection total	\$350 00
Amount sent in by mail	\$162 50

\$513 00

A. B. F. Convention of Texas	20 00
Antioch Church, Rev. G. F. Watson, Louisville	5 00

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, There is a deal of trouble in securing rates to the National Baptist Convention each year, and,

Whereas, This matter of transportation is becoming serious to us as messengers of the Convention, therefore be it,

Resolved, That we empower the President of this Convention to appoint a National Commission to take in hand the matter of transportation of our messengers to and from the Convention each year, be it,

Further Resolved, That each state place in the hand of the President at this Convention one member so as to have this commission within sixty days after the adjournment of this session of the Convention, and this Commission appointed from the various states to make a National Commission will meet on Jan. 1st at some central point in the United States to organize for business for this Convention and the messengers.

Submitted,

REV. BOSTON J. PRINCE, D. D.,

Commission to Supervise Our Work.

Resolved, That this Convention shall appoint a Committee of 15, whose duty it shall be to prepare and submit to this body for its approval, a program looking to the better co-ordination of the various departments of our Convention work. Said program to cover a period of from 7 to 10 years on the budget basis, thus saving to the Kingdom a loss or waste in men, energy and money.

Foreign Missions	\$250 000
Home Missions	150 000
Educational	150 000
Publication	100 000
Ministers' Benefit Aid	200 000
Church Edifice Department	25 000
Convention expenses	25 000
B. Y. P. U.	

(On the basis of a million members that they give one dollar a year for our general work, which would be a million dollars to be apportioned among these general denominational objects.)

CHURCHES ENROLLED FROM MISSOURI.

St. Stephen Baptist Church, Rev. J. W. Hurse, pastor, Kansas City, Mo	\$5 00
Progressive Baptist Church, Rev. J. W. Holly, pastor, Kansas City, Mo	5 00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Rev. D. Norfleet, pastor, Kansas City, Mo	5 00
Second Baptist Church, Rev. J. B. Beckham, pastor, Independence, Mo	5 00
Francis Street Baptist Church, Rev. G. L. Prince, pastor, St. Joseph, Mo	5 00
Providence Baptist Church, Rev. E. C. Cole, pastor, St. Louis, Mo	5 00
Rev. J. O. Allen, Greenville, S. C.	2 50
Rev. E. W. Bowen, Spartanburg, S. C.	2 50
Rev. T. M. Boykin, Greenwood, S. C.	2 50
Rev. Chas. F. Gandy, Greenville, S. C.	2 50
Rev. C. F. Whittenburg, Spartanburg, S. C.	2 50
Rev. C. T. Goodwin, Greenwood, S. C.	2 50
Rev. R. F. Fox, Greenwood, S. C.	2 50
Rev. B. G. Dorson, Abbeville, S. C.	2 50

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Rev. W. W. Hubbert, Columbia S. C.	2 50
Rev. J. H. E. H. Nelson, Bennettsville, S. C.	2 50
Rev. C. D. Sally, Orangeburg, S. C.	2 50
Rev. W. M. Peterson, McCormick, S. C.	2 50
Rev. J. I. Gholdson, Greenwood, S. C.	2 50
Rev. A. R. Burke, Greenville, S. C.	2 50
Rev. J. W. Miles, Aiken, S. C.	2 50
Rev. J. W. Easley, Greeleyville, S. C.	2 50
Rev. J. W. White, Charleston, S. C.	2 50
Bro. B. E. Riley, Gaffney, S. C.	2 50
Rev. C. W. Webb, Greenwood, S. C.	2 50
Rev. W. M. Lipscomb, Greenville, S. C.	2 50
Rev. S. R. Commander, Rhems, S. C.	2 50
Prof. I. L. Fendley, Chester, S. C.	2 50
Rev. M. C. H. Dillard, Clinton, S. C.	2 50
Rev. A. W. Brown, Newberry, S. C.	2 50
Rev. J. H. Cunningham, Laurens, S. C.	2 50
Rev. J. F. Marshall, McCormick, S. C.	2 50
Rev. J. S. Earle, Spartanburg, S. C.	2 50
Rev. H. McWilliams, Cross Hill, S. C.	2 50
Rev. T. C. Phillips, Union, S. C.	2 50
Rev. H. L. Price, Plumbbranch, S. C.	2 50
Rev. W. M. Seigler, Parksville, S. C.	2 50
Rev. S. J. Rice, Allendale, S. C.	2 50
Rev. J. C. Good, Greenwood, S. C.	2 50
Rev. R. Kemp, Charleston, S. C.	2 50
Rev. J. H. Land, Lockhart, S. C.	2 50
Rev. T. S. McManus, Meeting Street, S. C.	2 50
Rev. J. S. Daniels, Chester, S. C.	2 50
Rev. G. B. Hancock, Seneca, S. C.	2 50
Rev. J. W. Mathis, Laurens, S. C.	2 50
Rev. C. D. Bussie, Modock, S. C.	2 50
Rev. D. C. Washington, Frogmore, S. C.	2 50
Rev. A. B. Nichols, Greenwood, S. C.	2 50
Rev. J. A. Watson, Seneca, S. C.	2 50

LOUISIANA DELEGATION.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Carter, Ch., Shreveport, La	\$2 50
S. M. Jones, Shreveport, La	2 50
Rev. F. H. Cook, 1318 Gaines St., Little Rock Ark	2 50
E. W. Kaigler, Lake Charles, La.	2 50
J. A. Granderson, 818 Austerlitz St., New Orleans La.	2 50
J. W. Willard, 2227, Jackson St., 1st African Baptist Church, New Orleans, La	5 00

A. L. Hayward, Bunkie, La	2 50
Wm. Grimbie, Alexandria, La	2 50
S. E. Perry Amoson Baptist Church, 5214 Dauphine, New Orleans, La	5 00
A. L. Holmes, Marksville, La	2 50
G. W. Brown, 905 Allain St., New Orleans, La	2 50
E. W. White	2 50
A. H. Norris, Alexandria, La	2 50
M. C. Claiborne, Shreveport, La	2 50
P. M. Haywood, Bunkie, La	2 50
Dr. H. B. N. Brown, Alexandria, La	2 50
W. L. Fisher, Bunkie, La	2 50
J. M. White, Monroe, La	2 50
J. E. Thornton, 2834 Belmont, Place, New Orleans, La	2 50
W. W. Robinson, Ward 8, La	2 50
A. Hubbs, 2217 Willow St., New Orleans, La	2 50
J. L. Burrell, 2809 Milam St., New Orleans, La	2 50
A. J. Willis, Bunkie, La	2 50
J. S. Haywood, Bunkie, La	2 50
E. A. Watkins, Hammond, La	2 50
W. W. Hill, Monroe, La	2 50
W. J. Allen, Monroe, La	2 50
F. G. Summers, Monroe, La	2 50
A. Grosse, De Ridder, La	2 50
J. B. Livingston, New Iberia, Box 25	2 50
T. L. Welch, Houma, La	2 50
C. S. Collins, Houma, La	2 50
G. W. Davis, Alexandria, La	2 50
L. T. Lisen, Alexandria, La	2 50

LIST OF TENNESSEE DELEGATES.

R. H. Boyd, C. H. Clark, G. B. Taylor, G. B. Bolden, J. C. Fields, J. L. Harding, J. C. Harding, J. C. Stoner, W. S. Ellington, H. M. Burns, H. A. Boyd, T. A. Brown, J. A. Brown, C. C. Rowland, J. S. Davis, J. W. Baugus, T. J. Tunstall, Sr., A. W. Porter, H. A. Alfred, W. H. Whitaker, I. W. Easley.

STATE REPORT OF ILLINOIS.

G. n. Missionary Baptist State Asso	\$10 00
Mt. Carmel, Rev. H. M. Knight	5 00

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Ebenezer, Rev. J. F. Thomas	5 00
Union, Rev. J. A. Royal	5 00
Pleasant Green, J. M. Haggard	5 00
Rev. L. Drane	2 50
Original Providence Baptist Church	5 00
First Baptist, Lake Forest	5 00
2nd Baptist, Maywood	5 00
Salem, (Rev. J. E. Heywood paid)	5 00
Rev. W. P. Washington	2 50
Northwood River Asso	5 00
Rev. B. P. E. Gates	2 50

GEORGIA ROLL.

Rev. L. J. Wilder, Atlanta, Ga	\$2 50
Rev. J. T. Latimer, B. D., Macon, Ga	2 50
Rev. S. E. Gore, D. D., Atlanta, Ga	2 50
Rev. C. H. Sharp, Atlanta, Ga	2 50
Rev. E. R. Carter, D. D., Atlanta, Ga	2 50
Rev. J. T. Sacton, Milledgeville, Ga	2 50
Rev. D. D. Dickson	2 50
Rev. J. F. Hughes, Atlanta, Ga	2 50
Deacon J. H. Blalock, Atlanta, Ga	2 50
Rev. C. D. Hubert, Atlanta, Ga	2 50
Rev. A. Maxwell, Marietta, Ga	2 50
Rev. W. D. Norfleet, D. D., Monroe, Ga	2 50
Deacon H. W. Russell, Atlanta, Ga., paid to clerk	2 50
Rev. W. J. Balou, Milledgeville, Ga	2 50
Rev. J. S. Brown	2 50
Rev. P. L. Scruggs, Atlanta, Ga	2 50
Deacon J. T. Hill, Atlanta, Ga	2 50
Rev. M. L. Gleen, Atlanta, Ga	2 50
Rev. W. M. Hall	2 50
R. L. Wingate	2 50
W. M. Lee, Easton, Ga	2 50
Dr. C. S. Wilkins, A. M., D., Columbus, Ga	2 50
Rev. Ernest Hall, D. D., Atlanta, Ga	2 50
B. J. Davis, Atlanta, Ga	2 50
Rev. R. J. White, Columbus, Ga	2 50
Rev. W. T. Thornton Fitzgerald, Ga., paid Rev. Clark	2 50
Rev. N. A. Stephens, Fitzgerald, Ga., paid Rev. Clark	2 50
Rev. W. A. Tucker, Fitzgerald, Ga., paid Rev. Clark	2 50
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Dr. E. P. Jones, Vicksburg, Miss	\$2 50
Dr. E. D. Hubbard, Ocean Springs, Miss	2 50
Dr. A. W. Looney, Shelby, Miss	2 50
Dr. W. M. Hicks, Meridian, Miss	2 50
Dr. W. M. Mallory, Richton, Miss	2 50
Dr. J. W. Brown, Jackson, Miss	2 50
Prof. R. McCorkle, Mound Bayou, Miss	2 50
North Mt. Olive Asso. A. J. Brandon, C. B. Baskin	
J. T. Thomas, J. H. Kindrick	5 00
Rev. Scott, Duncan, Miss	2 50
Rev. J. W. Quin, Chambers	2 50
Rev. J. A. Alexander, Natchez, Miss	2 50
J. W. Shaffer, Columbus, Miss	2 50
W. E. Dillard, Pontotoc, Miss	2 50
G. W. Alexander, Vicksburg, Miss	2 50
A. Williams, Oxford, Miss	2 50
L. Johnson, Pass Christian, Miss	2 50
J. R. Reed, Gulf Port, Miss	2 50
Rev. Grism, Itabena, Miss	2 50
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Rev. T. J. James, D. D., Bessemer; Rev. A. C. Williams, B. D., Birmingham; Rev. J. W. T. Cunningham, Carrolton; Rev. J. P. Cain, Reform; Rev. J. H. Magwood, Pratts City; Rev. W. L. Moragne, B. D., Brighton; Rev. J. H. Smith, Ensley; Rev. R. J. Moore, Tuscaloosa; Rev. M. Sears, Birmingham; Rev. J. B. Dixon, Whatley; Rev. E. A. Kiel, Coffeetown; Rev. P. J. Wadkin, Evergreen; Rev. W. J. Jeffries, Evergreen; Rev. J. M. Micheal, Evergreen; Rev. D. D. Dowdle, Evergreen; Rev. E. S. Slater, Pinhill; Rev. B. J. Johnson, Andalusia; Rev. S. A. Adamson, Natchez; Rev. W. C. Hunter, Natchez; Rev. Jack Hearing, Bessemer; Mr. A. J. Croom, Bessemer; Mrs. Carrie M. Brooks, Bessemer; Rev. Frank Gilbert, Birmingham; New Zion Baptist Church, Bessemer; First Baptist Church, Evergreen; Evergreen District S. S. Convention; T. J. James, States Vice Pres.

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Rev. J. B. Reese, Jacksonville, Fla	2 50
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Deacon P. B. Boston, Oviedo, Fla	2 50
Rev. T. C. Collier, Ft. Myers, Fla	2 50
Rev. W. G. Blockston, Tarfon, Fla	2 50
Rev. W. W. Carter, Jox, Fla	2 50
Rev. P. M. Scott, Lakeland, Fla	2 50
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Rev. C. T. Dorrah, Pensacola, Fla	2 50
Rev. R. H. Pittman, Ft. Myers, Fla	2 50
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Rev. J. B. Erwin, Jax Fla	2 50
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Rev. A. A. Anthony	2 50
Rev. J. A. Davis, Jacksonville, Fla	2 50
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Rev. D. H. Rankin, Houston	2 50
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Rev. C. H. Brown, Needville, Texas	2 50
Rev. A. D. Dave, Richmond	2 50
Rev. D. S. Whitby, Maynard, Texas	2 50
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Rev. J. D. Bushell, Box 138, Brenham, Texas	2 50
Rev. R. Wright, Tyler, Texas	2 50
Rev. W. C. Barnes, 2321 Wood St., Dallas, Texas	2 50
Rev. A. D. Hendon, 813, 36 I St., Galveston	2 50
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Rev. I. R. Richardson, Ennis, Texas	2 50
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Rev. Wm. Johnson, Houston Texas	2 50
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Rev. J. J. James, Jr., Houston, Texas	2 50
Rev. J. W. Pearson, 1000 Turner St., Waco, Texas	2 50
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Rev. J. H. Winn, Ft. Worth, Texas	2 50
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Rev. J. D. Leonard, Smithville, Texas	2 50
Rev. G. E. Staton, Calvert	2 50
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Rev. S. A. Pleasant, Cuero, Texas	2 50
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Rev. E. L. Lockett, Box 22 Ennis, Texas	2 50
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Rev. E. H. Branch, Houston, Texas	2 50
Rev. P. A. Prince, Italy	2 50
Rev. W. H. Fuller, 800 E. 10th St., Austin, Texas	2 50
J. Boyd, 408 Cliff St., Ft. Worth, Texas	2 50
Rev. L. E. Meadow, Box 145, Yoakum, Texas	2 50
Rev. W. B. Myers, Seguin, Texas	2 50
Rev. E. A. Ealy, Palestine, Texas	2 50
Rev. L. J. Jackson, Bryan, Texas	2 50
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Rev. I. H. Kelley, 139 Cactus St., San Antonio, Texas	2 50
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Rev. H. C. W. Robinson, R 2, Box 40 Crockett, Texas	2 50
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Rev. A. H. Rowland, Goliad, Texas	2 50
Rev. J. W. Williams, Box 592, Teague, Texas	2 50
Rev. L. L. Campbell, 1610 Penn. Ave., Austin, Texas	2 50
Rev. E. H. Borden, 1298 Texas Ave., Beaumont, Texas	2 50
Rev. H. B. Southern, Houston, Texas	2 50
Rev. S. A. Hayden, South 10th St., Waco, Texas	2 50
Rev. Jas. Kelley, 1296 S. 12th St., Waco, Texas	2 50
Rev. Jas. S. Anderson, Austin, Texas	2 50
M. L. Covington, Cleburne, Texas	2 50
Rev. M. Hurd, 1116 St. Bernard, Austin Texas	2 50
Rev. A. C. Ray, Houston	2 50
H. E. Ayers, Texas	2 50
Rev. H. M. Williams, Galveston, Texas	2 50

Sent National Baptist Theological and Training School Fund.

North Texas Association	\$25 00
James Kelley	25 00
N. A. James	2 00
M. Hurd	5 00
E. H. Branch	25 00
Lincoln Association	25 00
Rev. C. J. W. Boyd	15 00

Enrollment 66 at \$2.50 each	\$122 00
Organization (See report)	\$165 00
	50 00

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Grand total turned in\$337 00
L. L. CAMPBELL, President.

KENTUCKY.

Rev. J. E. Wood, Vice President, Danville, Ky	\$2 50
Rev. M. L. Porter, Lexington, Ky	2 50
Rev. E. T. Offutt, Lexington, Ky	2 50
Rev. R. Mitchell, Lexington, Ky	2 50
Rev. R. B. Butler, Versailles, Ky	2 50
Rev. John H. Frank, Louisville, Ky	2 50
U. S. Smith, Paducah, Ky	2 50
W. W. McLawler, Louisville, Ky	2 50
R. Jackson	2 50
W. J. M. Price	2 50
I. Fuller	2 50
Rev. W. B. Wood, Somerset, Ky	2 50
J. W. Million	2 50
Wm. Brown	2 50
H. Nutter	2 50
W. D. Thompson	2 50
F. C. Lucas, Covington, Ky	2 50
M. B. Lanier	2 50

ARKANSAS.

Rev. J. P. Robinson, Little Rock, Ark	\$2 50
Rev. D. B. Gaines, Little Rock, Ark	2 50
Rev. R. B. Porter, Little Rock, Ark	2 50
N. Nicholson, Tucker Ark	2 50
Rev. A. J. Steele, Little Rock, Ark	2 50
Rev. J. S. Steele	2 50
Jackson Smith, Keo, Ark	2 50
E. D. DeLyles	2 50
C. A. Perry	2 50
Frank Williams	2 50
T. W. Washington, Tucker	2 50
J. S. Davis	2 50
E. L. Harris	2 50
T. L. Lanson, Little Rock, Ark	2 50
Rev. G. A. Long, Helena, Ark	2 50

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G. F. Small	2 50
J. Pyne	2 50
J. E. Brown, Little Rock, Ark	2 50
H. H. Harty	2 50
C. W. C. Moragne	2 50
Wm. Freeman	2 50
Mary Hill	2 50
G. E. Dennis	2 50
L. E. Jones	2 50
S. J. Porter	2 50
M. C. Gaines	2 50
M. E. Lockhart	2 50
Georgia Stewart	2 50
Nannie Hamilton	2 50
Bettie Carter	2 50
Alice Wilson	2 50
G. W. Macus	2 50
John Henshaw	2 50
Annie Jerson	2 50
Louise Womack	2 50
Mary Hill	2 50
Z. H. Anderson	2 50
Mary Braboy	2 50
Rev. Gvea	2 50
Rev. F. H. Cook	2 50

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Rev. J. C. Austin	\$2 50
Rev. W. T. Hall	2 50
Rev. T. H. C. Messer	2 50
Rev. John Morton	2 50
Rev. A. A. Davenport	2 50
Mrs. F. Morton	2 50
Rev. D. Duckerv	2 50
Rev. J. H. Burks	2 50
Rev. D. B. Russell	2 50
C. T. Calaway	2 50

OHIO.

Rev. W. O. Harper, Youngstown, Ohio	\$2 50
Rev. Geo. L. Davis, Columbus, Ohio	2 50
Rev. E. W. Moore, 229 N. 17th, Columbus, Ohio	2 50

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Mrs. E. W. Moore, 229 N. 17th, Columbus, Ohio	2 50
Rev. L. W. Gray, Cincinnati, Ohio	2 50
Rev. F. P. Green, Cincinnati, Ohio	2 50
Rev. G. W. Wyatt, Cincinnati, Ohio	2 50
Rev. A. Jones, Cincinnati, Ohio	2 50
Mr. George W. Hayes, Cincinnati, Ohio	2 50
Rev. A. W. Jackson, Cincinnati, Ohio	2 50
Rev. I. A. Hall, East Liverpool, Ohio	2 50
Rev. J. B. Anderson, Dayton, Ohio	2 50

MOORE RESOLUTION.

We pledge our undeviating loyalty to the U. S. during the course of this war, a loyalty based upon the record dating from the fall of Crispus Attuck on the Boston Commons to Carrizal, Mexico, not that any one can question the loyalty and patriotism of the men and women of the Negro race, but true to their past record they will prove to be one of the most dependable fighting units of the American fighting forces. Much as we deplore war we wish no peace with dishonor, or with future danger to the American flag, or to the world at large, but this does not take from us our privilege or duty to pray and strive for a lasting peace that shall give speedy and lasting comfort to the down trodden oppressed and suffering members of the human race.

We rejoice at the earnest efforts on the part of our president to bring to the oppressed people of Europe the blessings of true democracy, and while we believe in the perpetuity of a true democracy, but according to the law of philosophy can arise no higher than its source; therefore we ask that this nation bind itself to the practice of pure democracy at home among Negroes as well as other races and people, and,

Whereas, in certain sections of this country organized labor through its agency, mob law, riots and massacre have intimidate thousands of law abiding American citizens, guilty of no crime, save that of bettering their condition materially as offered through the labor markets of the various states of the union, and that too by the silent sanction, if not the material aid of the police department and national guards.

We protest against such outrages and inhuman acts, and appeal to the president of this nation, Hon. Woodrow Wilson, and to the heads of the various state governments for

protection against the inhuman, ungodly and undemocratic methods of procedure and outrageous acts against humanity. For as leaders and representatives of this race, we have preached and taught patriotism and loyalty to the stars and stripes and such patriotic terms until almost every Negro in this republic has willingly subscribed his quota to the government to carry on this war against imperialism and to perpetuate that for which the president of this republic stands out in the foremost as the leading disciple and champion of world wide democracy—the right to live to have voice and vote in the government under which you live; and to enjoy the benefits of its protection, and justice administered not on color, creed or nationality, but to all citizens alike.

Respectfully,
E. W. MOORE, Ohio.

CONTRIBUTORS TO R. R. FARE OF DR. J. G. GAMEREL TO MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA, AMOUNT \$40.00

Those who gave \$1.00: Revs. M. E. Robinson, W. H. Fuller, E. H. Branch, C. J. W. Boyd, A. N. Wyatt, D. E. Overs, J. W. Hurse, C. P. Madison, J. A. Davis, O. Edwards, A. A. Lucas, J. L. Burrell, Hon. Wm. Harrison, C. C. Phillips, C. H. Clark, A. D. Hendon, W. H. Cannon, M. C. Claiborne, T. A. Brown, I. M. Hendon, J. H. Moore, J. S. Brown, W. M. Allen, W. M. Charles, M. M. Haynes, H. C. W. Robinson, G. B. Bolden, W. M. Petterson, R. Warren, R. Wright, Geo. W. Hayes, G. W. Lancaster, J. H. Kelley, J. S. Hannahan, Edward P. Jones, \$3.00—Davis, E. A. Kiel, W. D. Dillard.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Committee on President's Message.

Mr. President and Members of the Convention:

We, your Committee on President's Address beg leave to submit the following report of the annual message of our president:

First—We heartily endorse and commend his able and eloquent address, and

Second—We recommend the adoption of the following recommendation offered therein.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. Johnson, Chairman.
J. W. Willard.
J. E. Wood, Kentucky.
H. M. Burns, Tennessee.
J. D. Leonard, Texas.
R. McCorkle, Miss.
J. W. Brown, Tennessee.
J. Gordon, McPherson, Cal.
G. L. Prince, Missouri.
J. L. Davis.
J. S. Earl, S. C.
O. Edwards, Texas.
D. Abner, Texas.
S. L. Finley.
D. B. Gaines, Arkansas.
J. Lewis,
G. W. Wyatt.
A. M. Thomas.
J. D. Jones.

I move that a committee consisting of the members of the National Baptist Educational Board present together with Drs. Boyd, Clark, President Jones, President Harding, Tenn., be empowered to consummate this deal and present it in a tangible way to the Atlanta meeting for its consideration.

By D. ABNER.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION (Unincorporated.)

Nashville, Tenn.

Thursday, June 14, 1917.

The house was called to order by the Vice President at large, Rev. Robt. Mitchell, of Kentucky. The devotionals were conducted by Rev. G. L. Prince of Missouri, and E. H. Branch of Houston, Texas. Remarks were made by Drs. E. W. Moore of Ohio, B. J. Prince of Illinois, Prof. D. Abner of Texas and Robt. H. Pittman of Florida, Rev. E. W. Bowen of S. C., and others. The committee then arranged the program for the National Baptist Convention. The

committee then took up the matter of purchasing the Boscobel College as the Theological Seminary and Industrial School, of the National Baptist Convention.

A special committee of eleven was appointed to give the matter of outlining a skeleton for the program and report same to the Executive Committee, on Friday.

FRIDAY—Morning Session.

June 14, 1917.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a. m., by Dr. Robt. Mitchell. Devotionals were conducted by Dr. J. W. Hurse of Missouri. The committee adopted the program as submitted by the special committee.

The following were elected as special committee to perfect the deal of purchasing the Boscobel College School property, Dr. D. Abner, G. L. Prince and E. P. Jones. Mr. Fite was elected as trustee to hold the property in trust till a corporation can be formed. By special request Mr. Fite accepted the position as trustee. Drs. J. L. Harding, R. H. Boyd and C. H. Clark. Mr. Robt. Fite, the agent for the Boscobel property was present and went over the matter in full with the committee. The above named committee was authorized to get out a stereotyped letter and send to the Brotherhood throughout the country informing them of the actions taken by the committee with reference to the purchasing of this property and also calling their attention to pledges made in connection with the same. Pledges to the amount of \$10,150 were taken during the session. These were taken with the understanding that they are to be paid in four annual installments.

REV. ROBT. MITCHELL, President.

CHAS. J. W. BOYD, Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Thirty-Seventh Annual Convention

OF THE

Women's Auxiliary

TO THE

National Baptist Convention (Unincorporated.)

WAS HELD IN

Atlanta, Georgia
September 5-11

IN THE

Liberty Baptist Church
REV. ERNEST HALL, Pastor

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 Mrs. S. W. Kaiglere Box 62a, Lake Charles, La.
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 Mrs. D. E. Gaines Arkansas
 Mrs. E. W. Moore 1986 Franklin Ave., Columbus, O.
 Mrs. L. A. M. Williams Texas
 Mrs. Cordia Ford Indiana
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National Theological Seminary and Training School
 Nashville, Tennessee

CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

We, the women of the Baptist Churches connected with the National Baptist Convention (un-incorporated,) of the United States of America and adjacent Islands, in order to promote a missionary spirit, to stimulate Christian activity, and to encourage the grace of giving among the women and children, to aid in collecting monies for missions for the support of our Convention work, do organize and adopt the following: (Suggested by Corresponding Secretary to include Africa and other foreign fields.)

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as "The Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention (Unincorporated)."

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this Convention shall be to consolidate a Christian union among its women, to evangelize by the promotion of Baptist doctrine through local and district organizations, and to encourage an earnest, systematic operation of missionary and educational labors among the women and children at home and abroad. (Suggested by Corresponding Secretary that State Convention be included.)

ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS.

The officers shall be a President, a Vice President at large, a Vice President from each state, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, an Assistant Recording Secretary, a Historian, Treasurer and an auditor with a committee of managers who shall constitute an Advisory Board to the Corresponding Secretary, and five of them acting with the Corresponding Secretary shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV.—*ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The Annual Meeting for the transaction of all business and the election of officers shall be held at the same time and in the same city as that of the National Convention.

ARTICLE V.—REPRESENTATION AT ANNUAL MEETINGS.

Officers of the Woman's Convention, State Conventions, that have paid \$20.00 to the work, District Associations that have paid \$10.00, Societies that have paid \$5.00, Children's Bands that have paid \$2.50, Y. W. A.'s that have paid \$5.00 shall be allowed two delegates for each \$5.00. Societies of ten members and under shall be admitted for \$2.50, with one delegate. Only such delegates that are present in person, and recommended by the Convention, or local society they represent shall be entitled to vote. Persons desiring annual membership shall obtain it by paying the sum of \$1.00.

ARTICLE VI.—*CONDUCT OF MEETING.

Every session of the Woman's Convention shall be opened with singing and Scripture reading, or some form of religious exercises, and shall be closed with the same.

ARTICLE VII.—AMENDMENTS.

The Constitution of the Woman's Convention may be amended or altered by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting thirty days previous notice being given. The Corresponding Secretary shall notify each Vice President of the proposed amendment.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

The President of the Woman's Convention shall preside at all sessions of the meetings and those of the Executive Committee. She shall have power to appoint all committees not otherwise provided for; shall organize new societies or appoint an organizer, and shall be a member ex-officio of all standing committees. She may, at the request of five members of the Executive Committee, through the Corresponding Secretary, call special meetings of the Executive Committee, when in her judgment she deems it necessary.

In her absence from the State where the committee is called to meet, the Vice President of the State shall be the presiding officer.

ARTICLE II.

The Vice Presidents of the respective states shall constitute an Advisory Board. They shall be entitled to vote at its sessions.

ARTICLE III.

Three months before the annual meeting of the Woman's Convention the Corresponding Secretary shall send to the Corresponding Secretary of each State Convention, and to local organizations blanks for their reports from which she shall collect her annual reports. She shall also conduct the correspondence of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV.

All officers, agents, Missionaries and Secretaries employed by the Boards of this Convention must be a member of some regular Baptist Church in this Union; exemplary in deportment, spiritually, socially and morally and have the necessary qualifications for conducting efficiently the office to which they are elected.

ARTICLE V.

The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of all the correspondence of the Convention, shall answer all communications, keep in touch with the Women's organizations throughout the country, distributing such literature as may be adopted by this Convention as a method of furthering its purpose and carrying out its work, shall keep a record of all correspondence done by her, shall keep the President advised as to the general condition of the work as ascertained by her through correspondence and shall by direction of the President visit Women's State Organizations and other meetings as it may appear advisable and from which there may be invitations.

ARTICLE VI.

There shall be an advisory Board to the Corresponding Secretary, five of whom shall be in her own city or thereabout. It shall also be their duty to advise the Corresponding Secretary and they shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE VII.

It shall be the duty of the Statistician and the Historian to gather all of the data and ascertain as nearly as possible the numerical strength of the Baptist women of America.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Recording Secretary shall keep correct proceedings of all meetings of the annual session, shall compile the minutes, and see that each member of the Convention whether life or annual shall be provided with a copy. The assistant shall act in the absence of the Secretary and assist at all times the Recording Secretary.

ARTICLE IX.

The Treasurer shall keep a record of and receive all monies collected on the field and at the Convention. She shall pay out no money without an order from the Corresponding Secretary, signed by the President, or as the Convention may direct. She shall keep an accurate account of all money received and disbursed, and when called upon shall present a detailed account of all such paid out by her, to whom and for what purpose, and the amount turned over to the Boards. The Treasurers must give bond of (\$500) five hundred dollars.

ARTICLE X.

There shall be an Auditor who shall audit all of the general accounts of the Convention, and shall make an annual report to this Convention.

ARTICLE XI.

Ushers should be appointed annually by the Convention or by the church that entertains the Convention, who shall receive no compensation. This rule also applies to the Enrollment and Finance Committees.

All members shall remain during the sessions, except permission to leave is given by the President.

ARTICLE XIII.

No one is to be paid for services except, the President's expenses, Recording Secretary's expenses for taking and

compiling minutes, expenses to Board meeting, the Corresponding Secretary's salary and expenses, the Assistant Recording Secretary, Vice President and Treasurer for time served.

ARTICLE XIV.

All officers shall be elected by acclamation or Friday afternoon of the Convention. Vice Presidents may be nominated by delegates from their own respective states, in a manner that the Convention may order.

ARTICLE XV.

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Convention shall keep in the closest touch with the Boards of the National Convention, and shall report at the close of each annual session as to what has been done towards carrying out the object of the Convention.

ARTICLE XVI.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the newly elected officers of the Convention together with members of the Advisory Board and of such other members of the Convention as the body sees fit, or they may be appointed by the President, recommended by the Convention.

ARTICLE XVII.

By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting, a previous notice of three months having been sent to each Vice President through the Corresponding Secretary.

Proceedings.

The morning session took the form of a union meeting in Friendship Baptist Church, Rev. E. R. Carter, pastor, and at 12 o'clock the Woman's Auxiliary Executive Board met at Liberty Baptist Church.

Wednesday Afternoon 2:00 O'Clock.

The afternoon session was called to order by the President, Mrs. G. F. DeBaptist Ashburn, after an inspiring song service by the choir.

At 2:15 devotional exercises throughout the Convention were led by Miss I. J. Cason, of Florida, and very helpful they were to the end. The opening topic was "Missionary Effort: What It Is." Any service that supplies the needs of men is missionary. It is of a triune nature and applies to the three classes of human need—physical, intellectual and spiritual. Matt. 25:36, 37; 2 Tim. 2:45.

3 to 3:20, song service by the choir.

3:20, addresses of welcome and greeting on behalf of Liberty Baptist Missionary Society, Mrs. S. F. Pattman, of the Baptists of the city.

Mrs. Adella Hart, of the Baptists of Georgia.

Mrs. E. M. Ballou, of the W. M. U. of Georgia.

Miss E. M. Campbell, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. P. G. Awtrey, Chairman of the Personal Service of the State, who said it was the duty to help the leaders and she would do all in her power to help them in all of their undertakings.

Responses were very appropriately made by Miss Chambers, Editor of the Metoka and Galeda Magazine, Nashville, Tenn., and Mrs. J. H. Winn, of Texas.

Appointment of Enrollment and Finance Committees by State Directors, as follows:

Enrollment: Mrs. Oglesby, Indiana; Mrs. J. L. Harding, Tennessee; Mrs. Lulu Ross, Florida; Mrs. J. B. Beckham, Missouri; Mrs. M. E. Lockhart, Arkansas.

Finance: Mrs. S. B. Thomas, Illinois; Mrs. M. L. Raines,

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Mississippi; Mrs. S. B. Atkinson, Texas; Mrs. Gilmore, South Carolina; Mrs. H. M. Burns, Tennessee; Mrs. C. J. Smith, Florida; Mrs. David Over, Colorado; Mrs. E. G. Martin, Missouri; Mrs. D. B. Gaines, Arkansas.

Mrs. Mitchell, Illinois, was appointed in charge of the Anti-Saloon League and Temperance Literature during the afternoon. Rev. Ernest Hall gave a very cordial welcome to the delegates to his city and his church.

Echoes from field workers, vice presidents. Mrs. S. Prince, Princeville, Texas, General Baptist Convention: "In the state we have three Baptist schools, Guadalupe College, etc. Seven or eight hundred local societies, all loyal to this Convention. Texas will always stand loyal to it and for Boyd and Jones."

Mrs. Raiford, S. Carolina: "Through sickness I have not been able to do what I should. I have given my time to the rural district. No money has been collected, but I have been the means of bringing seventy-five to the Convention."

Mrs. Hines, President of W. Convention, Indiana: "The majority of Indiana is with this Convention and next year we hope to do even better."

(Collection by states, \$3.37.)

Evening Session.

At 7:00 p. m., song service by the choir. Devotions were conducted by Miss Casen. The requirement of a successful Christian life—faith.

Address of welcome by Mrs. Butler, of Georgia, on behalf of the educational institutions.

Responded to by Mrs. Abner, of Texas.

Song by choir, "Soon one morning death came a-creeping in my room."

Introductory sermon by Rev. J. C. Austin, Pittsburg, introduced by Rev. Ashburn, Illinois. Text, 1 Sam. 17:38-45. The power of the righteous youth over the seasoned veteran of worldliness. On the plateau of Judah behold the Philistines encamped, mighty men; all Goliaths before shuddering Israel. God who never sleeps is never without a man to represent him. David accepted the challenge and saved the day for the church. By chance, seemingly. Saul sent for his brothers, but all in God's plans. David's faith in the delivering power of his God. Let no man's heart fail because of the great giants. David pulled off Saul's armour, but chose five small smooth stones, from the brook. Ours is great in strength and mighty in boastfulness. The other in the name of the great God in heaven and he must triumph. If our cause is right we must reach the height of our ambition. Much of the weak-

ness and failure on the part of the children of today is due to parental neglect. Very few ever notice the play of their children. It either makes or mars them for the future. Encourage talent, cultivate character. There is more in service than completing a contract. The service we render with our hands or in the community is the greatest we can give. He that would carry a bean must be willing to carry a straw. Serve in your place. Had David not overcome the lion and bear he could never have faced Goliath. He challenged a giant whose raiment was heavier than his, but the God who delivered then will deliver now. All youth must meet his Goliath of worldliness. How can he overcome? By being trained from childhood. There are some things that must be conquered. The untameable tongue. Bridle it by self-respect and bring it under control. The temper must be put to death. The passion kept under by spiritual strength. You are always exposed to the wrath and gaze of God. Wrap Jesus around you. Wrap power around you. David was a type of Christ, a champion who met Goliath outside Calvary and with his hand to the plow was not defeated.

Prayer by Rev. Davenport, Braddock, Pa. Solo, Mrs. Annie Washington, Indiana, "I shall not be moved." Collection for the day by states, \$13.49. Sale of ballads, \$1.50. Donated to blind singer, \$2.71. Morning collection, \$3.97.

Introduction of visitors by Rev. Hall: Rev. Harper, Youngstown, O.; Rev. Morton, Pittsburgh.

Thursday—Morning Session.

9:00—Song service.

9:10—Devotionals led by Miss Casen, "Go or Send."

10:00—Annual address of the President.

11:00—Music by choir.

11:05—Address by Mrs. S. E. Atkinson, Texas, "How the District Conventions can finance our National Baptist Training School located at Nashville," who in part said that they might give quarterly; have an honorary roll; send out pledges; have a rally day; interest friends and raise the standard; we cannot tell what the harvest will be; we must sail and not lie at anchor.

Solo, Mrs. Smith, of Indiana.

Address, Mrs. M. B. Fortier, Louisiana, "The part our local societies can play in equipping the Training School." She advised that the president of each local band should collect ten cents per month from every member and if that was done

it would bring in a sufficient amount to help very materially. We should unite in this great undertaking and get busy.

Appointment of Committee on President's Annual Message. Solo by Mrs. Smith, of Indiana.

By request of Mrs. Raiford, S. Carolina, special prayer was offered for our soldier boys by Rev. Ashburn, Illinois.

Mr. Ellington sang a solo, being introduced by Mrs. E. P. Busheil.

Echoes from the States. Mrs. Woods, of Kentucky; Mrs. G. W. Alexander, Mississippi; Miss Casen, Florida; Mrs. Bettie Wilkerson, Illinois, and Mrs. Henrietta Williams, of Louisiana. Each reported their work as being alive and pledged to do more in the future.

President's Address. The President was introduced by Mrs. Annie Washington, Vice President, in a few commendable, well chosen words.

After which the motion to receive and adopt was made by Mrs. Abner, Conroe, Tex., at which time she said: "I have attended conventions for years and I can assure you that we have not previously had such an address, dating back years and years; we have had flowery remarks, but not the work in detail."

Address on what the State Convention should do in raising finance for the Training School was delivered by Mrs. E. J. K. Hines, of Indiana, who said: "We might send out pledges, interest friends and lift a high standard, also have a rally."

Mrs. Fannie Madison, Arkansas, spoke on "The Need of United Efforts on the Part of Christian Women," and urged that we unite with the officers of this Convention; when they say, "Down!" Go down. When "Up!" Go up. "Over!" All go over, and if we work as lined out success would be ours.

Report received and motion seconded by Mrs. Daisy Russell, Illinois.

Introduction of visitors by Courtesy Committee: Mrs. E. M. Carter, Illinois; Rev. Jacob Ashburn, Columbus, O.; Mr. Haines, Editor Texas Herald of Texas; Dr. Lucius Drane, Illinois; Mrs. McIntyre, Missionary from China; Mrs. B. F. Raiford, Wash, S. C., all of whom spoke words of encouragement.

Collection by states, \$6.82.

Thursday Afternoon—2 O'Clock.

Song Service. Devotional exercises, Miss Casen, Missionary Motive, Love. John 3:16; John 15:12.

2:25—Music.

Remarks by Rev. Prince, Illinois, as to the kind of officers

to elect. Women who have the work at heart and who will work for its extension.

Solo, "He's the One," Mrs. Henderson, Atlanta, Ga.
Report of Corresponding Secretary.

Dr. R. H. Boyd urged the Convention to give \$500, also to take the Union-Review. Have proper correspondents and agents. First Sunday in March Union-Review Day; costs \$12,000 a year to run it, and fifty to seventy-five thousand read it every week.

Motion to adopt Corresponding Secretary's report. Moved by Mrs. Abner, Texas, seconded and advised as to being put in printed form by Miss Casen, Fla.

Reading of journal. Adjournment.

Thursday—Evening Session.

Devotions. Miss Casen, Miss Mary Authority. Matt. 10: 15, 16.

7:25—Address: "Social Service," Mrs. H. A. Moore, Ohio.
"Equipment for Service," Mrs. Daisy Russell, Ill.

"Wielding Our Smaller Organic Units into Links of National Service," Mrs. Ella B. Woods, Ky.

Miss McIntyre, of China, said: "I was in China seven years and went out as a nurse; after four years all the work fell on me and I collapsed. With all the wealth and education of our people they fail to equip for service. Wherever we find heathenism there is ignorance and uncleanness. In small towns they speak dialects that are hard to understand. They have their farms and some make good farmers. At their fairs they generally congregate around the temple. Girls and women have no freedom. They ask me why we go to them? If all Americans are Christians? Then why not work at home? They do not mean to be impatient. We tell them we have so many to tell of God here and so few there. Their word for God or a higher being is 'Sondae.' They think we come to present our God and are only adding another to their many. The great need of Africa is nurses, Bible women, etc.

An address by Mrs. Bessie Whiteside on "The Duty of Local Missionary Societies to the Denominational Program."

Introduction of visitors, viz., Dr. Frank, Louisville, Ky.; Rev. Hurst, Kansas City, Mo.; Judge Harrison, Oklahoma, all of whom made helpful and encouraging remarks.

Miss Raiford recited and spoke on the "Duties of Motherhood." Rev. Cole, St. Louis; Rev. G. L. Davis, Columbus, O.; Rev. Williams, Houston, Texas.

Friday—Morning Session.

9:00—Song service by the choir.

9:10—Devotional services by Miss Casen, "Woman's Part." (1) Love Him. (2) Follow. (3) Witness. (4) Shine. (5) Love Others.

The morning was given over to Missions after the introduction of the following visitors: Dr. Kelley, of Augusta, Ga.; Dr. Hall, Dr. Galvin, of Virginia.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and adopted, after which Rev. Kelley, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, addressed the convention on foreign mission work and suggested several plans by which money could be raised to help on the work.

Mrs. J. W. Neal, President W. B. M. U., Georgia, extended greetings from her society in the following words on "Visions and Tasks:" God gave the body two eyes to see that one vision. God has given his children eyes to their souls. He expects them to use them to make advance in the world. Some one saw the geranium leaf and cultivated it through what their soul eyes saw. A man saw steam from the kettle and today we have the driving power and the electricity. Another saw an old piece of rock and kicked it out of the way, but some one with eyes in their soul saw a piece of marble and made a beautiful statue. Some one saw cotton and used it to fill us ditches; other eyes saw that which gives us the cotton seed and fabric, etc. The great vision is to see the value of souls as Christ saw them. He looked upon them with compassion and helped them. We wanted to drive them away.

Tasks. Most of us live like canaries. We prune ourselves and think we look pretty. I am so glad Christ set us an example. There are two hundred fifty million heathen children. 111,000,000 children here take care of your bodies and minds. Grow, glow, go.

Solo—Mrs. E. P. Bushell sang "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound" to the old tune we seldom hear now and it cheered our hearts. Prayer by Mrs. Williams, of Texas, for Foreign Missions.

Introduction of visitors: Dr. D. S. Malehele, Central Africa; Mr. M. A. Ponyane.

Friday—Afternoon Session.

2:00—Song service.

2:10—Devotions by Miss Casen, subject, "Reward."

2:30—Report and address on "Temperance," by Mrs. G.

Johnson, which was discussed by Rev. Anderson (white).

Rev. Christian, Atlanta, Ga., Superintendent Anti-Saloon League: "There are many who say that liquor drinking is like eating pie or chewing gum. Did you ever see a man go home because of too much pie, drive his wife out of doors and his children under the bed? Give a woman twenty-five chews of gum and she can still go about her duties as usual, but give her twenty-five drinks of whiskey and she won't know the husband from the coach house, nor the child from the poodle. Go out and lift them up instead of crushing out. Now is the time when we should be supremely busy and resolute. I believe in six years' time we shall have an all-white map."

Committee on Constitution made their report.

Motion prevailed that the Constitution be adopted by articles. Articles 1 to 10 adopted as read. Article 11 adopted after eliminating "electing by ballot," and electing in the old way; also that the election be held on Friday evening instead of Saturday. Article 20 was voted down.

Reading of journal. Received and adopted.

Address, Mrs. Ferguson, Survey of the field, using our state organizations for world-wide evangelization. "When our Lord and Master tried to interest his disciples in the salvation of others, he bade them 'Look up and behold the field white unto harvest.' He knew that if the disciples did extraordinary deeds they need to have extraordinary visions. We cannot have interest in the things about which we have no knowledge. Therefore, those who are in the lead must be able to furnish the information that may actuate those about us and that our new vision of God's will to have souls saved through his followers, having heard the voice saying that the gospel must first be preached at Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the earth. Out of the command, 'Go ye,' all the institutions of Christianity have come; our schools, boards, missionary societies and all forms of Christian activity have their natal germ in this command. It is of vital importance that our Baptist host seek to recover the ground which for years they have lost by their inactivity. Through our missionary societies, children's bands and other organized departments in the church we are to realize a stronger force that will give a special advantage in the saving of souls and raising up friends for the church."

Address by Miss Lula E. Howell, Mound Bayou, Miss., "How to enlist the interest of non-interested pastors in woman's work." Very often we have pastors not interested in our mission work. Now, if we succeed we must have the interest of the pastor, for the people will usually hear him. We should go into the homes and get members to join our

societies and pay the ten cents per month, and in many ways help lift the debt from the churches.

Address: "How to train our young people for service through Y. W. A. organization," Mrs. Eva M. White, La.

First: In the co-operation secured by organization. What one cannot do, three or a dozen can do.

Second: Find the things that appeal to the young mind and use them as a bait to catch them.

Third: Mix that which is dry and uninviting with that which is fascinating. What is distasteful mix with something palatable. The best medicines are often the bitterest, but their bitterness is often disguised with sweetness.

Fourth: Let the more settled enter into the life and confidence of the young. Do not be too exacting with them. Give them liberty and advocate liberty for them, but teach them not to use that liberty for license.

Fifth: Teach the dignity of service to God; encourage the old to attend their meetings to inspire them. Let the manager be alert and awake to studying out for her society those things that will interest them; appoint the young on committees and let them do the work. Do not do for them what they can do for themselves.

Offering. Adjournment. Music.

Saturday—Morning Session.

"The Social Side of the 'Teen' Age of the Girl," by Mrs. G. W. Raiford. "I have been trying to see if I could make a difference between the social life of the 'teen' boy and the 'teen' girl, but for the life of me I can't. What is the use of guarding the girl's teen age and neglecting that of the boy? Girls cannot be properly reared away from the boys, even though there be no boys in the home. Rear the boys as you rear the girls. Let them grow from childhood in near touch with each other; let them mingle where you can see and correct any mistakes. All cannot be treated alike, for one will take correction easily, while others resent it. Let us do all we can to help the 'teen age' girl to accept the mother's kind correction and caresses, for the time will come when they will see that we are right."

"The Latent Powers Hidden in a Boy," Mrs. Abner Conroe College, Texas. The period of a boy's life is divided as follows: Infancy, from birth to about six, characterized by the most restless, impulsive activity.

Childhood, from six to fourteen; a continuation of infancy marked by less violent but more self-directed physical activity.

Adolescence, from about fourteen to manhood.

Childhood is the period during which the boy is changing from a bundle of instincts to a bundle of habits. Boyhood is the time for changing habits, as adolescence is the time for shaping ideals. This is the era for conscience building as the latter is the era for will training. Now is the time to form strong purposes. There are more failures for lack of deep-seated purposes than there are because of the influence of the surroundings, e. g., Daniel, the king could change his name but not the purpose of his heart. Determination as a latent power lay hidden in them. A man without a decision; a determination can never be said to belong to himself. He belongs to whatever can seize him. Daniel said in his heart: "I will not." There is a priceless opportunity for those who labor among the young to develop these powers.

Mrs. J. B. Beckham, Missouri: "A Better Sabbath Observance." "The original word from which our word sabbath comes means rest and came to be employed to signify rest from worldly employment and the turning of the mind toward spiritual things. The Sabbath was a perpetual covenant between God and Israel forever. To carry this out one must start Monday planning the duties of the six days given us for work so that we may be sure to make allowances for certain duties which must be considered as extra by home-keeper, whose time is taken up the greater part of the week with outside responsibilities. It is true those who are employed in the homes of others cannot in all cases make preparation on Saturday for Sunday, yet even they can do many little things the day before and thus use their influence with their employers that less work be done on Sunday. On Monday morning we shall feel fresher physically and mentally than on any other day because of the rest we have had on Sunday and because we kept it holy. As a race, we think more of making it a day of eating, a day of gluttony and picnicing instead of a holy day. Too many of our professional people are negligent in the observance of the Sabbath. Remember, of him who has much, much is expected. Look well to the influence you are exercising over your associates in professional and social life."

The children's period was very interesting and encouraging toward making them useful workers in the church as they grow older.

Election of officers, at which time the entire corps of the previous year was re-elected.

Short addresses were made by Mrs. L. A. M. Williams, Texas; Mrs. Ford, Indiana; Mrs. Cummings, Texas; Mrs. Over, Colorado; Mrs. Sarah Riley, Georgia; Mrs. Burns, Tennessee; Mrs. Kemp, Charleston, S. C.

Young People's Night.

In charge of Mrs. E. C. Hooper, Chicago, Ill. The young people's night was a great success with Mrs. Hooper in charge, who always brings out the best in our young folks. The music, both vocal and instrumental, was splendid and the addresses, of which there were quite a number, were varied yet helpful to every one. Nearly all of the states were represented, which gave one an opportunity to learn of the talent scattered over the country and possessed by the young people of our race.

2:30, Saturday afternoon Executive Board meeting.

In the evening the usual convention concert, which called forth a packed house.

Sunday—Morning.

10:30, song service by convention choir.

10:50, devotional services were led by Rev. E. D. Hubbard, Mississippi, which were very helpful to all present.

11 a. m., an inspiring and spiritual sermon was delivered by Dr. John H. Frank, Kentucky, Editor Union-Review. This sermon will long remain with those who were present.

Offering, announcements, benediction.

Afternoon Session.

Union Missionary Mass Meeting was held in the elegant auditorium of the Odd Fellows' hall, which was crowded to its capacity. This meeting was one of the most interesting of the season, everything being conducted in order and on time.

Evening Session.

7:30, song service by convention choir. Many beautiful songs were rendered. The choir is to be praised much for its services.

7:45, devotional services were led by Rev. F. F. Young, Indiana, which were very pleasing and helpful.

8:00, a most striking sermon was delivered by Dr. H. M.

Williams, Texas. He held his enthusiastic audience by his manner of delivery.

Music, presentation of officers, offering, final adjournment.

USHERS AND PAGES.

Misses Ella Taylor, Ella Baker, Carrie Taylor, Martha Willis, Lola Carter, Mamie Wimbiish, Josephine Wynn, Rosa Gibson, Idella Hardin, Beatrice Murden, Lizzie Wynn, Mesdames Lizzie Corn, Idella F. Henderson, Lizzie McDuffe, Ada Gosby, S. F. Pattuan, Julia D. Deal, R. M. Reddick, Matilda Gosby, Lucinda Holliday.

Committee on Courtesies: Mesdames Lethia L. Craig, Lucy Ware, Mattie Norris, Lucinda Holliday, Chahey Hughes, G. D. Howard, Mary J. Eberhardt, R. S. Dathon, E. R. Carter, Katie Stocks, Amanda Bowen, Ernest Hall, Hattie Green, M. L. Gleen, Maggie Cooper, Mark Bell, Maud Brown, Laura Houston, Ellen Mathis, Ada Roman, Minnie Banks, Hattie Garrison, B. J. Davis, Emma Sharp, Mary Grant, Marie Butler, Clara Hopkins, Lucy Martin, A. L. Jackson.

Chairman and Secretary of needle-work booth: Mrs. Eva C. Hooper, Illinois; Mrs. L. M. Jones, Texas. These ladies urged every one that visited their booth to buy a piece for themselves or to carry it home to their friends. The work gave much credit to the owners of the different articles, as they all showed much taste and hard work had been put into them.

Temperance Committee—Mrs. C. Johnson, Chairman, Tex.; Mrs. Bessie Whiteside, Indiana; Mrs. M. A. Stephens, Florida; Mrs. Mamie Boyd, Tennessee; Mrs. Annie Lester, Georgia; Mrs. S. E. Williams, South Carolina; Mrs. D. T. H. Cumings, Texas; Mrs. I. M. Williams, Texas; Mrs. J. W. Radford, Texas; Miss E. Haywood, Louisiana; Miss Maggie Wood, Illinois; Mrs. Cordelia Floyd, Tennessee; Mrs. C. D. Early, Georgia; Mrs. S. L. Croley, Miss Susie Taytor, South Carolina; Mrs. Gussie Williams, Mississippi.

Many pledges were made known by the foregoing committee through letters which were read, their pledges being to support and work for the W. C. T. U.

Organization Committee—Miss Willina Ellison, Y. W.

Obituary Committee—Mrs. E. W. Gimble, Louisiana; Mrs. Annie Meehan, Illinois; Mrs. M. Haskum, Texas; Mrs. M. Lucy Martin, Georgia; Mrs. Raine, Mississippi; Mrs. L. Stell, Texas; Mrs. M. A. Taylor, (Ocean Springs), E. Miss., State Convention Mississippi; Mrs. H. P. Brown, Miss.

Home Mission Committee.

Our duty as Christians is to support the work of the Home Mission Board. This statement being made by the following committee:

Mrs. R. H. Boyd, Chairman, Tennessee; Mrs. I. F. Henderson, Georgia; Mrs. Lutie Perry, Secretary, Missouri; Mrs. S. J. Porter, Arkansas; Mrs. M. L. Watson, South Carolina; Mrs. Emma Jones, Kentucky; Mrs. Hattie Brown, Illinois; Mrs. L. A. Garner, Texas; Mrs. S. A. Irvin, Texas; Mrs. P. B. Brown; Mrs. A. L. Henderson, Louisiana.

Foreign Mission Committee.

Mrs. W. A. Over, Colorado, Chairman of Foreign Mission, urged that each member return home to raise the standard for Home and Foreign Missions.

Mrs. M. A. Over, Chairman, Colorado; Mrs. Martha Jones, Kentucky; Mrs. J. M. Haggord, Illinois; Mrs. E. Hill, Tennessee; Mrs. S. A. Kendrick, Texas; Mrs. M. L. Luckie, Secretary, Georgia.

Committee on Literature.

We recommend a more systematic study of the Bible and other Christian literature, namely, guides for missionary societies, Y. W. C. and children's bands. We also recommend that we adopt the Union-Review as our denominational organ and the reading of the Hope. In fact, all literature gotten out by the National Baptist Publishing Board.

(Signed)

Committee—Mrs. L. A. M. Williams, Chairman, Texas; Mrs. Eva M. White, Secretary, Louisiana; Mrs. A. N. Simmons, Texas; Mrs. M. G. Mitchell, Illinois; Mrs. M. Harkum, Texas; Mrs. Mary Oglesby, Indiana.

Recommendation Committee.

Mrs. G. W. Alexander, 1914 Walnut street, Vicksburg, Miss.; Mrs. Lula P. Edington.

Education.

Miss Lula Howell, Mound Bayou, Miss.

The Missionary Society of Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, S. C., sent greetings. It being late in organizing turned in eighty-five cents for Foreign Missions.

Mrs. Alice Jackson, President.
Miss Catherine Jackson, Secretary.

The American Free Mission State Convention, P. T. H. Cummings, President.

General Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Texas.

Mrs. S. Prince, Permanent Organization.
Mrs. J. H. Winn, Constitution.
Mrs. L. M. Jones, Recommendation.
Mrs. L. A. Garner, Home Missions.
Mrs. F. H. Kelley, Constitutions.
Mrs. F. M. Boulden, Education.
Mrs. R. B. Eams, State of Country.
Mrs. T. M. Williams, Temperance.
Mrs. L. A. Kendrick, Foreign Missions.
Mrs. M. McMillen, Young W. Auxiliary.
Mrs. L. Stell, Obituary.

NEEDLE-WORK REPORT.

South Carolina—25 articles.
Missouri—14 articles.
Illinois—15 articles.
Florida—11 articles.
Tennessee—10 articles.
Georgia—3 articles.
Louisiana—1 article.
Texas—3 articles.
Total number: 91 articles.
Cash received from sales, \$22.10.
The largest number of articles came from South Carolina.
Florida was given the honor of exhibiting the neatest work.
Mrs. E. C. Hooper, Chairman.
Mrs. L. M. Jones, Secretary.

Reports.

REPORTS FROM STATES.

Arkansas.

Wrightsville—City Union Church, \$5 representation fee; President, Mrs. G. E. Dennis; recording secretary, L. E. Griggs; corresponding secretary, G. B. Welch; treasurer, C. Hawkins; delegate, Mrs. G. E. Dennis.

Names of officers of District Convention: Mrs. S. J. Porter, president; Mrs. E. B. Russell, vice president; Mrs. G. E. Dennis, recording secretary; Mrs. L. E. Jones, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Frances Gentry, treasurer.

Names of State Convention Officers: Mrs. M. C. Gaines, Little Rock, president; Mrs. Stroger, Helena, vice president; Mrs. Johnson, Argenta, recording secretary; Mrs. Callie Steward, Little Rock, treasurer.

Children's Band, 17; number of Missionary Societies, 50.

W. U. District Association.

\$5.00, Training School.
\$1.00, Foreign Mission Board.
\$1.00, Home Mission Board.
\$1.00, Publishing Board.
\$3.00, Woman's Auxiliary Board.
\$10.00, representation fee.
Delegate, S. J. Porter, 413 Bender St., Little Rock.
Deceased, F. E. H. Ashford.

Little Rock—Report of State Convention.

\$10.00, Training School.
\$1.00, Foreign Mission Board.
\$1.00, Home Mission Board.
\$1.00, Publishing Board.
\$7.00, Woman's Auxiliary Board.
Delegates: Mrs. M. C. Gaines, 1723 Izard Street, Little
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Gock; Mrs. L. E. Jones, 2915 Spring Street; Mrs. M. E. Lockhart, 1708 High street; Mrs. Betty Carter.

South Carolina.

Charleston Missionary Society of Morris Street Baptist Church.

Amount contributed during the year:

\$7.00, Foreign Mission Board.

\$1.88, Home Mission Board.

Amount sent to this convention:

\$2.00, Training School.

\$8.00, Foreign Mission Board.

\$1.00, Home Mission Board.

\$1.00, Panama Zone work.

\$1.00, B. Y. P. U. Board.

\$5.00, representation fee.

Mrs. M. Kemp, president; Mrs. Theresa Curry, secretary; Mrs. Jane Curry, treasurer. Delegate, Mrs. M. Kemp, 23 Morris street.

North Carolina.

Brevard—Missionary Society of Bethel Baptist Church.

Forty members enrolled. \$5 total amount sent in.

Mrs. Francis McFalls, president; Mrs. Bessie Ponder, recording secretary; Mrs. Ethre Mills, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Susie Sharp, treasurer.

Colorado.

Denver—Missionary Society of Zion Baptist Church.

110 members enrolled; 15 missionary societies; \$100 amount contributed to Foreign Mission Board; \$5 to Training School, Nashville, Tenn.; \$5 representation fee.

Mrs. Lillie Moore, president; Mrs. Ramoh, recording secretary; delegates: Rev. David Over and Mrs. M. A. Over, 2356 Humboldt street.

Mrs. Over, president of State Convention.

Florida.

Mariann—Second West Florida District Convention, St. Luke Baptist Church.

Forty members enrolled; \$3 representation fee.

Mrs. Mary Gainer, president; Miss Matilda Samuel, recording secretary; Miss Susie J. Robinson, corresponding secretary.

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tary: Mrs. Mary Dilliams, treasurer. Delegates: Rev. K. D. Britt and Mrs. Mary Gainer.

Jacksonville—Woman's Progressive Baptist State Convention of Florida.

60 local societies; 3 districts; \$20 Foreign Mission Board; amount contributed during the year.

\$250 total amount paid out.

\$5.00, Training School.

\$20.00, representation fee.

Delegates: Miss Idella J. Cason, Mesdames Y. A. Roberts, M. A. Stephens, Rachel Burney.

Names and Addresses of State Convention officers:

President, Miss Idella J. Cason....1737 Van Buren St., Jacksonville.

Vice President, Miss Bessie Arnett Orlando

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. J. Lente.....Bartow

Milton—

8, number of missionary societies.

\$10, representation fee.

Delegate—Mrs. J. E. Herring, Box 65, Milton, Fla.

Names and Addresses of officers of District Convention:

Mrs. J. E. Herring Milton, Fla.

Mrs. Bessie Williams..... Milligan, Fla.

Mrs. Maggie Mincy Munson

Emma McNeil Lakewood

Battie Williams Baker

Georgia.

Atlanta—Friendship Church.

10 members enrolled; \$5 representation fee.

Mrs. Mattie Watts Norris, president; Mrs. Mande Lucky, recording secretary; Mrs. Ethel Roddick, treasurer.

Delegates: Miss Annie Lester, Parson street; Mrs. M. Lucy Martin, 69 Maple street.

Atlanta—Mt. Carmel Church.

20 members enrolled; \$7.50 paid out Home Mission Board; \$5 representation fee.

Mrs. L. L. Davis, president; Miss A. M. Burns, secretary

Delegates: Mrs. Azzielee Jackson and Miss A. M. Burns.

Ochmulgee—

25 members enrolled; 4 organizations in State Convention; 1 missionary society; \$10 total amount sent to this meeting.

Mrs. Catise Carson, president; Miss Aduie, recording secretary.

tary; Miss Mabel Bass, corresponding secretary; Mrs. F. E. Bass, treasurer.

Delegate: Mrs. Vinnie Ward.

Officers of District Convention:

Mrs. L. N. Brown President
Mrs. Martha Calenx Vice President
Mrs. Vinnie Ward Recording Secretary
Mrs. Mabel Bass Corresponding Secretary
Mary Macindon Treasurer

State Convention officers:

Mrs. S. M. Illinois President
Mrs. Annie Washington Vice President
Mrs. H. Miare Recording Secretary
Mrs. S. Demies Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Emma Grimble Treasurer

Abbeville—Ochmulgee District.

\$5 representation fee.

Mrs. Florence Dean, president; Mrs. Dora Kemp, recording secretary. Delegates: Bettie Talton, Abbeville; Sarah Riley, Abbeville.

Sumter—Zion Hope District.

12 members enrolled; 1 missionary society; 4 organizations in State Convention; \$5 representation fee.

Emma Williams, recording and corresponding secretary.

Delegate, Hannah Powell.

Officers of District Convention: Hannah Powell, L. C. Lourie, Emma Williams.

Atlanta—Liberty Church.

50 members in Missionary Society.

\$5.00, Foreign Mission Board.

\$10.00, Home Mission Board.

\$33.20, Publishing Board.

\$53.20, disbursements for the year.

\$2.00, Training School.

\$1.00, Home Mission Board.

\$2.00, Foreign Mission Board.

\$1.00, Publishing Board.

\$1.00, Woman's Auxiliary Board.

\$3.00, representation fee.

\$10.00, total amount sent into this meeting.

Mrs. L. L. Craig, president; Miss Ida Griffin, recording secretary; Mrs. L. E. Grier, treasurer.

Delegates: Mesdames I. F. Henderson, H. E. Garrison and L. A. Clowers.

Atlanta—Friendship Foreign Mission Club.

35 members in Missionary Society; \$10 representation fee.

Mrs. Maude Suckie, president; Mrs. Pearl Smith, recording secretary; Mrs. Amanda Bowen, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Hattie Daniel, treasurer. Delegates: Mesdames Suckie, Amanda Bowen, Daisy Early, Hattie Daniel.

Illinois.

Chicago—Ebenezer Baptist Missionary Circle.

157 members in Missionary Circle.

1 League.

\$46.50, Foreign Mission Board.

\$182.30, Home Mission Board.

\$612.72, Publishing Board (total collected).

\$572.40, total amount paid out during year.

\$5.00, Training School.

\$5.00, Foreign Mission Board.

\$5.00, Panama Zone work.

\$5.00, representation fee.

\$20.00, total amount sent in to this meeting.

Mrs. Sallie B. Thomas, president; Mrs. Anna W. Hall, recording secretary; Mrs. Lula Edgington, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Laura Smith, treasurer.

Delegates: Mrs. Sallie B. Thomas, 3629 Vernon avenue; Mrs. Martha Smith, Ella Mack, Rhoda Warren.

Deceased: Mary Smith, Mary Caldwell, Julia Pettis, Frances Madison, Mary J. Gray, Elizabeth Williams.

Centralia—Central Church.

\$5.00, total amount sent to Convention; \$20, total amount paid out during the year.

Mrs. E. M. Long, president; Mrs. Gurtie Edwards, secretary. Delegate: Mrs. E. M. Long, 519 Howard street.

Chicago—Ebenezer Church Mother's Union.

124 members enrolled.

\$18.85 contributed to Foreign Mission Board.

\$67.00 contributed to Home Mission Board.

\$2.00 contributed to National Baptist Theological Seminary.

and Training School.

\$1.00 sent to this convention for Foreign Mission Board.

\$1.00 sent to this convention for Home Mission Board.

\$1.00 sent to this convention for Panama work.

\$5.00 sent to this convention for representation fee.

Mrs. M. I. Mitchell, president; Mrs. J. L. Crawford, recording secretary; Mrs. Lizzie Caruthers, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Anna Jones, treasurer. Delegate, Mrs. M. I. Mit-

chell. Deceased: Mr. Joseph Criss, Mrs. Sarah Allison, Lucy McKee.

Aurora—North Wood River District Convention.

\$20.00 contributed for Foreign Mission Board.

\$7.50 contributed for Home Mission Board.

\$15.00 sent to this convention for Training School.

\$20.00 sent to this convention for Foreign Mission Board.

\$10.00 sent to this convention for representation fee.

Names of officers of District Convention: Daisy Russell, president; S. L. M. Frances, vice president; Mrs. Blasingame, recording secretary; Susie Haygood, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Sarah Baldrige, treasurer.

Delegates: Daisy Russell, 570 Benton street; Susie Haygood, Chicago, Ill.

Chicago—Original Providence Baptist North Wood River District Convention.

\$10.00 contributed during the year for Foreign Mission Board.

\$50.00 contributed during the year for Home Mission Board.

\$5.00 contributed during the year for Panama Zone work.

\$5.00 representation fee.

Delegate, Dr. B. J. Prince.

General Missionary Baptist Association of Illinois.

14, number of organizations in State Convention.

\$178.79, total amount sent to this convention.

\$25.00 contributed during year for Home Mission Board.

\$10.44 contributed during year for Panama Zone work.

\$5.00 contributed during year for Training School.

Delegates: Mrs. Bettie Wilkerson, Mt. Vernon; Mrs. Annie Michaux, Dewmaine; Mrs. Reana Miller, Dewmaine; Mrs. Mattie Curenton, Dewmaine; Mrs. Emma Long, Centralia; Mrs. Thurkiel.

Names of State Convention Officers—

Mrs. Bettie Wilkerson, President.

Mrs. Eva Hooper, Vice President.

Mrs. Anna Michaux, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. M. B. Taylor, Colporteur and Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Willie Greer, Colporteur and Treasurer.

Deceased, Mrs. D. H. Hamilton, Corresponding Secretary.

Chicago Vicinity—Woman's Baptist Congress.

80 members enrolled in Missionary Society.

\$5.00 representation fee.

\$80.00 contributed during year for Foreign Mission Board.

\$300.00 contributed during year for Home Mission Board.

\$25.00 contributed during year for Woman's Auxiliary

\$5.00 representation fee.

Mrs. Eva C. Hooper, president; Mrs. E. Bell, recording secretary; Mrs. Lillian Heywood, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Battie Chairs, treasurer.

Names of District Convention Officers: Mesdames Daisy Russell, president; Mrs. Francis, vice president.

Delegates: Mesdames Eva C. Hooper and Lillian Heywood.

Chicago—Salem Baptist Church.

35 enrolled in Missionary Society.

1 District Circle.

\$1.00 contributed during year for Foreign Mission Board.

\$1.00 contributed during year for Home Mission Board.

\$1.00 contributed for Panama Zone work.

\$3.00 sent to this convention for Training School.

\$2.00 sent to this convention for Foreign Mission Board.

\$1.00 sent to this convention for Home Mission Board.

\$1.00 contributed during year for Panama Zone work.

\$5.00 sent to this convention for representation fee.

Mrs. Lillian Heywood, President.

Mrs. Gladys Walters, Recording Sec'y.

Daisy Jordan, Corresponding Secretary.

Letitia Turner, Treasurer.

Delegates: Mesdames Lillian Heywood, Nannie Ross and Annie Owens.

Names of District Convention Officers: Mesdames Daisy Russell, Wilkerson, Blasingale and L. Haggard.

Chicago—Young Women's League of Salem Baptist Church.

\$520.00 collected from all sources.

\$1.00, Foreign Mission Board.

\$1.50, Home Mission Board.

\$2.00 sent for Training School.

\$1.00 sent for Foreign Mission Board.

\$1.00 sent for Home Mission Board.

\$5.00, representation fee.

President, Mrs. N. Ross, 151 W. 30th St., Chicago, Ill.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. M. Johnson, 2943 LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.

Treasurer, Mrs. Josie Thompson.

Delegates: Mrs. N. Ross, L. Heywood and A. Owens.

Dewmaine, Ill.—Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

\$1.00 contributed for Home and Foreign Missions.

\$1.30 contributed for National Baptist Training School.

\$5.00 amount sent to this convention.

Mrs. Ibbey Bowers, President.

Mrs. Nancy Brooks, Recording Secretary.

— Williams, Treasurer.

District Convention Officers: Mesdames M. J. O'Connor,

Katie Brown, Vins Frison, Ruth Rolley, Bettie Phillips.

State Convention Officers: Mesdames Bettie Wilkerson, Eva Hooper, Annie Michaux, Maggie Taylor, Willie Greer. Delegates: Mrs. Bertha Smith, Mrs. Hattie Brown. Deceased, Delia Hamilton.

Indiana.

Indianapolis—Ebenezer Missionary Society.

48 number enrolled.
\$5.00 representation fee.
Mrs. M. E. Oglesby, president; Mrs. Estella Vaughn, recording secretary. Delegate, Mrs. M. E. Oglesby.

Marion County Union.

17 members missionary society.
\$16.00 for Home Mission Board.
\$5.00 representation fee.
President, Mrs. B. Whiteside; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Alice White. Delegate, Mrs. Bessie Whiteside. Deceased, Mrs. Anna Minor and Mrs. R. Wilson.

Kentucky.

Louisville—Fifth Street Baptist Church.

\$2.00, representation fee.
Delegate, Dr. J. Frank.

Danville—First Baptist Church.

73 enrolled in Missionary Society.
18 Children's Bands.
\$2.50, National Woman's Training School, Washington, D.

\$1.00, Foreign Mission Board.
\$1.50, Woman's Auxiliary Board.
Miss Maggie E. Jones, President.
Miss Eliza Rowe, Recording Secretary.
Miss Martha H. Jones, Treasurer.
Delegates: Mrs. Ella B. Wood, Danville; Mrs. Martha H. Jones, Danville.

State Convention Officers: Mrs. Ella B. Woods, Danville; Mrs. Della Price, Mrs. L. A. Brent, Hopkinsville; Mrs. Mary V. Parrish, Mrs. Mary E. Hampton.

Paducah—Seventh Street Baptist Church.

45 members in Missionary Society.
25 Young Women's League.
30 Children's Band.
\$5.00, representation fee.
Mrs. Emma O. Jones, President.
Mrs. Celia Rodgers, Recording Secretary.
Miss Alice Reynolds, Corresponding Secretary.
Mrs. Mattie Armstrong, Treasurer.

Delegates: Mrs. Emma O. Jones, 920 Washington St.; Miss Leona Martin, 920 Washington street.

District Convention Officer: Mrs. Mattie Armstrong, Treasurer.

Washington Street Women's League.

50 members. \$5 representation fee.
Mrs. C. M. Smith, president; Miss Lula Leigh, recording secretary; Mrs. M. E. Edwards, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Sallie Toles, treasurer.

Delegate, Mrs. C. M. Smith, 725 Washington Street.

Louisiana.

New Orleans—Louisiana State Convention.

\$18.45 contributed to Foreign Mission Board.
\$20.00, total collected from all sources.
Delegates: Mesdames S. W. Keigler, F. H. Lewis, E. W. Trimble, E. W. White, H. Williams, A. L. Henderson, M. Fortier, M. T. Wells.
State Convention Officers: Mesdames M. T. Wells, H. Williams, F. H. Lewis, M. C. Forner, E. Grumble.

Missouri.

St. Joseph—Frances Street Baptist Church, Mt. Zion District.

40 members in Missionary Society.
20 members in Young Women's League.
25 members in Children's Band.
\$5.00 representation fee.
\$12.63 contributed for Woman's Auxiliary Board.
Mrs. Lutie Duncan, President.
Mrs. Lutie Perry, Recording Secretary.
Delegate, Mrs. Lutie Perry.
Deceased, Mrs. Ruth Alexander and Mary Wyne.
Mrs. Mary Corporal, Treasurer.

BOARD MEMBERS.

Kentucky.

Vice President Mrs. Ella B. Wood
Executive Board Mrs. Ethel T. Drake
Trustee Mrs. Della Price
Superintendent Children's Band Mrs. V. S. Smith

National Baptist Conven

South Carolina.

Vice President Mrs. M. Kemp
 Executive Board Member Mrs. M. M. Gilmore
 Superintendent Children's Band Mrs. Humphries
 Trustee of Training School Mrs. A. Raiford

Texas Free Mission Convention.

Vice President Mrs. D. T. H. Cummings
 Executive Board Member Mrs. J. C. Calhoun
 Superintendent Children's Band Mrs. Josie T. Johnson
 Trustee of Training School Mrs. J. W. Rayford

Tennessee.

Vice President Mrs. D. A. E. Ferguson
 Executive Board Member Miss L. U. Chambers
 Superintendent Children's Band Mrs. H. M. Burns
 Trustee Training School Mrs. J. L. Harding

Colorado.

Vice President Mrs. M. A. Over
 Executive Board Member Mrs. Callie Nicholas
 Superintendent Children's Band Mrs. Samaria Owen
 Trustee of Training School Mrs. J. W. Williams

Progressive State Convention of Mississippi.

Vice President Mrs. G. W. Alexander
 Executive Board Member Mrs. P. E. Brown
 Superintendent Children's Band Miss Gussine Williams
 Trustee of Training School Mrs. L. A. Crawley

Arkansas.

Vice President Mrs. M. C. Gaines
 Executive Board Member Mrs. S. J. Porter
 Supt. Children's Band Mrs. Bettie Carter England
 Trustee of Training School Mrs. L. E. Jones
 Needle Work Mrs. Georgia Steward
 Advisory Board Mrs. Mary Hill

Oklahoma.

Vice President Mrs. J. Jackson
 Executive Board Member Mrs. I. W. Cunningham

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Superintendent Children's Band Mrs. S. S. Jones
 Advisory Board

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Vice President Mrs. L. V. Alexander

Missouri.

Vice President Mrs. J. B. Beckham
 Executive Board Member Mrs. E. J. Martin
 Superintendent of Children's Band Mrs. G. L. Prince
 Trustee of Training School Mrs. Lutie Dunkin
 Advisory Board Miss Lillie E. Loving

General Convention Texas.

Vice President Mrs. S. Prince
 Executive Board Member Mrs. J. H. Winn
 Superintendent Children's Band Mrs. I. H. Kelley
 Trustee of Training School Mrs. L. M. Jones
 Advisory Board

The Baptist Convention.

Vice President Mrs. L. A. Williams
 Executive Board Member Mrs. S. E. Atkinson
 Trustee of Training School Mrs. C. Johnson
 Superintendent of Children's Band

Georgia.

Vice President Mrs. E. M. Ballou
 Executive Board Member
 Trustee of Training School
 Trustee of Training School
 Superintendent of Children's Band

Florida.

Vice President Miss I. J. Casen
 Executive Board Member
 Trustee of Training School
 Superintendent of Children's Band

Ohio.

Vice President Mrs. Helen Adams Moore
 Executive Board Member

Trustee of Training School
 Superintendent of Children's Band

Illinois.

Vice President Mrs. Bettie Wilkerson
 Executive Board Member Mrs. S. B. Thomas
 Trustee of Training School Mrs. Eva C. Hooper
 Superintendent of Children's Band

Indiana.

Vice President Mrs. E. J. K. Hines
 Executive Board Member Mrs. Corida Ford
 Trustee Training School
 Superintendent of Children's Band

Friendship Baptist Church—Delegates Emma Leroy and
 Jesse Holmes, Atlanta, Ga., \$5.00.

Francis St. Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mo.—Dele-
 gates, Lutie Perry, \$5.00.

Washington Baptist Association, Milton, Fla.—Delegate,
 Mrs. J. E. Herring, \$10.00.

Mt. Zion District General Convention, Texas—Delegate,
 Mrs. L. M. Jones, \$10.00.

Second Baptist Church, San Antonio—Delegate, I. H.
 Kelley, \$5.00.

Shiloh District Association, Mo.—Delegate, Mrs. E. G.
 Wastin, \$10.00.

Mt. Hope, Abbeville, Ga.—Delegates, Bettie Talton,
 Sarah Riley, \$5.00.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Dewmaine, Ill.—Delegates,
 Bertha Smith, Hattie Brown, \$5.00.

Mother's Union of Ebenezer Baptist Church—Delegate,
 M. T. Mitchell, Chicago, Ill., \$8.00.

Eastman F. M. B.—Delegates, Mrs. F. C. Calhoun, Box
 382 Houston, Texas, Mrs. J. N. Radford, 291 F Avenue, St.,
 Galveston, Texas, \$10.00.

Central District Convention Baptist—Delegates, Susie E.
 Atkins, 2301 Davis St., Houston, Texas, Mrs. C. L. Johnson,
 Conroe, Texas, \$10.00.

Woman's Progressive State Convention, Florida—Dele-
 gates, Mrs. Y. A. Roberts, Mrs. M. A. Stephens, Mrs. Rachel
 Burney, I. J. Cason, 1737 Van Buren St., Jacksonville, Fla.,
 \$25.00.

Louisiana—Delegates, Mrs. S. W. Kaigler, Mrs. F. H.
 Lewis, Mrs. E. W. Grimble, Mrs. E. W. White, Mrs. H. Wil-

liams, Mrs. A. L. Henderson, Mrs. M. Forester, M. T. C.
 Wells, \$20.00.

Indianapolis, Ind., Marion County—Delegates, Mrs. Res-
 sie Whitesides, \$2.00.

Indianapolis, Ind., Ebenezer Church—Delegate, Mrs. M.
 E. Oglesby, \$5.00.

Port Lavaca, Texas, Western District Free Mission Con-
 vention—Delegate, Mrs. M. Haskum, \$10.00.

Fort Worth, Texas, North District Convention—Dele-
 gate, Mrs. L. A. Garner, 1609 Wyne St., Ft. Worth, Texas,
 \$10.00.

Atlanta, Ga., Friendship Church—Delegates, Mrs. Annie
 Lester, Mrs. Lucy Martin, 69 Maple St., \$5.00.

Little Rock, Arkansas District Convention—Delegate,
 Mrs. S. J. Porter, 413 Bender St., L. R. K., \$10.00.

Little Rock, Arkansas State Convention—Delegates, Mrs.
 C. Gaines, 1723 Izard St., L. E. Jones, M. E. Lockhart, Bet-
 tie Carter, \$20.00.

Houston, Texas District Convention—Delegates, Mrs. E.
 Wheeler Abner, Conroe, Texas, Mrs. V. Mae Alford, Hous-
 ton, Texas, Mrs. L. A. M. Williams, Houston, Texas, \$20.00.

Eastman, Ga., Free Gift District Convention Okmulgee
 —Delegate, Mrs. Vinnie Ward, Eastman, Ga., R. 2,
 Box B 33, \$10.00.

Kansas City, Mo., District Convention Shiloh—Delegate,
 Mrs. E. G. Martin, 2915 Harrison St., \$10.00.

Danville, Ky., First Baptist Church—Mrs. Ella B. Woods,
 Mrs. Martha H. Jones, \$5.00.

St. John Land Mark District Convention, Elgin, Texas—
 Mrs. J. H. Winn, 1008 E. 3rd St., \$10.00.

Lincoln Texas District Convention—Mrs. T. M. William,
 R. 1, Box 144, Jones Prairie, Texas, \$10.00.

South Carolina—Mrs. Alice Williams.

Atlanta, Ga., Liberty Church District Convention, Mrs.
 I. F. Henderson, Mrs. H. E. Garrison, Mrs. L. A. Clowers,
 \$10.00.

Chicago, Ill., Young Women's League of Salem Baptist
 Church—Delegates, Mrs. Nannie Ross, L. Haywood, A.
 Owens, \$9.00.

Salem Baptist Church—Delegates, Mrs. L. Heywood, Nan-
 nie Ross, Mrs. Annie Owens, \$12.00.

Original Providence Baptist Church, Chicago—Delegate,
 Rev. B. J. Prince, \$5.00.

Atlanta, Ga., Friendship Baptist Foreign Mission Club—
 Delegates, Mrs. Maude Luckee, Mrs. Amanda Bowen, Daisy
 Early, Hattie Daniel, \$10.00.

Paducah, Ky., Washington Street Church—Delegate, Mrs.
 Clara Smith, \$5.00.

Paducah, Ky., Seventh Street Baptist Church—Delegates, Mrs. Emma O. Jones, Miss Leona Martin, \$5.00.
 Chicago, Ill., Friendship Baptist Church—Delegates, Mrs. Jesse M. Marsh, Mrs. Clara Little, \$5.00.
 Centralia, Ill., Central Baptist Church—Delegate, Mrs. E. M. Long, \$5.00.
 Chicago, Ill., Ebenezer Baptist Missionary Circle—Delegates, Mrs. Sallie B. Thomas, Mrs. Martha Smith, Mrs. Ella Mack, Mrs. Rhoda Warren, \$20.00.
 Briard, N. C., Shady Grove, Children's Band, Mud Creek District Convention—Delegate, Mrs. Harriet Irvin, 80c.
 Stone River Tennessee Association—Delegates, Mrs. J. L. Harding, Mrs. J. B. Batson, Miss L. U. Chambers, \$10.00.
 Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.—Delegates, Mrs. R. H. Boyd, Mrs. Mamie Boyd, Mrs. H. A. Boyd, \$5.00.
 State Convention of Tennessee—Delegates, Mrs. D. A. Ferguson, Miss L. U. Chambers, \$21.00.
 Charleston, S. C.—Morris Street Baptist Church—Delegate, Mrs. M. Kemp, \$18.00.
 General Missionary Baptist Association, Illinois—Delegates, Mrs. Bettie Wilkerson, Mrs. Annie Michaux, Mrs. Reana Miller, Maltie Cureington, Emma Long, Mrs. Thurkeil, \$25.00.
 Independence, Mo., Second Baptist Church—Delegates, Mrs. J. B. Beckham, \$5.00.
 Second Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio—Delegates, Mrs. Helen Adams Moore, \$5.00.
 Zion Baptist Church, Denver, Colo.—Delegates, Rev. Davis Over, Mrs. M. A. Over, \$10.00.
 Progressive Church, Vicksburg, Miss.—Delegates, Mrs. B. B. Brown, Mrs. S. L. Crowley, \$7.00.
 New Prospect Auxiliary, Poplarville, Miss., Delegate, M. L. Raine, \$11.50.
 Houston, Texas, St. John Church, Lincoln D. C.—Delegate, Mrs. C. H. McMiller, \$5.00.
 Texas Twentieth Century Wharton, Texas—Delegate, A. N. Simmons, \$10.00.
 Bethel Baptist Church, Brevard, N. C.—Delegates, Ether Mills, Susie Sharp, \$5.00.
 Zion Hope Church, Sumpter, Ga.—Delegate Hannah Powell, \$5.00.
 Chicago, Ill., W. Baptist Congress—Delegate, Mrs. Eva Hooper, Lillian Heywood, \$5.00.
 Vicksburg, Miss., Mt. Herdon Church—Delegates, Mrs. M. J. Rucker, Mrs. Lillie Dawson, \$5.00.
 Marianna, Fla., St. Luke Second, West Fla.—Delegates, Mrs. Mary Gainer, Rev. K. D. Britt, \$5.00.

Atlanta, Ga., Mt. Carmel Missionary Circle—Delegates, Mrs. Azzelee Jackson, Miss A. M. Burns, \$5.00.
 Aurora, Ill., North Wood River D. C.—Delegates, Mrs. Daisy Russell, Mrs. Susie Hagard, \$45.00.
 Arkansas, Wrightsville City Union of Arkansas—Delegate, Mrs. G. E. Dennis, \$5.00.
 Louisville, Ky., Fifth Baptist Church—Delegate, Dr. John H. Frank, \$2.00.
 Committee:

M. E. OGLESBY, Ch.
 MRS. J. B. BECKHAM.
 LULA V. ROSS,
 F. H. LEWIS.

Mississippi.

Vicksburg—Mt. Herdon Church Missionary Society. 22 members enrolled. 10 members Young Women's League. 1 Missionary Society in District Convention. 1 Missionary Circle in District Convention. 1 Young Women's League. 5 Organizations in State Convention. \$5.00 representation fee. Mamie Rucker, President. Lily Dawson, Recording Secretary. Saramah Williams, Corresponding Secretary. Sarah Wills, Treasurer.

Officers of District Convention: Mrs. G. W. Alexander, President; Mrs. M. J. Rucker, Treasurer.

Officers of State Convention: Mrs. G. W. Alexander, President; Mrs. L. Miller, Vice President; Mrs. Lula E. Howell, Recording Secretary; Miss Ruth Keith, Corresponding Secretary; M. J. Rucker, Treasurer.

Delegates: M. J. Rucker, Lilly Dawson.
 Poplarville—New Prospect District, Auxiliary S. J. T. 25 number of members in Children's Band. \$1.00 contributed during year for Training School. \$10.00 representation fee. Mrs. Rosa Dailey, President. Mrs. Fannie John, Recording Secretary.

Delegate—M. L. Raine. Bible Band 25.
 Officers of District Convention—M. L. Raine, Anna Bender, Alice Reid, C. D. Smart, Rosa Dailey. Deceased, M. L. Currie, Mary Weatherbe, Harriet Howell, M. Jackson, I. Walker.

Vicksburg Missionary Society of the Progressive Baptist Church: 25 members in Missionary Society. 15 members in Young Women's League. 30 members in Children's Band. 5 members of organization in State Convention.

\$2.00 contributed for Foreign Mission Board. \$10.00 contributed for Training School. \$10.00 amount sent to Convention for Training School. \$1.00 sent to Convention for representation fee. Mrs. Sarah Brown, President. Mrs. Gussie Williams, Recording Secretary, Mrs. Katie Clinton, Treasurer.

Delegates—Mrs. B. G. Brown, Mrs. S. L. Crowley.

Officers of District Convention—Mrs. G. W. Alexander, President; Mrs. S. E. Miller, Vice President; Mrs. H. G. Pipes, Recording Secretary; Mrs. M. J. Rucker, Treasurer.

Officers of State Convention—Mrs. G. W. Alexander, President; Mrs. S. E. Miller, Vice President; Mrs. H. Y. Pipes, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Ruth Keith, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. M. J. Rucker, Treasurer.

Missouri.

Kansas City—Shiloh Baptist Church Missionary Society—7 members in Missionary Society. \$30.00 contributed during year for Home Mission Board. \$10.00 representation fee.

Delegate—Mrs. E. G. Martin, 2915 Harrison Street.

Officers of District Convention—Mrs. E. G. Martin, President; Mrs. M. A. Moore, Vice President; Mrs. S. Laynes, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Dora Young, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. J. E. Glover, Treasurer.

Ohio.

Columbus—Missionary Society of Second Baptist Church. 50 members in Missionary Society. \$5.00 representation fee. Mrs. Helen Adams Moore, President; Mrs. Bessie Byrd, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Sarah Jenkins, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Alice Miner, Treasurer.

Delegate—Mrs. Helen Adams Moore, 229 N. 17th Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Tennessee.

Nashville—Mt. Olive Baptist Church. \$5.00 representation fee. Mrs. E. Wilder, 915 12th Ave., N., President; Mrs. Ollie Cook, 1610 State Street, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Mary Pride, Treasurer.

Delegates—Mrs. R. H. Boyd, 1602 Heiman St.; Mrs. Mamie Boyd, 1502 14th Avenue, N.; Mrs. H. A. Boyd, 1601 Harding Street.

\$1.00, amount sent to Convention Foreign Mission Board. \$20.00 Representation fee.

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Delegates: Mrs. D. A. Ferguson, President, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Miss L. U. Chambers, Nashville, Tenn.

Officers of State Convention—Mrs. D. A. Ferguson, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Mrs. J. B. Bolden, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Eliza Wilder, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. J. L. Harding, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Nancy Brown.

Texas.

Port Lavaca—West District Mission: \$3.00 Training School. \$3.00 Foreign Mission Board. \$2.00 Home Mission Board. \$2.00 Publishing Board. \$10.00 representation fee.

Delegates—Mrs. M. Harkum, President; Mrs. M. Dennis, Vice President; Mrs. L. A. Charlston, Recording Secretary; Miss R. L. Hubbard, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. J. Allen, Treasurer.

Wharton—Twentieth Century. 18 members in Missionary Society. \$5.00 contributed during year for Foreign Mission Board. \$10.00 amount sent to Convention.

Delegate—A. N. Simmons, Egypt, Texas.

District Convention officers—A. N. Simmons, President; N. A. Anderson, Vice President; Katie Ray, Recording Secretary; N. E. Davis, Corresponding Secretary; Marid Jones, Treasurer.

San Antonio Missionary Society of Second Baptist Church—115 members in Missionary Society. 110 members in Children's Band. \$20.75 contributed during year for Foreign Mission Board. \$7.75 contributed during year for Home Mission Board. \$55.00 contributed during year for Woman's Auxiliary Board. \$6.50 contributed during year for Superintendent Teacher Training. \$1.00 amount sent for Training School. \$5.00 amount sent for representation fee. Mrs. E. D. R. Johnson, President. Mrs. S. E. Johnson, Recording Secretary. H. Keyendall, Corresponding Secretary. Emma Blackston, Treasurer.

Delegate—I. H. Kelly, 129 Cactus Street, San Antonio.

Deceased—Maria Johnson, Bro. F. Lankford.

San Antonio—General Second Baptist Church. 50 contributed during year for Foreign Mission Board. 50 contributed during year for Home Mission Board. 1,000 contributed during year for Woman's Auxiliary Board. \$2.50 representation fee. President, Margaret Williams; Recording Secretary, Fred Watson; Corresponding Secretary, Clarence Walton; Treasurer, Mary Ellen Kelley.

Delegate, I. H. Kelley.

Houston—Missionary Society of St. John's Church.

32 Members in Society. 26 members in Y. W. A. 39 members in Children's Band. \$5.00 representation fee. Mrs. C. H. McMiller, President. Mrs. M. J. Robinson, Recording Secretary. Mrs. Fare, Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. E. Field, Treasurer.

Delegate—C. H. McMiller, 1508 Dowling.

Houston—Eastern I. M. B. 22 Missionary Societies in District Convention. 1 Y. W. A. in District Convention. 18 Children's Bands in District Convention. \$24.00 contributed during year for Foreign Mission Board. \$15.00 contributed during year for Home Mission Board. \$10.00 representation fee.

Officers of District Convention—Mrs. F. C. Calhoun, President; Mrs. A. Randon, Vice President; Mrs. Shilo Wishton, Recording Secretary; Mrs. H. F. Hindrick, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. M. C. Howard, Treasurer.

Delegates—Mrs. F. C. Calhoun, P. O. Box, 382 Houston; Mrs. J. W. Odford, 291 Fifth Avenue, Galveston, Texas. Houston—Baptist Church of Texas. 5 organizations in State Convention. \$20.00 representation fee.

Delegates—Mrs. E. Wheeler Abner, Conroe, Texas. Mrs. V. MacAlford, Houston, Texas. Mrs. L. A. M. Williams, Houston, Texas.

State Convention Officers: Mrs. R. L. Williams, President; Mrs. M. A. Hall, Vice President; Mrs. M. V. Judkins, Recording Secretary; Mrs. C. M. Dawney, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. A. N. Simmons, Treasurer.

St. John Land Mark District—\$10.00 collected from all sources.

Delegate—Mrs. J. H. Winn, 1008 E. Third Street.

Officers of District Convention—Mrs. J. H. Winn, President; Mrs. Jane Taylor, Vice President; Mrs. Jessie Mae Hill, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Jessie Mae Hill, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Addie James, Treasurer.

Second Baptist Church—San Antonio, Texas. Guadalupe District Convention General. Contributed during year Foreign Mission Board, \$50.00 Home Mission Board, \$50.00, Woman's Auxiliary Board \$10.00. Representation fee, \$2.50. Total Amount sent \$2.50. J. H. Kelley, Pastor. Marguerite Williams, President; Fred Watson, Recording Secretary; Clarence Walton, Corresponding; Mary Ellen Kelley, Treasury.

Delegate—I. H. Kelley.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Moved and carried that President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Recording Secretary and Vice President be given power to borrow money when needed.

Moved by Mrs. Wynn of Texas, seconded by Mrs. Atkinson, Texas.

Moved and adopted that all pledges be published in minutes.

Dr. Prince, Chairman, Educational Board, Missouri, made a talk on the Training School at Nashville, Tenn., urging immediate payment of pledges.

Moved by Mrs. Hooper, Illinois, that \$10,000 be raised by this convention for the Training School to be raised in five years, seconded by Mrs. Wynn. Adopted by Board.

Moved that \$5.00 a month be paid for using a column in the Union-Review and that they be paid \$20.00 for past services.

That Miss Cason of Florida be made a Field worker and that authority from the Board be given the Directors and Presidents of States to do field work unhampered.

Moved and unanimously carried that Mrs. R. H. Boyd be appointed a member of the Board.

Delegates.

Delegates, 113.
Conventions, 8.
Associations, 16.
Local Boards, 23.
Children's Boards, 1.

PRESIDENT'S TOUR.

<i>Receipts.</i>	
Charleston, S. C., Mrs. Kemp's Miss. So.	\$ 11 27
Columbus, Ohio	20 53
Pittsburg, Pa.	24 35
Illinois	
Individuals	2 43
Mrs. Wilkerson paid in	1 25
From Bodies	30 80
For Training School	25 50
Indiana	6 00
Indianapolis	6 00
Virginia	102 63
Advanced by Convention for Office work	35 00
Sale of Guides, Mrs. Morton, Pa.	3 00
Illinois	3 00

Total R.	\$ 143 68
Total Expenses	247 09
Balance due President	\$ 103 91

Expenses.

For Travel	
Columbus Trip	15 23
Pittsburg	16 64
Carbondale, Ill.	16 63
Nashville	11 55
Indianapolis	6 55
Charleston, S. C.	16 93
New York	20 60
Boston	11 41
Lynchburg, Va.	15 50
Franklin, Va.	6 00
Suffolk to Chicago	24 00
Bloomington	8 00
Letter heads	6 50
Envelopes and Letters	15 50
Stamps	15 00
Services—Office Work	3 50
Expense to and in Atlanta	38 00
Total	\$ 247 59

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Kansas City, Mo., September, 1916.
Atlanta, Ga., September 8, 1917.

Disbursements.

To President for office work	\$ 35 00
To Recording Sec. for services	35 00
To Corresponding Sec. for office work	65 00
To President as donation	5 00
To Vice President for services	2 50
To Mrs. S. Prince as Donation	5 00
To Finance Committee for services	9 00
To Ushers for services	6 00
To Assistant Secretary for services	2 00
For use of church	5 00
To Enrollment Committee for services	11 00
To Mrs. O. S. Bonds for services	50

Total Disbursements	\$ 181 00
Balance on hand	\$ 43 41
Collected by Corresponding Secretary	\$ 680 16
Brought forward	43 41

In Treasury	\$ 703 57
Disbursements by Corresponding Secretary	\$ 405 98
Amount due on acct.	644 53

EMMA W. GRIMBLE, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I hereunto sign my name that the reports of the Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and President to the Convention were carefully tabulated and correctly reckoned.
ELLA WHEELER ABNER.

Total amount brought forward, Treas.	\$ 43 41
Total amount cash on hand Sec.	45 57
Total amount cash expended during year	405 98
Total amount due on accts.	644 03
(Sec. salary included)	
Total amount certified checks on hand—	
Foreign Mission	30 50
National Training School	103 11
Representative Fees	75 00
Total cash on hand	\$ 297 59

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Raised by Corresponding Secretary during year	\$ 578 41
B. M. 200.00—778.41.	
Treasurer	43 41
Finance committee of the Convention	586 73
Total	\$1208 55

Disbursements.

Training School	\$ 247 21
Foreign Mission	76 50
Home Mission Board	5 00
B. Y. P. U. Board	5 00
Panama Zone work	9 00
Mrs. Bushell	30 00
Mrs. Moore	55 00
Mrs. Dennis	10 00
Mrs. Washington	10 00
Mrs. Abner	5 00
Mrs. Grimble	10 00
Union-Review	20 00
Programmes	7 80
Printing Journals Cash	9 50
Credit on lit. acct.	25 50

Express on 100 song books	2 00
Express B. and P. A. S. Exhibits	1 51
For help Ex. check Telegrams	1 24
Hauling, trunks, tacks, paste, trans.	2 25
Liberty Baptist Church	2 00
Supplies for Convention	7 25
Printing for Convention	111 20
Cuts, Training School	1 83
100 Song Books	12 00
Banner and Pennant	11 75
American National Bank	200 00
Mrs. Prince	50
Mrs. Russell	50
Foreign Mission Lit.	4 50
Mrs. Bushell, Chorister	30 00
President's expenses	109 91
Mrs. Daisy Alex, Atlanta, Ga., for selling pictures	2 50
Mrs. Daisy Alex, Atlanta, Ga., for annual membership	1 00
Balance left on Secretary's salary	86 42

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY AND EXECUTIVE BOARD.

It is with devout thanksgiving to God, that we are able to submit this the seventeenth annual report of the Corresponding Secretary and Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary National Baptist Convention, unincorporated.

While this is the seventeenth annual report, it is the first annual report of the present Corresponding Secretary as is the case with practically all our corps of officers. Legally speaking, this is the same Convention that was organized seventeen years ago as an Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention. We are operating under the same Constitution, but as to the personnel of the official corps we are almost entirely new. Therefore, if some of us appear a little awkward in the performance of our task, it might be charged to our lack of experience in handling an organization of such magnitude.

We began the year's work in a situation full of difficulties. Owing to the denominational war that was going on through the newspapers, the common people were slow to take sides. We did not know who were with us; we could not tell upon whom to count; hence, our first effort of the

year was that of trying to find ourselves and to get acquainted with our constituency.

We are glad to be able to announce that a clear line-up of our forces is fast taking form.

Notwithstanding the indefiniteness of our plans, tentatively agreed upon at Kansas City a year ago, we feel that Providence has guided us in our efforts and activities during the year, enabling us to come to this convention with a re-adjusted organization. Our plans are more mature and our kingdom objectives more definitely fixed.

THE DIVISION AMONG THE BAPTISTS.

Our first thought is that the divisions among Christian people are always to be deplored. But a sober second thought brings us to the conclusion that divisions are not sometimes justified, but come as blessings in disguise. An organization is not necessarily effective because of its largeness. Great numbers do not always mean great strength. When a large organization refuses or fails to reach its smaller units, and stir its entire constituency to active service, such organization cannot be at its best; it cannot be performing its highest mission. Therefore whatever happens that makes for a wider enlistment of its forces should be counted a blessing. Who would say that the division among us has not already promoted such enlistment?

In other words, when the Lord's folks are not doing the Lord's work, according to His will and way, who knows but that it is His way that such disturbances may come among us, that His people may render Him a better service; that His name may get the highest degree of praise? We remember that the Psalmist said: "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." There can be no real progress where confusion prevails.

It is proper to say that where brethren cannot dwell together in unity, it is better to separate. When people cannot work together, it may be that they can work apart; WORKING and GETTING RESULTS is the MAIN THING.

While we regret this division among the Baptists of America, we somewhat console ourselves with the thought that this is not the first division that has occurred among Baptists. They have been dividing since the days of Paul and Barnabas. They will probably have excuses for divisions through all time until Jesus comes.

Divisions come sometimes by agreement and sometimes by disagreement. It matters not by which method, so God gets the glory. Let us bear in mind that whether we are working together or separate, we should keep the "unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace." Let our women never be guilty of assailing each other and conducting campaigns of villiany and abuse. Persons holding to the same principles, enlisted in the same cause, laboring for the same ends, may be just as much in peace and unity laboring in separate camps as in the same camp. This Convention must always be for the people, by the people and of the people, and not a Convention for the CLASSES, nor a Convention for the MASSES, but a Convention that will take in every individual on the same level.

OUR PRESIDENT—A MERITED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

In a report of this kind, it might be of questionable policy to single out individuals for special mention. Your Secretary feels, however, that it would be a bad omission not to pause here to record our grateful appreciation of the interest, energy and enthusiasm, so signally shown by our distinguished President, Mrs. G. M. DeBaptist F. Ashburn.

We have had her helpful co-operation in all we have tried to do. Her wise experience in missionary endeavors, her lovable disposition and deep consecration are elements which fit her for the responsible leadership to which she has been called. Time and experience will prove her an executive equal to the demands of such an organization as ours. Let us pray for her and give her our unstinted co-operation.

MISSIONS.

The cause of Missions is one that demands the earnest and prayerful study of all professed Christians. Weakness at this point means weakness at every point in our church life, because missions is the heart and soul of the Gospel, the fundamental doctrine of the New Testament, the object of Christianity, the life of the church, an obligation upon every Christian, and the hope of his final reward. Therefore, Missionary work is IMPERATIVE.

The commission of Jesus as recorded in the four Gospels and Acts, clearly teaches the obligations of the church

to engage in mission work, both home and foreign, for he used the words, "Go ye, into all the world," "every creature," and the "uttermost part of the earth." This shows that every country, every nation and every creature in every nation is included.

The commission as recorded in the Acts (1:8) reads: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, all Judea and Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth." This shows that no part of the world is to be overlooked, for the soul of man at home is as important as elsewhere, and that we should be as much concerned, and put forth as much effort to save the most ignorant heathen in foreign fields, as we should the man next door.

In order to do missionary work effectively, we must have two things: First, men; second, money. The work cannot be done without man, and man to do the work must have money, because the workers must have support, both in home and foreign fields. They must have food, raiment, houses for worship and medicine, and they cannot have these without money. Therefore money is of vital importance in the operation of mission work.

The Scripture justifies the statement that the church should furnish both man and money. The church is God's West Point or Training Camp to prepare men and women for efficiency in world-wide evangelism.

Since this Convention is composed of churches from various parts of the country, the Convention can be no stronger in the work of missions than the churches that compose it. We should increase our efforts in missionary work, both home and foreign, and especially on foreign fields, because our workers in Africa, Indian and South America need our full co-operation and sympathy; they need our prayers and money. Our Brother Steward in British West Indies, with his ten missionaries, our Brother Wilson and wife, Brother Rier, in Dutch Guinea; Brother Mont Sula in South Africa; our own Sister Davis, Rev. Mr. Reeves and Jude Reeves in Liberia, all need our sympathy, prayers and financial support.

We are all aware that the separation of our Convention in 1915 brought about unsettled conditions of our work in foreign fields, and yet our Convention is responsible for the support of eighteen missionaries with salaries amounting to \$425 per month. We have thirteen churches, one school and fifty students and property value of \$3,000. This is only the beginning of the task before us.

We should put forth efforts to come up to our full

strength in our Missionary propaganda, to that extent that in a short while we will not only have eighteen workers, but one hundred eighty workers, and that we will raise one dollar per year for every Baptist of our Convention for this particular cause.

We realize that numbers count for but little, but the doing of it counts far more than great numbers. Our motto should be, "What we can do, we ought to do, and what we ought to do, we will do, God being our helper in this direction."

EDUCATION.

Education must go side by side with all effective missionary endeavors. Missionary activities cannot save the world without education. Experience on home and foreign fields has taught that evangelization without education is largely a failure. This is perfectly natural, because evangelization and education have the same author. This author who had just announced that all power in heaven and earth was given to him, commissioned the church to "GO." This going implies an age-long task of redeeming the world from sin and ignorance through the process of education.

The great commission (Matt. 28:19, 20) might be termed the Magna Charta of Christian Education. In this commission the Baptist programme is plainly laid out. It consists in making disciples, baptizing and teaching to observe "the all things commanded."

Baptists in common with other people pay taxes for the support of secular education as carried on by the State. Baptists are authors of democracy, and hold that enlightenment of the masses is essential to good government. While the state schools must be supported and encouraged, they cannot do all that must be done for the uplift of the people and for the salvation of the world. Since they cannot teach religion, it follows that they cannot do the things essential to the highest good of the individual and to society.

Christian education differs from other education in that it has to do with the things of the heart and soul as well as things of the mind and hands. The person with a keen and trained mind, but an untouched heart is likely to make a dangerous person. An intellectual bad person is infinitely more dangerous and harmful in a community than a bad fool. Christian education is therefore, the only complete education. It stands for service, service to God and

service to mankind. From the very nature of the acquiring, it usually makes one willing to serve and to "give God his best." It reduces selfishness to a minimum and enables its possessor to proceed through life on the idea not of that he may get something out of the world, but that the world may get something out of him.

Christian education means training and development in principles and doctrines of its Author, Jesus. It goes beyond the merely intellectual. It is not enough to train our youths in the sciences, it is not enough to train them in the languages, it is not sufficient that they should know how old the earth is, how far the stars are apart, or the forces that repel and attract each other. There is something more important that our youths should know—it is to know how to live. Life is a great problem. Christian education best fits one for a life of sacrifice and service. It is so complete that the whole man is reached, every fibre of his being, every cord and sensibility of his nature will respond in loving obedience to the call of the Master, both in beautiful living and noblest giving—giving of time, giving of talent, giving of means. It will enable us to sing in sincerest devotion: "I will go where you want me to go, I'll say what you want me to say, I'll be what you want me to be, I'll do what you want me to do."

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

For more than fifteen years colored Baptists have been talking about establishing a national institution especially for the training of the ministry of our denomination. Many efforts were made, and at times it seemed that such an institution would become a realization. The need of such an institution has been felt among us and has been recognized and encouraged by white Baptists both north and south.

As far back as 1901, a committee was appointed by the National Baptist Convention to confer with a like committee of the Northern white Baptists, which sought to establish some such school. The white Baptists of the North proposed a gift of \$15,000 conditioned on the colored Baptists raising \$10,000. The National Baptist Convention having failed to raise its part, the proposed gift by the Northern Baptists was lost and the entire proposition came to naught.

Four years ago, the white Baptists of the South, recog-

nizing the need of such an institution, and desiring to help the colored Baptists in their struggle upward, proposed a gift of \$50,000 for buildings, et cetera, conditioned on the National Baptist Convention raising \$25,000. A nationwide campaign through a period of four years was conducted by the then Educational Secretary of the National Baptist Convention, but the required amount was not raised, and hence, the Seminary did not materialize.

You will recall that a year ago at Kansas City both departments of the Convention resolved to establish somewhere during the year the long-dreamed of Theological Seminary and Training School. The year was not more than half gone, before we were able to announce that the ground and buildings for the education of Baptist preachers and Training School for women workers had been purchased in the name of the National Baptist Convention, unincorporated. This plant is located in East Nashville, Tenn. It was the pleasure of your Secretary, in company with the President, Recording Secretary and other officers of the Convention, to visit and inspect the buildings of the institution.

The plant had been used as a female school for wealthy white girls. It is not necessary here to go into the physical description of the grounds and building, but it is sufficient to say that to come into possession of this splendid property is nothing less than a Providential guidance. We could not hope to have purchased such grounds and erected such buildings during the next fifty years.

The property value of this plant many times exceeds the amount of its purchase price. Aside from the seven acres of campus, it is estimated that the buildings alone cost at least \$75,000. The entire plant has come into our possession at a purchase price of only \$25,000. It is the opinion of your Secretary that the Woman's Auxiliary Convention should underwrite \$10,000 of the purchase price. Payments should be made at such time and in such amounts as may be agreed upon at this session of the Convention.

The arrangement that our Training School should be located along with the Theological Seminary puts us in line with the policy of the older organizations, such as the Southern Baptist Convention, which maintains a Training School for women in connection with the Seminary at Louisville, and of the Southwestern Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. By this arrangement much inconvenience and duplicity in our efforts to get trained leaders shall be avoided.

We would not close the material side of this paragraph without giving credit to whom credit is due; without casting encomiums upon the brow of the noblest Roman of them all; to the man that has more to his credit than any other single Baptist of his generation; the man through whose insight and oversight, through whose business ingenuity and denominational sagacity this valuable property has come into our possession. It is not too much to say that when prejudice, jealousy and slander are dethroned, when truth get a hearing, the future historian who will chronicle the achievements of those who have wrought noblest for God, for the Baptists and for the Negro race; he who writes will dip his pen in the light of the noon-day and high up on the scroll of fame will write in letters of gold the name of Richard Henry Boyd.

But there is another side to the Seminary question, more significant than the buildings, more important than the monetary value. It is the imperative need of such an institution as a spiritual asset to all our kingdom efforts.

BAPTIST SCHOOLS A NECESSITY.

This brings us to the question as to whether distinctive Baptist schools are a necessity. In this connection it is sufficient to say that if Baptist churches are a necessity, distinctive Baptist schools are. We believe it is given to Baptists above all others to perpetuate the doctrines of the New Testament as taught by Jesus and practiced by the apostles and the early church.

Baptists are charged with a responsibility of seeing to it that the plain teachings of Jesus will not perish from the earth. It is sheer foolishness to think that we can have an effective denomination without trained leaders—laymen and women, as well as preachers.

The government maintains Annapolis and West Point for the training of its sailors and soldiers. These institutions furnish the leaders for the government's fighting forces on land and sea. The government knows why. Baptists ought to have as much sense as the government. Such an institution as the National Baptist Seminary and Training School shot through and through with the spirit of the Master, shall send forth ministers and trained women, whose lives and services will show that they have the perspective and spirit of Him whose life was characterized by five simple words: "He went about doing good."

NATIONAL BAPTIST PUBLISHING BOARD.

As is well known, our Publishing Board has been the center of attack by all the enemies of this Convention. It has been sued and counter-sued. There have been lawsuits galore. Those who could not possess it have endeavored to destroy it. They have presented the awful spectacle of suing for its possession and at the same time organizing for its destruction.

We are glad to be able to announce that they have failed in both objects of their expensive enterprise. All of their lawsuits have fallen to the ground of their own weight. The Publishing Board is still in Nashville, doing business at the same old stand, and R. H. Boyd is still the Secretary. The Board is still employing several hundred young women and men of our race, and sending out millions of printed pages for the enlightenment and salvation of the youths and grown-ups of our race, denomination and the world.

LITERATURE.

We cannot too strongly urge the wide circulation and reading of the right sort of literature among our young people. As the physical body becomes a part of the food one eats, so the mind and character are formed by what we read. We insist that our Baptist homes be supplied with Baptist literature.

THE NATIONAL BAPTIST UNION-REVIEW.

Every Baptist home should have as a weekly visitor, aside from the State paper, the National Baptist Union-Review. This great organ is fighting the battles of the National Baptist Convention, unincorporated. Its present editor, Dr. John H. Frank, is a writer of exceptional ability.

The editorial columns of this paper are a veritable forum for the dissemination of Baptist doctrines and of denominational constructiveness. All that we are trying to do as a Convention will grow in proportion as this great agency of light is put into the homes of our people.

ORGANIZATIONS—LOCAL.

A Baptist Convention can be no stronger than the churches composing it. A church can be no stronger than

its organic units. As this Convention is made up primarily of Missionary Circles in the local churches, it is of first importance that these organizations be made both numerous and strong. There should be such societies in every church, both for the women's sake and for the work's sake. We need no argument here to prove their value, as they have already made themselves indispensable in the life of the churches.

These local missionary societies promote denominational culture and efficiency. They make for growth in sound doctrine, and for effectiveness in fostering our denominational enterprises. They should bear Baptist names; they should be referred to in Baptist terms. To borrow names from other denominations for our auxiliaries tends toward doctrinal weakness. Other denominations are careful not to copy from Baptists and Baptists should not be guilty of looking to them for names for their organizations.

A real orthodox Baptist church will insist upon all of its auxiliaries bearing Baptist names and carrying out the purpose for which they were organized to do real missionary work.

GUIDES FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES.

Your Corresponding Secretary has printed guides for the use of our local missionary circles, those who have used them have testified of their helpfulness, as the name implies—guides in the operation of their work. Aside from the weekly Scripture lessons, they are a directory for carrying out the work, as outlined by the Convention a year ago.

Literature for Children's Bands and for young women's organizations were not printed, because we were not in touch with a sufficient number of such organizations to justify the labor and financial outlay. It is hoped, however, that the Convention will have edited during the coming year all the literature used by our organizations.

STAMP DAY.

The month of January was designated as the month in which our organizations were to collect stamps to carry on the correspondence of the Convention, and, hence, greatly reduce the expense for the year. While the responses were in a few cases generous, they were too meagre to anything like adequately meet the needs.

When we realize that it is the duty of this office to keep in touch with the thousands of women holding membership in our churches, it is obvious that the expense for such correspondence would be great. This expense could be met if the local organizations would organize faithfully and give themselves to this easy, but far-reaching work.

Most any society could appoint a committee and solicit one and two cent stamps from friends in their communities. The results would be gratifying to themselves and they would render a most valued service.

The chiefest curse of our land, the greatest barrier to is awarded the beautiful stamp banner for having sent the largest contribution of stamps to the Corresponding Secretary's office.

TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION.

The chiefest curse of our land, the greatest barrier to all human progress is the liquor traffic. Every Christian every advocate of righteousness must hate the saloon, because the saloon stands positively against everything that makes for righteousness, human happiness and prosperity. No people are too strong to be pulled down and destroyed by whiskey. It can be truly said of King Alcohol that he never lost a battle where the fight was to the finish.

A great writer among us recently said: "I do not wonder that every thoughtful person is prejudiced against the damnable stuff called alcohol." Intemperance cuts down youth in its vigor, manhood in its strength and old age in its weakness. It murders the soul. Yes, and more, it is the worst of robbers. It has robbed a million mothers of their darling boys; it has robbed the brain of reason; it has robbed the soul of paradise; it has robbed the heart of tenderness; it has robbed the children of bread.

The whiskey traffic which has entrenched itself and built its mighty forts in every department of the State and government, is routed by the organized forces of Temperance and civic righteousness. King Alcohol is on the run in every state in the Union. His forts have already crumbled in twenty-seven states in the Union, that have banished from their borders this iniquitous traffic.

To our own race the destruction of the saloon is an emancipation no less important than the emancipation of the race from the shackles of slavery. The first emancipation was led by the states of the North, but this second emancipation is being led by the states of the South. It is large-

ly through the influence of southern statesmen that our nation's capital has banished whiskey that all the states of the Union shall soon have an opportunity to say by their ballots whether the nation shall put the boys above booze; whether America shall cut from about her neck the millstone that so long retarded the onward march of righteousness, peace and prosperity. All honor to the organized forces that are responsible for this effective battle against this mighty evil; our hats off to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and to that other mighty agency, the Anti-Saloon League of America.

Among us any mention of the temperance cause would be incomplete if the names of Mrs. Lucy Thurman of Michigan and that of Mrs. Eliza E. Peterson of Texas were left out. Truly in the cause of Temperance these have "Written their names high over the shifting sands, where the steadfast rocks defy decay."

We count ourselves fortunate to have as our guest and visitor the Francis Willard of the Negro race in the person of Mrs. E. E. Peterson, the President of the Thurman Christian Temperance Union of America.

THE GREAT WORLD WAR.

"A little more than three years ago Austria declared war on Serbia, tore the mask of falsehood and heinous insincerity from the militarism of Central Europe, toppled over the universal peace advocates' house of cards, set the stage for the carnival of demoniac slaughter and destruction that has involved virtually the entire world and submitted the prologue of a lurid drama that inevitably must be climaxed with Armageddon.

Quivering in the clutch of Mars, torn between the Scylla of Autocracy and the Charybdis of the world's democracy, man—mere pawn in the game of chance instituted by Kaiser and kings—pauses at the threshold of the fourth year of the world's most terrible war to count the cost of carnage and reckon with the future.

Human Side.

"Every time the clock has ticked off twenty minutes during the period of the flaming holocaust the life of a combatant has been sacrificed on the altar of Mars.

Approximately 45,000,000 men have forfeited their lives on the battlefields, in hospital or prison since that fateful

Tuesday, July 28, 1914. One and two-third millions have perished every year. The death toll has been at the rate of nearly 140,000 every month; more than 32,000 every week; more than 4,500 every day.

One hundred and ninety fighting men every single hour during three years or three victims every minute to the Moloch of the war. Germany alone, amid all of the warring nations, has suffered a loss of approximately 1,500,000 men from death, wounds and disease during the first 1,000 days of war, or 1,500 every day, at the rate of one man killed every minute. 12,000,000 men have been wounded, 4,000,000 languish in prison camps.

According to recent estimates, approximately 24,000,000 fighting males are now under arms. Aside from the appalling human side, there is a financial side stupendous and staggering.

Financial Side.

The total or approximate cost of the war to date is	\$100,000,000,000
Every day the war costs	92,592,592
Every hour the war costs	3,858,025
Every minute the war costs	63,300
Every second the war costs	1,072
British daily war expense	38,760,000
German daily war expense	25,000,000
U. S. daily war expense (1st 100 days of the war)	80,000,000

In April of the present year, our own country felt called upon to cast its lot upon the side of the allies, having declared war against the imperial government of Germany. Our President as spokesman for the country declared that this government entered the war in the interest of humanity; that the world might be made safe for democracy. Preparation is being hurriedly made for the participation of our government in the titanic struggle on a large scale.

We are raising an army of a million men to oppose the German kaiser and the things for which he stands. It has been announced that ten per cent of the American army will be composed of colored troops. The Negro has long ago shown his valor and heroism on numerous battlefields. The Negro soldier has played his part in every war this country has engaged in. From the time of Crispus Attucks, whether in Revolutionary, whether in the Civil War, or whether in the war against foreign foes, the Negro sol-

dier has, through his loyalty, efficiency and bravery, added lustre and glory to the stars and stripes.

It therefore requires no seer to predict that when the present struggle is over the Negro soldier will bring back from the trenches of Europe fresh laurels, no less heroic and beautiful than San Juan in Cuba, and no less brilliant or lasting than Carrizal in Mexico.

When this war is over and we have played our part, for the freedom of the world, certain questions will be in order for our race to ask and our government to answer. Representatives of 10,000,000 black folks will say to the government, since we have played our part in making democracy safe for the world, and for the freedom of mankind, why should not our government which was willing to reach its strong arm across the briny deeps and give liberty to the oppressed aliens, see to it that the principles for which it fought abroad be applied without discrimination to all of the people at home? It will be in order to ask an American president whether he will accord the same rights to colored citizens in America which he demanded that the Kaiser accord to the citizens of Germany.

MOB VIOLENCE.

Notwithstanding the many agencies that are at work endeavoring to bring about a better understanding between the two dominant races in this country, racial prejudice seems to be on the increase. The spirit of race hate has been on a rampage this year, and has broken forth in storms of unprecedented violence and fury. It seems that the present year will be the banner year for mob violence and lynch law in this country.

Our own race continues to furnish ninety per cent of the victims of the mobs' wrath. About ninety per cent of the lynchings continue to take place in the sections where black people live in largest numbers—the South. That race prejudice and hatred is not confined to any one section is shown by the fact that outbreaks against the race are frequently occurring in many places in the North and East, where thousands of our people have recently gone seeking better economic opportunities and living conditions. Indeed the most reckless massacre in the history of the country has but recently taken place north of the Mason-Dixon line—East St. Louis, Illinois.

We do not know when this state of affairs may end. We do not know how long it will be before men will accept the

doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. We do not know how long the strong will insist upon venting its spleen for causes imaginary or real upon the defenseless weak. There are many things that we do not know, but there are some things we do know, that God is not dead; we do know that he is interested in the affairs of men; we do know that righteousness exalteth a nation, and that sin is a reproach to any people; that out of one blood God made all nations.

As for the black man, let him look upward, take courage and go forward; and while he is being denied the rights accorded other men, let him do his duty full and well. Let duty be his BIG WORD. Let him do his duty and be true to his home, to his loved ones, to his country, and to the world. Let him feel assured that the race who does its duty will not always be denied its rights. That the people who do their duty to their fellowmen and to their God shall in due season receive the favors of men and the smiles of heaven. They may rest assured that the shackles that bind them shall be unloosed. They shall be completely disenthralled. They shall hurry on the time when there shall be neither Greek nor Jew, neither bond nor free, but shall all be one in Christ Jesus; and shall receive our just reward for our part in transforming the kingdom of this world into the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ.

STAMP REPORT.

Alabama.

Mrs. Susan Lewis, 27; St. John H. and F. M. S., Mrs. R. B. Coates, 1,500; total, 1,527.

Georgia.

Mrs. Hannah Powell, 150; Mrs. Rebecca Smith, 118; Mt. Hope Baptist Church, Mrs. Florence Dean, 100; total, 368.

Illinois.

Ebenezer M. S., 755; Ebenezer Young Ladies' League, 550; Woman's Baptist Congress, 415; Union Baptist Church, 200; Ebenezer Mothers' Union, 105; Friendship Baptist Church, 100; North Woolver Baptist Association, 500; Mrs. Sarah Turner; Mt. Zion M. S., Mrs. E. King, 400; H. M. S., Mrs. A. T. Curtis, 406; Total, 3,431.

South Carolina.

Foxville M. S., Mrs. F. M. Bobo, 200; H. M. S., Mrs. A. Walker, 350; Morris Street Baptist Church, Mrs. H. Kemp, 185; Macedonia H. M. S., Mrs. E. W. Bowen, 300; Young Storm Branch, Mrs. M. E. Lucas, 34; total, 1,072.

Colorado.

Bethlehem Baptist Church, Mrs. A. F. Brown, 175.

Louisiana.

Mrs. Rebecca F. Smith, 118; Starlight Band Church, Mrs. Mary Malvoe, 26; total, 144.

Arkansas.

Mrs. G. E. Dennis, 88; Mrs. M. H. Westberry, 6; total, 94.

Mississippi.

Mrs. J. Barum, 43; Mt. Heried H. M. S., Mrs. M. J. Rucker, 34; H. M. S., Mrs. M. R. Brown, 25; total, 102.

Texas.

Macedonia H. M. S., Mrs. Hall, 284; H. M. S. Lake Station, Mrs. M. Johnson, 100; total, 84.

Tennessee.

W. H. M. Union, Mrs. A. V. Marshall, 250.

Pennsylvania.

Mrs. S. J. Morton, 300; total, 7,729.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the first week in December be designated and observed as a special Rally Week for Stamps.
2. That the month of April be designated and observed as a special rally month for our National Training School.
3. That this Convention elect eight (8) Trustees for

the Training School, who shall co-operate with the Trustees of the Seminary.

REPORT.

Alabama.

St. John H. M. S., Mrs. G. B. Coates, Foreign Missions, \$1; representation fee, \$5; Training School, \$15; total, \$21.

Colorado.

Mt. Olive H. M. S., Mrs. N. McNeal, representation fee, \$5; F. M., 50c; total, \$5.50.

Georgia.

Friendship Junior H. M. S., Miss Erma Leary, representation fee, \$5; Mrs. E. M. Bailou, Training School, \$5; total, \$10.

Illinois.

H. M. S., Chicago, Mrs. Collins, F. M., \$2; Mrs. B. Wilkerson, Training School, \$5; Ebenezer Young Women's League, Mrs. H. D. Wiggins, representation fee, \$5; general expense, \$5; total, \$17.

Indiana.

Ebenezer Baptist Church, Mrs. C. C. Ford, Training School, \$5; W. H. and F. M. State Convention, Mrs. C. Ford, representation fee and F. M., \$44.29; total, \$49.29.

Kentucky.

Miss M. C. Slaughter, \$1; Mrs. M. C. Murrell, \$1; Mrs. J. E. Woods, \$2.50, Training School; total, \$4.50.

Louisiana.

Zion Frankler Church, Mrs. C. O. Winn, Training School, \$1.35.

Mississippi.

Pinegrove Church, Mrs. I. V. Moffett, F. M., \$2.75; Mrs. G. W. Alexander, Training School, \$10; total, \$12.75.

Missouri.

Mrs. J. B. Beckham, Training School, \$5.

North Carolina.

Garrison H. M. S., Mrs. M. Mills, representation fee, \$5.

Ohio.

Mrs. Helen Adams Moore, T. S., \$5.

Pennsylvania.

Mrs. J. S. Morton, T. S., \$2.

South Carolina.

Mrs. A. Raiford, \$35.03; Mt. Zion No. 2 H. M. S., Mrs. J. L. Leaks, representation fee, \$5; Thompson Street H. M. S., Mrs. G. Whittenberg, representation fee, \$5; total, \$45.03.

Texas.

The following paid 25 cents each: Mesdames Blackwell, C. Washington, A. Hawkins, A. Lewis, P. Spencer, M. Cotton, S. Roberts, K. S. Brown, L. Williams, E. Williams, J. Overstreet, S. R. Andrews, L. V.; Jones, J. Pettiford, L. A. Mitchell, L. A. Goodwin, M. A. Baggett, S. Brooks, C. A. Burley, M. Colbert, C. Roach, I. White, A. Adams, W. Bell, J. Strong, L. Lewis, N. McKenny, J. Griggs, J. Wimbish, M. Johnson, T. Dickerson, B. Fagan, M. F. Deese, L. Green, S. A. Williams, M. McCowan, A. Fields, E. L. Williams, M. L. Miller, P. Reed, S. Whitfield, Dr. W. S. Crosby, Mesdames C. Kennard, M. E. Nathan, E. P. Bushell, Mrs. Powell, A. Hill, L. Martin, C. Davis, C. Davis, M. Houston, M. Mattison, M. Carson, L. Harrison, H. Ward, A. Harris, J. Morton, E. Anderson, A. Moore, G. C. Washington, L. Minor, E. Lewis, H. Laine, R. L. Brewer, I. Manuel, S. Stanford, M. Johnson, Miss A. N. Rowland, Miss C. Grayson, Mesdames A. M. Reed, M. Chatman, E. Wimbish, A. Baker, H.

Mrs. M. Westbrooks, 25c; Second Baptist H. M. S., Mrs. I. H. Kelly, \$6; Eastern Free Mission Association, Mrs. C. Calhoun, \$10; Western District Free Mission, \$10; Second Baptist S. L. B., \$2.50; Mrs. R. Williams, 25c; Fourth Missionary H. M. S., Mrs. A. B. Washington, Training School, \$2; Mt. Olive H. M. S., Mrs. A. H. Hammock, representation fee, \$5; West Tabernacle H. M. S., Mrs. E. Norton, representation fee, \$5; Mrs. J. H. Winn, Training School, \$5; Mrs. L. M. Jones, Mt. Zion District Convention, \$5; Wheelock H. M. S., 80c; Teas Baptist Convention, \$20; Twentieth Century Convention, \$10; Special Rally Collection, \$10.22; Fourth Missionary S., \$2; St. John Landmark District, \$10; St. John Y. W. A., \$5 total, \$305.28.

Tennessee.

Mrs. R. H. Boyd, Training School, \$5; Mrs. H. A. Boyd, Training School, \$1; total, \$6; W. A. N. B. Convention, \$65; Borrowed American National Bank, \$200. Total \$338.98
From the sales of supplies \$123.40
From the sale of needle-work 12.55

Disbursements.

Tobin's book store for office supplies \$ 9 25
Austin Printing Company 111 20
Austin Multigraphing Co., multigraphed letters 16 96
National Baptist Publishing Board for printing guides, journals and programs 73 80
R. H. Boyd, for L. Wharton 1 25
R. H. Boyd, for Union-Review 20 00
Office help, supplies, stamps and rent 91 85
Express, baggage, telegrams and transportation 16 70
Board, transportation and cost of 10,321 miles 119 50
Stenographers 85 00
Secretary 100 00
Cuts and premiums on bonds 6 83
Buttons, badges and signs 38 80
Song books, banners and pennants 23 75
Liberty Baptist Church for lights 2 00
American National Bank 200 00
Training School (Nashville) 247 21
Foreign Mission Board 76 50
Home Mission Board 5 00
B. Y. P. U. Board 5 00
Panama Zone 9 00

PLEDGES FOR THE NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL,
NASHVILLE, TENN.

Mrs. G. A. Raiford, South Carolina \$ 25 00
Antioch Association, Mrs. J. B. Beckham, Mo. 200 00
Mrs. J. B. Beckham, Mo., personal 25 00
Mrs. Bettie Wilkerson, Ill. 100 00
Mrs. E. Cooper, Ill. 5 00
Mrs. G. M. D. F. Ashburn, Ill. 100 00
Mrs. M. T. Mitchell, Ill. 15 00
Mrs. Mattie Cureton, Ill. 100 00
Progressive Baptist State Convention, Miss I. J. Casson, Fla. 25 00
Washington District Convention, Mrs. J. E. Herring, Fla. 10 00
St. John Baptist Church, Mrs. R. B. Coates, Ala. 25 00
Progressive Woman's State Convention, Mrs. G. W. Alexander, Miss. 50 00
Mrs. L. Stell, Texas 50 00
Mrs. H. A. Moore, Ohio 5 00
State Convention, Mrs. E. M. Ballou, Georgia 150 00
Central Woman's District Convention, Mrs. S. E. Atkinson, Texas 100 00
New Prospect District Convention, Mrs. M. L. Paine, Miss. 15 00
Shiloh District Convention, Mrs. M. A. Taylor, Miss. 15 00
Mrs. Fannie E. Slack, Georgia 2 00
Mrs. H. Williams, Louisiana 5 00
Mrs. Alice L. Henderson, New Orleans, La. 5 00
Mrs. E. W. Grumble, Louisiana 10 00
Mrs. Lillie Brown, Louisiana 5 00
Mrs. M. B. Fortier, Louisiana 5 00
Mrs. Eliza Haywood, Louisiana 10 00
Mrs. S. W. Kaigler, Louisiana 5 00
Mrs. S. H. Lewis, Louisiana 10 00
Mrs. Cora Hall, Louisiana 25 00
Baptist Women's Congress, Mrs. Eva Hooper, Ill. 5 00
Second Baptist H. M. Society, Mrs. I. H. Kelly, Texas 5 00
Mrs. E. W. White, La. 5 00
Conroe College, Mesdames Johnson and Abner, Texas 25 00
Texas Baptist State Convention, Mrs. R. L. Williams 50 00
Texas General Baptist State Convention, Mrs. S. Prince 500 00
Mrs. E. M. Ballou, personal, Ga. 25 00

Mrs. Anna Washington, Indiana	25 00
Mrs. Sarah Riley, Georgia	2 00
Mrs. Lurene Miller, Ill.	1 00
Mrs. Hattie Brown, Ill.	100 00
Good Hope Missionary Society, Mrs. S. E. Williams, South Carolina	5 00
Corinth H. M. Society, Mrs. S. L. Humphries, South Carolina	5 00
Mrs. Annie L. Michaux, Ill.	1 00
Mrs. E. M. Long, Ill.	1 00
Mrs. M. T. Weil, La.	5 00
Free-Gift Baptist Church, Rev. J. S. Brown, Ga.	10 00
Mrs. L. A. Williams, Texas	5 00
St. John's Children's Band, Mrs. R. B. Coates	10 00
State Convention of Tennessee, Mrs. D. A. Ferguson	50 00
Mrs. D. A. Ferguson, Personal, Tennessee	5 00
Progressive Woman's State Convention, Mrs. D. B. Gaines, Arkansas	50 00
Mrs. Bettie Carter, Arkansas	5 00
Local Society, Mo., Mrs. Ludie Perry	25 00

Texas.

Mrs. S. E. Atkison	5 00
Central Baptist H. M. S., Mrs. J. J. Johnson	2 50
Mrs. E. A. Martin	2 50
Mrs. J. Bolden	2 00
Mrs. Sallie Cunningham	1 00
Mrs. Sophia Franklin	1 00
Mrs. W. S. Irving	1 00
Mrs. Pinkey Davidson, Lake Station Church	1 00
Mrs. Minnie Viser	1 00
Mrs. V. Lockett	2 00
Mrs. L. A. Gillespie	2 50
Mrs. P. Washington	1 00
Mrs. D. T. H. Cummings	5 00
Free Mission State Convention, Mrs. D. T. Cummings	5 00
Eastern Woman's District Convention, Mrs. J. C. Cal- houn and Mrs. P. Washington	25 00

PLEDGES FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Mrs. J. E. Woods, Missionary Society, Ky.	\$ 15 00
Rev. J. S. Brown, Ga.	10 00

New Hope, Mrs. Bettie Falton, Ga.	10 00
General Missionary Baptist Association, Mrs. Bettie Wilkerson, Ill.	25 00
Mrs. F. E. Morten, Pa.	25 00
New Bethel Baptist Church, Rev. N. A. Symon, \$12 per month	144 00
Woman's Auxiliary General Baptist Convention, Mrs. S. Prince, Texas	50 00
True Vine Missionary Society, Mt. Parrar Baptist Church	5 00
Second Baptist Church, Rev. I. H. Kelly, Texas	5 00
Macedonia Missionary Society, Mrs. E. W. Bowen, S. Carolina	10 00
Mrs. Louisa Stell, Texas	5 00
Mt. Pleasant Green Baptist Church, Ill.	5 00
Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Rev. W. M. Hall, Ga.	5 00
Mrs. D. H. Hall, Texas	2 00
St. John Baptist Church, Mrs. G. B. Coates, Ala.	5 00
Mrs. M. E. Evans, La.	10 00
Friendship Baptist Church, Foreign Mission Club, Mrs. D. S. Early, Ga.	12 00
Mrs. Lizzie Dawson, Ga., 50c per month	6 00
Mrs. E. M. Ballou, Ga.	10 00
Mrs. A. Raiford, South Carolina	10 00
Second Baptist Church, Mrs. E. J. K. Hines, Ind.	5 00
Metropolitan Missionary Society, Mrs. J. D. Johnson, Ind.	5 00
Pleasant Green Baptist Church, Rev. J. M. Haggard, Ill.	5 00

Oklahoma.

S. C. Creek District Convention, Mrs. A. N. Benson.	10 00
Central Baptist H. M. S., Mrs. O. Field	5 00
S. W. Creek & Seminole District, Mrs. I. W. Cunning- ham	25 00
Mrs. A. E. Railback	10 00
Antioch Baptist H. M. S.	10 00
Antioch Baptist Starlight Band	5 00
Antioch Baptist Y. W. A., Mrs. M. A. Nichols	5 00
Mrs. W. H. Woods	5 00
Mrs. A. Harrison	5 00
Mrs. Annie Pool	5 00
First Baptist Church, Mrs. J. H. Thompson	25 00
Progressive Association, Mrs. L. E. Lathan	10 00
Union Baptist Church, Mrs. E. O. Woods	10 00

Shiloh Starlight Band, Mrs. E. W. Washington . . .	5 00
Landmark District Convention, Mrs. M. M. J. Carr	
Mrs. E. J. Fisher	10 00
Mrs. E. O. Woods	10 00
General Baptist Woman's State Convention, Mrs. J. Jackson and Mrs. E. O. Woods, S. S. Jones . . .	50 00
Mrs. S. L. Coleman	5 00

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS.

Bible Industrial Academy, Forteville, Grand Bassa,
Liberia, W. C. Africa, 5th April, 1917

My Dear Mrs. Fuller:

I should have said my dear Maud, for I certainly owe you an apology. Please do not think me dilatory for not writing before now, but so many things claim my attention and time, I do not write mother as I should.

Enclosed find a minute and programme of our work among the civilized women. This work is the result of the literature sent us by one Mrs. M. A. B. Fuller. Are you acquainted with her? What ye think of it? Do you remember how the above named individual in the beginning of her work talked and preached about how necessary it was to have literature? Truly it revives work as nothing else will; in fact, there is no other medium by which the minds of the people may be enlightened. How I thank you for that literature! You are a great soul and have done and are still doing great good for the cause. Does Rev. Fuller still think you are the greatest woman in the world?

But let me relate to you the short story about our women's work, for that is of great interest to you being the prime motor of it. Our annual meeting of inclosed programme with only five societies, two S. L. B. and three Y. W. A.'s, we raised \$217.69. I wished you could have been with us, you would have thought you were in some great city in the States where the people do great things and have a system of doing everything. Our secretary, Miss Anna Diggs (converted since I came), is President of a little S. L. B. in her home church, and represented in the Convention with \$20.00. She won the silver medal in the Temperance contest, and says she has laid her plans and is now working them with the purpose of raising more money this year than last year. We are struggling to raise \$500.00 to begin a building for our boys. One of our good merchants of this place has pledged \$50. Dr. J. A. Dingwall sent me \$10 Monday.

It seems as if I am here to remain. News came to me that no female sex can purchase tickets either to or from the States. Look for me when you see me. Oh, if I could only see you now.

Much love to the sisters throughout Texas and all the States. I pray earnestly for me.

Yours in His care,

ELIZA DAVIS.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

My Dear Mrs. Fuller: I regret very much that I cannot be with you in this Convention, but I am not at all well and have been attending conventions all the summer. I also regret that I have not a better report to make. I am sending three dollars for books sold, and three dollars for stamps and two dollars as a donation from Ebenezer Missionary Circle. The total is \$8.00. I wish it was more. Mr. Morton and Dr. Austin will take care of Pennsylvania. I hope you will have a pleasant session and much will be accomplished. I am

Yours for the work's sake,

MRS. F. E. MORTON.

Bowling Green, Ky.

Dear Friend: We are inclosing a check for \$2.00 to be used for the Convention. We regret more than we can say our inability to be present with you in this national meeting, nevertheless, our hearts and prayers are with you and our greatest desire is for your success.

Very respectfully,

MISS C. S. SLAUGHTER,
MRS. M. C. S. MURRELL.

Beaumont, Texas.

Dear Sister Fuller: As President of Shady Grove Missionary Society, I am sending our representation fee. We are not able to send a delegate this year, but this will let you know that we are willing to do our part. We pray that you may have a profitable session. May the blessings of the Heavenly Father rest upon you, is the sincere wish of ours.

Your friend,

MRS. M. HENDERSON

National Baptist Conven

Brevard, N. C.
My Dear Mrs. Fuller: We are a little pledge band of Shady Grove Missionary Society. We haven't been organized very long, but we are trying to be a strong little band. We are sending our representation fee.

EMMA ANDERSON, President
SARAH JOHNSON, Secretary.

Galveston, Tex.

My Dear Beloved Sister Fuller:
I am enclosing representation fee from Mt. Olive H. M. Society. I am praying for a successful meeting in Atlanta.

Your friend,
MRS. H. J. HAMMOCK.

Beaumont, Tex.

My Dear Friend: I am inclosing our representation fee for West Tabernacle. We are praying for your success.

MRS. E. NORTON.

Florida, Ala.

My Dear Co-worker: I regret very much to leave you all, and, too, I am sorry that I could not play my part on the programme, but you have my best wishes for success. Now in regard to the work in the State of Alabama. We need some one to work the state. There are so many societies that are not informed what to do and that is all they need. Please appoint some one to canvass that state and have them aroused. It may be that another Convention can be organized in said state. I hope to hear from you touching this matter. I am also inclosing the following report:

Persons sending up contributions for the Training School:
West District Sundry School Convention \$ 1 80
West District Women's H. M. S. 50
St. John S. S. 1 50
First A. B. W. H. M. S. 2 25
Macedonia B. C. 2 00
Macedonia S. S. 1 00

Total \$15 00
Persons sending up needle-work: Mrs. M. Mason, Mrs. J. W. H.

tion Minutes (Unincorporated.)

Hams, Mrs. A. King, Mrs. J. McKenney, Mrs. R. B. Coates, Mrs. M. Brewery, Little Alberta Williams, Little Geneva Williams, Little Aileen Mabnet.

MRS. R. B. COATES, President.
MRS. A. L. KING, Secretary.

Florence, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Fuller: I am sorry that I will not be able to meet you in Atlanta, but I am praying that you will have a successful time. Yours for the Lord.

MRS. NANCY BERRY.

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Fuller: We, the Young Ladies' Missionary League of Ebenezer Baptist Church, send Christian greetings. We are struggling hard to hold up the banner, and to lift up fallen humanity. Since our last report to the Convention we have learned 274 Scripture verses; have given to our church \$55 for building fund; to the District Convention, \$5; to State Convention, \$5; to Charity \$25, and to you, the National Baptist Convention Auxiliary, \$10. Although we are small in number we are trying to do the work of the Almighty. May each one of you carry these words home with you: "Is the work difficult? Jesus direct thee. Is the path dangerous? Jesus protect thee. Fear not, falter not, let His word cheer thee. All through the coming year He will be near thee."

Yours in the work,
MISS MAGGIE WOODS.
MRS. H. D. WEGGINS.

Lester, Colo.

My Dear Sister Fuller: I am enclosing \$5 representation fee and one for Foreign Missions for Mt. Olive Woman's H. M. Society.

Yours for success,
MISS NORA McNEIL.

Tyron, N. C.

Dear Sister Fuller: I am inclosing \$5 from Garrison Baptist H. M. Society. I trust it will reach you in time. I am,

Yours for success,
MRS. MARY MILLS.

National Baptist Conven

Chicago, Ill

My Dear Co-worker: Mother's Union sends greetings that peace and harmony may reign.

Yours for the work,
MRS. M. T. MITCHELL

Abbeville, Ga.

Dear Sister Fuller: We are working with our hearts and our hands for the uplift of our race, and therefore we pray earnestly for the meeting to be of great success.

Yours for success,
FLORENCE DEAN

Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Mrs. Fuller: Our State work is in a very prosperous condition. Had a delightful Convention. We are praying for a successful Convention.

Yours in His service,
MRS. CORDIA FORD

APPENDIX

MINUTES

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

*Delivered at Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 6, 1917, At The 37th
Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention,
U. S. A.*

Brother Vice President and Messengers to this the 37th Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention of the U. S. A., Africa and the Isles of the Sea:

Toward the sunset in a prosperous, thriving, busy city we met just one year ago. Story nor song can ever tell of the unlimited enthusiasm manifested, nor the cordial welcome extended us. That session is now history. Read if you please the record, note the faultless composition, and join me in extending to our Secretaries thanks for their painstaking efforts. They sought not the abbreviated or endless course of publicity, but wrote as writes the happy and true sanctioned by the righteousness of their cause and, yet, you who were present will ask in vain for the living, inspiring, wonderful fellowship which permeated and took into its mastery the fashioning of that session. I can't tell about it. Gifted sons, though you are singled out and called from the very foundation to describe, unfold, preach and teach, learned and kept by a power that is not your own, finished in the art of expression, trained to give shape and form to the mysterious, will you not agree that truth had a hearing and at times the angel of peace walked by our sides and now as we approach the threshold of this the 37th Annual session in the Athens of the South, where college hills loom from every angle and prophets of disaster premeditatedly misinterpret our purpose! God gives

us light to travel on. Help us as here we review the past and lend our limited conception in fathoming the necessities of the future to so impress the thousands of this city, Commonwealth and nation that the glory of God may be magnified and the Kingdoms of this earth become the Kingdoms of our Christ. Abuse, Scandal, Hate and Prejudice are the corner-stones of the Temple of Envy and the pretended songs of Triumph are but the dirgeful wails in their own fury seeking contemptuous remorse. "For whatsoever we sow that we shall also reap." There can be no space here for vilification or its kindred elements. Such were not the dreams of the Fathers like William J. Simmons, Dupree, Richard Pollard, Joseph Smothers, R. H. Boyd, G. W. Gayles, Geo. P. Jones, Adam H. Davis, some of whom have fallen asleep and let us here and now adopt anew and re-ordain that the faith and practices, made eternal by His groans upon Calvary and sent home to the hearts of millions through the preaching of His word, shall be forever maintained and that the honor and exalted wisdom, extolled through the past shall shine forth, growing in solemnity as ages shall pass before his ever watchful eye, and slumber in the bosom of divine consciousness. "And all the trees of the fields shall know that I the Lord have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree and have made the dry tree to flourish: I the Lord have spoken and have done it." Ezek. 17:24.

God's methods are at variance with those of the world. Look at the Antediluvians and Noah, Pharaoh and the Israelites. Goliath and David, Haaman and Mordecai, exemplifying his policies. The great founders of Christ's Kingdom go forth. Fishermen, plain, humble, preaching not a religion of metaphysical subtleties, not elaborate doctrines or profound dogmas of philosophy; not a splendid system of pompous ceremony, but the lowly doctrines of the weak. What are the aims and objects of this our National Baptist Convention standing now at its 37th mile post? Are you gathered here from your various fields of labor as exponents of character building an industrial might and power or mere onlookers? Have you turned this way from

the general trend of comforting the distressed and left those near and dear longing for your return simply to selfishly satisfy some temporary passing whim or desire? I answer, No! A thousand times, No! I do not mistake your purposes.

Our representation and authority rest fundamentally in the individual churches. We are here as a volunteer Association of Baptists. There can be none other than New Testament directions and all roads lead to Jerusalem and the banks of Jordan. There can be no secondary concessions and transgressions to satisfy ambitions and personal desires for the Golden Rule foreshadows and dispels even such contemplations. Here we study and nurture humility. Here we spurn cloture that deprives freedom of speech and by all the rules associate justice and liberty as ideals first born in the government of this our grand old Zion.

Because Thomas Jefferson occasionally visited the Baptist churches of old-Virginia and studied the democracy and rule vouchsafed he was enable to write immortally; and upon the world's horizon picture new hope that shall yet make tottering thrones and unfounded discriminations heritages of the forgotten un-Christian past. This Convention, its followers here, and its constituents, to the ends of the earth contenteth not until, "Nation to nation is just and man to man is true." Dead fish can float down stream. Drift follows the current. Criticism is the tact of miscreants. "Unto the pure all things are pure, but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure but even their mind and conscience is defiled." Tit. 1:15. Let us study to "show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15. Our duties are complex and require in their execution much patience and long-suffering. Up on the shoulders of the anointed rests the fabric of nation and tongue and out of your silence will come reddened valleys and rivers of blood, for death and hell ask no defiance, save as "Peace be Still," is heard cautioning the mad-dened whitecaps like lambs to rest at his feet.

OUR BOARDS.

The power of centralization is dependent upon the general or individual realization. Cities are great in proportion to their utilized surroundings. Rivers are dependent upon their tributaries and never ceasing hidden springs; and our Convention must look likewise to its Boards, Associations, Conventions and other Auxiliaries, for its life. And as these feeders grow and augment so their source of supply must be multiplied that the broadened opportunities of our great Convention be not circumscribed. I think I can say truthfully, that under the circumstances each Board has done well. Our secretaries in the main have gone forth heeding the call of duty and as a result you will note an increase of fully one hundred per cent over last year. The reports will disclose an awakening to the interests concerned in heretofore undeveloped territory. I tender each of them my unstinted commendation in their gallant stand and sacrifices demanded. Loyalty to this Convention has marked their every step and perfect harmony exists in every department. I appeal to you out the very depths of my heart make the incoming year one of conquest and from every strategic standpoint look well to the interest of every department. It is vital to the whole that the weakest link be accorded more than the customary; and out of your wise dispensation fear need not be entertained. The Publishing Board has had its very vitals held up to ridicule and is it not a reflection upon the denomination as well as the brotherhood to see published glaring falsehoods in which hyphenated treachery is made the weapons of Time-Servers. Those who stop to inquire into these strange misgivings recognize at once that because of the success of the Publishing Board it is made the sole issue. The folly of their argument is answered by the creation of a similar Board possessing similar powers and duties. The old moss-back, time-worn artful deception "That the property has been stolen from the Baptists of the nation," no longer serves to mislead, for it is now patent to every thoughtful interested layman that the records at Nashville show un-

mistakably that from cellar to dome the Publishing House is the property of the Baptists of the United States held in trust by the National Baptist Publishing Board, and that Dr. Boyd, Dr. Clark and all the officers are regularly elected and that a majority of this Board may, as other Boards, make such changes as they deem necessary. All was peace. All was warranted and guaranteed until the Board in the exercise of its power failed to re-elect a certain officer. Then and there it is amusing to note that all the records of the past become veritable fallacies, foreign to truth and men of character, force and manhood sink into ingrates. There are some who could wish that the Board had continued its policy of useless expenditure, but none can deny that its acts were of legal delegation and not usurpation. It ill becomes the builder of a prison cell, when incarcerated for crime, to decry the bars which hold him fast. Of his own making and construction it rather deserves his encomiums. Strange philosophy that seeks, after a quarter of a century of uplift, to pull down and stigmatize. The wherefore is individualism versus the interests of the many. I had rather have walked in silence and with folded arms sought solitude, or defied a thousand erratic destructionists than to have handed down to history a page of such glaring inconsistencies, foul and furious in their poisoned extremities.

LAYMEN'S LEAGUE.

Child of twelve months since recognition of the necessity and service is now universal. That there must be a better understanding of the Doctrines, Polity and practices of the church none will gainsay and particularly is it essential that our Laymen in their united capacity be given an opportunity to work out the glorious destiny within their grasp. Many leagues have been organized. Rules and regulations may be had from the National Organizer. Prof. C. T. Hume at Nashville. When you recall that William Harrison of Oklahoma leads and is supported by Benj. W. Currie, Ben J. Davis, L. L. Toney, W. H. Williams and oth-

ers influential and determined, it is not to be thought that other than a splendid report will be rendered at this meeting. If you as pastors will join with this movement it is not a distant day when this child of yesterday will contribute and in every way assist the Parent body.

THE UNION-REVIEW.

Weekly for eighteen years this paper has served this Convention. Its course has been unchangeable, and no periodical in these United States bears upon its pages matter more wholesome. It's a messenger of goodwill and fellowship, and many of its contemporaries would do well to come into its presence and there abide until properly charged with the current of truth. Read it, Subscribe, Hand it to your neighbor; through it express your views and become a contributor in disseminating that information necessary for progress and advancement.

THE NATIONAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

On May 21st, while attending the State Convention of Illinois at Carbondale, I urged and insisted upon Dr. Boyd that upon his arrival at home that he at once take every step possible to make the operating of a Theological Seminary and Training School possible. It is useless to appeal to the people, for during the last twenty years every conceivable promise has been made and in the face of their liberal donation only airy castles have been constructed and it would not only be humiliating, but our own conscience would revolt under such circumstances. Prayer brought the results, for in a few days a telegram brought the possibilities of the coveted desire. It is useless here to enter into every phase of the subject, suffice it to say that for \$25,000.00 the site and buildings have been secured and at this session you can be depended upon to redeem your pledges and lend heart to a denomination perfectly willing to do, but out of heart because of infidelity. \$100,-

000.00 is a conservative estimate of its valuation. We have gone forward relying upon your endorsement and support. Dr. Boyd at first hesitated, but I convinced him that in the sunset of his wonderful life he could do nothing grander or more beneficial to the denomination to which he had devoted his time and talent than to unite with the Educational Board and make possible this Light House from an eminence that overlooks the city. Every detail will be gone into when the Educational Board makes its report and when you are absolutely satisfied, let us join hands and redeem the promises so lightly considered. Throughout the length and breadth of the land this effort has been applauded. Enthusiasm prevails and friends are daily rallying to its support. If we would be worthy of existence as a convention, this is our opportunity. It's yours now to do or choose a policy that has met no uncertain condemnation by the people. One is constructive, the other is destructive. One is a benediction, the other is a curse.

UNVEILING THE TOLIVER MONUMENT.

As ordered by you at Kansas City in October last, I unveiled the beautiful monument erected by you to the memory of the late Dr. W. R. Toliver. It was an impressive occasion and hundreds were present from all parts of Texas. Dr. L. L. Campbell, the sage and genius of Texas, stood by my side and made possible the fulfillment of your decree. It was befitting that William Robert Toliver, himself an orphan, should sleep and find rest at the St. John Orphanage. This gray marble shaft stands yonder in the "Lone Star State" as a mute tribute of grateful hearts for one who knew not how to falter, but fell in harness.

And now I thank each of you for the loyalty and devotion you have at all times extended me. I have done the best I could. I have not been able to accept the many invitations extended. Out of my heart I have spoken as God has given me the Light. I have had in mind the betterment of mankind, the elevation of his Kingdom on earth and the promotion of this Convention.

THE EXODUS OF OUR PEOPLE.

The exodus of our people deserves more than passing notice. I have insisted before and now that this earth was made by God for His children; that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof and what's my Father's is mine by inheritance. We are now fifty years from slavery. That which satisfied then will not satisfy now. Progression must be the course of the race in every pursuit. Lawlessness must give place to legal authority. Opportunities to educate our children can no longer be denied. Accommodations fit for manly men and refined women must be provided upon every common carrier. We simply demand that for which our forefathers died. In the mighty conflict now engaging the millions of the earth, we are willing and ready to die that the Flag of Liberty shall be unfurled. A World's Democracy can mean only a land of Justice and Liberty.

Let that day be not distant when the words of the immortal Booth shall no longer be theoretical but practical. Said he, "This Republic shall live the incarnation of freedom, the embodiment of the power and majesty of the people. Baptized anew, it shall stand the Colossus of the nations—its feet upon the continents, its sceptre over the seas, its forehead among the stars."

In that day the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man shall be the religion of every tongue. "One Lord, one Faith, and one Baptism," shall be a universal text. Every pulpit a burning fortress of righteousness and the children of God shining stars, radiant in splendor, marching on in their conquest.

A.

That there shall be elected at this session a Board on Church Extension or Aid with corresponding secretary and chairman as are other Boards and full recognition shall be given said Board by this Convention.

B.

That the first Sunday in March annually shall be designated as Union-Review Day and that all pastors and superintendents be requested to make this day one of the greatest possible advantage to the management in every particular and especially by the way of securing subscribers.

C.

That a committee of three be elected by this body to present to the S. B. Convention our necessities and inform them of our Theological Seminary and its readiness for operation.

D.

That each church, association or convention, desiring to furnish a room in the school be given an opportunity and that the name of said donor be placed in some conspicuous place of said room.

THIRTY-SEVENTH
Annual Report of the Foreign Mis-
sion Board

R. KEMP, D. D., Secretary.

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MIS-
SION BOARD.

To the President, Officers and Members of the National Baptist Convention Unincorporated:—

Your Board brings to you Christian Greetings feeling indeed grateful at heart to Almighty God for the preservative of our lives since last we met. We rejoice to come to you to submit this our 37th Annual Report and to give an account of our Stewardship for the past year. While our success during the year has not been phenomenal yet we rejoice to say that we have succeeded above that of last year. We are also glad to inform you that we are becoming more thoroughly acquainted with the work and have a better knowledge of the field and more thoroughly acquainted with the friends of our Board and the friends of the National Baptist Convention, Unincorporated.

One of the great hopes for future success in the work of our board is a more thorough knowledge and understanding with our pastors and churches on the Home field. This we have striven with might and main to obtain. We have almost reached the place where we are not left to wonder where to locate our friends, our churches and Sunday schools when we are ready to send out Appeals. This may seem to be a small thing to many but in reality it is the real thing in carrying on our Foreign Mission work and conducting our campaigns. It has practically required two years of study and experience from your Secretary to obtain this knowledge. This is largely due to inaccuracy of our State Conventions and District Associational Minutes. One of the greatest needs of our Denomination at the present is a more accurate record of the locations of our Churches, Sunday schools, Pastors and Superintendents. We want to again insist upon the Messengers attending this Convention giving to our Secretary their names and addresses before leaving.

We shall be brief in our report because of the illness of our Secretary for the last month and the restrictions

placed upon him by his attending Physician, added to that is the recent death of his Son on the 25th of August 1917.

We are sorry to state that the Annual Report from some of our Missionaries did not reach us in time for this report but we rejoice to state that the ones from whom we have received Reports are very encouraging and shows an increase of the work accomplished on the Foreign Fields over last year.

Headquarters of Board now in Louisville, Ky.

We are also glad to report to you that the Foreign Mission Board has opened Headquarters at Louisville, Ky. It will be recalled that the Foreign Mission Board is a Corporation under the Laws of the State of Kentucky. Upon the advice of our Attorney, Wm. H. Harrison, your Board is now located in that city with office at No. 531 Center St., where a building of five (5) rooms is rented with a dining hall furnished at Twenty (\$20.00) dollars per month. After the adjournment of the present Convention your Secretary will proceed to Louisville and begin a National campaign for funds to do a Big Business in extending the Master's Kingdom. The Board earnestly requests a hearty enthusiastic spirit of all Baptists everywhere.

Recommendations.

While reports from those we have heard from on the Field are full of encouragements and the future hope and expectation of the workers on the Field are bright and they are making increased demands on the Board for larger sums of money to erect churches and plant new fields all of which is practically legitimate in keeping with the spirit of progressive missions, yet your Secretary would recommend that some one be appointed to visit these different fields and especially the work in Jamaica and South America and make a thorough investigation of the work and conditions and report the same before making too large investments in the way of Church and School Buildings. Your Secretary recommends or suggest the taking into consideration the work of the South African Native Baptist Association and if found practicable take up the same as one of our field of operation in Africa.

The following increase has been made on Foreign fields during the present year.

Jamaica, British West Indies.

Brother G. E. Stewart, Superintendent of Missions has organized two (2) new churches and added same to the work under his care and Baptized 15 converts.

Demerara, British Guiana, South America

Rev. Francis Isaac Bunthorne, has organized three new churches ranging from thirty to fifty miles apart. Baptized 25 souls.

Georgetown, South America.

The work at Georgetown with Bro. Jas. H. Wilson as pastor is in good condition. His Annual report having not yet been received.

Africa.

Pretoria, Transvaal, a church of fifty (50) has been organized and 22 new converts baptized. The school has been operated with an additional teaching force on one (1) making teaching force three (3) in number.

Grand Bassa, West Coast Africa. Brother Reeves reports having organized a church known as the South Carolina Baptist Church and has baptized one hundred (100) souls. The Texas Baptist Church located at Grand Bassa where Miss Davis is stationed is progressing. A large number were baptized by Bro. Jordan in March.

Surinam, Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana.

We are sorry to report to you the death of our dear Brother Rier, that occurred in April 1917. This church and people are asking that the Son of Rev. Rier who is at present in Philadelphia be sent to Surinam to take the place of his father as pastor and superintendent of the work.

The following are quotations from the letters of some of our workers:

General Superintendent Rev. A. C. Reeves, Fortsville, Grand Bassa, Says: Sister Davis is still on the grounds and doing the best she can. I sincerely hope that you will keep her here until you can bring or send some efficient teachers, preachers, etc., to take charge of the work. There are great possibilities of missionary fields being established here; and a mission field once started, can in a few years become independent of itself. We have a church established of only native membership, who can not understand one line in English by name and style of "The Texas Native African Baptist Church." I became a bit jealous

and went out in another direction, preached and natives came falling and accepting of Christ and now I have a membership of a hundred or more. This body we named and styled it as "The South Carolina Baptist Church" in honor of my birth state. I hope that ere long you will be able to establish a great mission field at this point. The fields are large but the laborers are so very few. You over there can not imagine the great possibilities over here, if we but could get help. You don't have to carry on a mission long here; because in a few years you can make it self supporting. With a good carpenter you can make enough wooden chessee to almost support a mission. Lands are in a manner free and can be purchased at a very small cost. You all pray for us out here in Dark Africa.

Brother J. D. Mt. Sula, reports work in the Transvaal still going forward. In the beginning of May I went up the country enrolled a small congregation, 50 enrolled, I baptized 15 souls last week, Sunday I baptized 7 souls in Johannesburg and there are 28 old members, six small churches, a Day School and three (3) Teachers recognized by the government.

A letter from Rev. Jas. H. Wilson and wife says: "We have a quarter lot and a building upon it. This property is clear of debt. I hold the legal papers and the keys. These poor natives are not able to support us. We are not here for luxuries but for the Master's Kingdom, and its growth. I am sending you a duplicate transport of the property which will give you the right or privilege at any time in the future to come yourself or to send an inspector to inspect the same. The Bethel Baptist Church property situated Lot 36 D'urban St. Georgetown, Demerara in the Colony of British Guiana with buildings and half lot at a cost of two thousand two hundred and fifty (\$2250.00) dollars. This property was purchased in behalf of the National Baptist Convention, unincorporated, and the Foreign Mission Board and paid for by H. Wilson, the present pastor. The present church edifice standing crosswise this lot taking in another half lot, this other half lot we pay eleven dollars (\$11.50) fifty cents per year lease and we have the building insured for one thousand five hundred (\$1500.00) dollars which is eleven (\$11.25) dollar, twenty-five cents per year. We do not own anything on this property but the above mentioned annually. This duplicate is in full of the Bethel Baptist Church property and is sent to you for registration.

Mission, Dutch Guiana.

The Mission properly organized and recognized by the Dutch law of Surinam as the Surinam Baptist Church, highly appreciated by many authorities. Five souls now on the threshold for baptism. This work was in charge of Bro. C. P. Rier who died April 15th, 1917.

Rev. G. E. Stewart, Superintendent of Missions and President of the National Baptist Convention, Jamaica, British West Indies writes: Your letter of the 25th came to hand on the 4th inst. I must apologize for this delay. I was away nianother Parish when yours came to my home. All of my time is occupied in looking after this work. There are 14 Parishes in Jamaica and we are operating work in 7 Parishes. There are 30 stations to visit, some cannot pay my expenses. There are neglected Districts calling for my presence to establish new churches. There present churches or properties are solely for the Convention. I have a Bond from each one. What I want to do is to incorporate all. I have 9 ordained ministers or pastors. What we need is a good Headquarters Church. The plan has been drawn on for a two-story building of 30 ft. by 46 ft. The church is estimated to cost \$2,500.00 or \$500. Even \$1,000.00 to start the work will be a boon to us. Materials are very dear we get all from America. I would like you and Dr. Jones to lay one of the foundations stones of the church in the city. Name me to all.

The following comes from our dear sister Davis, at Grand Bassa, W. C. Africa: Relative to work we have attempted here. I have accomplished little; one working such a short duration of time meeting with so many difficulties finds it hard to do a few things well, still I have tried to do my best. Find enclosed a minute of a small work I organized among our women here. (This work is especially among the civilized) In our first annual meeting we raised \$217.69. Our watchword this year is \$500.00 we hope to begin a building for our boys for we have only a mud hut in which they dwell now and no beds for them to sleep on. The girls' building is almost completed. 13 rooms for sleeping apartments, a chapel, dining room, one class room and a large attic. Would like it so much to have made it home this year, but have just received news, no female sex is allowed to purchase a ticket to or from the U. S. It appears I am here to remain longer than planned for, however my highest hope is that God will receive the glory in so doing. God bless you in the work.

ALABAMA.

Rev. J. W. T. Cunningham, Carrollton	\$ 2 50
16th St. B. C., Rev. A. C. Williams, pastor	
Birmingham	11 00
Rev. T. J. James, Bessemer	4 00
Rev. C. S. Reddick	3 50
New Hope, Rev. J. H. Pearson, pastor	4 00
Rev. Madison, Montgomery	2 50
New Hope Sunday School	2 00
Rev. Smith, Birmingham	2 00
Salem S. S., Rev. I. H. Alford, Dothan	1 00
Andalusia S. S., I. H. Alford, Andulsia	1 70
Total	\$34 20

ARKANSAS.

Progressive Bapt. Con., Little Rock	\$10 00
St. Mark S. S., Mr. F. M. Moore, Supt	2 00
First B. C. Little Rock, Dr. J. P. Robinson, pastor	10 00
Total	\$22 00

CALIFORNIA.

Mt. Olive S. S., Los Angeles, Mrs. A. E. Cooper Supt.	\$1 25
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FLORIDA.

Providence B. C., Rev. H. H. Eady, pastor, Bartow	\$13 45
First B. C., St. Augustine	2 66
St. Mary's B. C. St. Augustine	3 30
St. Paul Baptist Church St. Augustine	60
Mt. Tabor B. C., Palatka	11 85
Calvary Baptist Church, Palatka	1 50
New Mt. Zion, Daytona	3 45
Bethlehem, Deland, Rev. J. F. Boiden, pastor	5 05
Union Deland	1 80
E. Fla., Bethany Association	17 00
E. Fla., W. H. M. Society	6 00
St. Paul, Rev. J. A. Davis, pastor	3 04
Bethel, Jacksonville, Rev. J. E. Ford, pastor	9 13
Day Spring, Rev. H. C. Williams, pastor, Jacksonville	1 05
2nd B. C., and S. S., Rev. S. W. Brown, pastor	4 85
Orange Park B. C., Rev. Collins pastor	25
Mt. Pilgrim B. C. Rev. K. D. Britt, pastor, Milton	5 10
S. Fla., Asso. Per Rev. F. W. Lancaster	12 70
Salt Lake, Rev. Smith	1 72
St. Augustine, Rev. S. A. Morris, pastor	2 05
Second St. Mary	25

Trinity M. E., Rev. Elliott pastor	1 05
Calvary, Rev. Y. A. Roberts, Palatka	6 50
Rev. Y. A. Roberts, Ft. Meade	4 00
Rev. Holman, Daytona	3 45
New Smyrna, Rev. Little, pastor	15
St. Paul, Rev. C. Brewer, pastor, Sanford	2 60
Mt. Olive, Pensacola	1 50
St. John, Rev. C. J. Smith	1 00
Shiloh, Rev. Brown	1 25
St. Matthew, Rev. E. J. Thompson	2 00
Prof. Monroe	1 50
Bethel, Rev. R. H. Pittman, Tampa	7 01
Boulah, Rev. J. D. Griffin	7 70
New Salem, Rev. W. J. Jones	50
Palmetto, Rev. J. H. Brown	1 29
Bethel, Plant City, Rev. C. S. Daniels	1 31
Association, Bartow	12 30
Association Bartow Auxiliary	4 37
Bethel Asso. Rev. Horton, Mod., Mulberry	5 00
First B. C., Rev. Wm. Smith, pastor, Lakeland	10 10
Rev. J. B. Lake, Bartow	4 80
1st Af., B. C., Greencove Springs, Rev. Sparks, pastor	5 50
Progressive State Convention	86 00
Rev. W. G. Blackson, Trilby	1 00
St. Paul S. S., Mrs. G. Clark, Supt., LaCross	1 00
Rev. W. D. Thomas, Patatka	1 55
St. Luke, Rev. H. B. Shaw, pastor, Kissimmee	1 00
Mt. Bunyan, Homeland, Mr. Wm. Reid, Supt	1 00
Shiloh, Rev. R. L. Jordan, pastor, Williford	50
Central B. C., Rev. W. W. Carter, pastor, Jacksonville	11 70
St. John, Rev. C. M. Voort, pastor, E. Jacksonville	1 25
S. Fla., District S. S., Convention	12 00
S. Fla., B. Y. P. U.	4 50
Rising Star S. S. Con., per Rev. K. D. Britt	3 75
W. Fla., Association	1 75
Total	\$318 68

ILLINOIS.

Ebenezer B. C. Dr. J. E. Thomas, pastor, Chicago	20 00
Mt. Zion, Rev. C. C. Phillips, pastor, Dewmaine	7 00
Mt. Pleasant, Mr. C. F. Phillips, Supt. Golconda	1 45
E. Mt. Olive S. S., Con., per Rev. C. C. Phillips	7 75
E. Mt. Olive Asso. S. Ill., per H. E. McDaniels	2 20
Total	\$38 40

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KENTUCKY.

General Association, per Dr. J. H. Frank	\$50 00
Washington St., B. C., Rev. V. S. Smith, pastor	13 00
First B. C., Somerset, Rev. W. B. Wood, pastor	2 10
Rev. W. B. Wood, (personal)	1 00
1st B. C., Lexington, Rev. Robt. Mitchell, pastor	8 00
General Association	98 08
Total	\$172 18

LOUISIANA.

St. Mark B. C., Rev. H. Butler, pastor, New Orleans	11 63
Rev. H. B. N. Brown	10 00
St. John, Rev. L. C. Washington, pastor, Dorceyville	2 75
New Hopewell, S. S., Mr. M. J. Barnett, Supt. Bernice	2 50
W. H. M. S., Mrs. M. Rogers, Pres. Newlin	1 00
Red Chutes S. S., Rev. J. Taylor, pastor, Bodcan	3 00
Total	\$38 88

MISSISSIPPI.

Rev. S. A. Garrett, Isola	1 10
Prof. R. McCorkle, Mound Bayou	10
Mr. H. H. Howell, Mound Bayou	10
Mrs. P. B. Brown, Mound Bayou	10
Gospel Temple, Rosedale, Rev. J. H. Buford, pastor	1 80
Rev. J. T. Gayles, F. M., Collector 277, Nitta Yuma	31
Rev. J. T. Gayles, F. M., Collector, 285, Nitta Yuma	34
Mt. Moriah, Rev. S. J. Laws, pastor, Cohay	5 85
W. H. & F. M. S., Mrs. Carrie Haney, Cor. Sec'y., Estabutche	42
First Enterprise Asso., Laurel, Rev. L. S. Nelson, Cor. Secretary	11 70
Enoch Grove Miss. Asso., per Mrs. Dock H. Jones, Florence	1 70
Mt. Moriah, Dr. E. P. Jones, pastor, Chambers	5 00
Rev. R. Spencer, Pachuta	4 00
Mt. Heroden, Dr. E. P. Jones, pastor, Vicksburg	15 00
Rev. E. D. Hubbard, Ocean Springs	5 00
Mt. Zion S. S., per Mrs. Alice Bowen, Baldwin	1 00
Mt. Zion H. M. S., per Mrs. Alice Bowen, Baldwin	1 00
Mt. Starlight Band, Mrs. Alice Brown, Baldwin	50

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Rev. W. M. Mallory, Richton	3 00
Springdale S. S., per Mrs. Ruth Hart Clay, Grenada	1 00
Progressive Baptist Convention	16 00
Total	\$75 02

MISSOURI.

2nd B. C. Kansas City, Rev. A. R. Bacote, pastor	9 50
2nd B. C., Independence, per Mrs. T. E. Beckham	5 00
Total	\$14 50

NORTH CAROLINA.

N. E. Bound & Middle Ground Union, Elizabeth City, Rev. R. R. Cartwright, Moderator	5 00
Roanoke S. S., & B. Y. P. U. Con. Elizabeth City	2 00
N. E. Bound Union Meeting Elizabeth City	9 00
Rev. C. M. Cartwright, Elizabeth City	1 05
New Ramoth-Gilead S. S., Elizabeth City, Mr. M. H. Beasley, Supt.	52
Olive Branch, Mr. J. H. Perkins, Supt. Elizabeth City	1 25
Roanoke S. S., & B. Y. P. U., Asso., Mr. J. H. Perkins, President	2 00
Total	\$20 82

OHIO.

Second B. C., Dr. E. W. Moore, pastor, Columbus	\$ 25 00
Shiloh B. C., C. Dr. G. W. Davis pastor, Columbus	25 00
Union Association, Columbus	100 00
2nd B. C., E. Liverpool, Rev. I. R. Hall, pastor	5 00
State Con. per Rev. G. W. Wyatt, Cincinnati	68 00
Shiloh, S. S., Mr. Wm. Burk, Supt. Columbus	10 00
2nd Church, Columbus, Dr. E. W. Moore, pastor	50 00
Total	\$283 00

OKLAHOMA.

Antioch, Muskogee, Rev. S. S. Jones, pastor	4 27
First Church, Okmulgee, Rev. S. S. Jones, pastor	4 50
1st Church B. Y. P. U., T. T. Williams, Pres	1 50

Rev. N. R. Haney, Oktaha	2 50
Mt. Zion S. S., Stillwater, H. Lee Thompson, Supt.	2 16
Total	\$14 93

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Rev. E. W. Dix, Sumter	3 87
2nd Calvary, Dr. J. J. Durham, pastor	1 05
Rev. J. S. Daniels, Chester	2 51
Rev. Murry	1 62
Rev. Hall, Rock Hill	2 90
Rev. T. S. Gilmore, Rock Hill	1 55
Mrs. T. S. Gilmore, Rock Hill	2 60
Mrs. M. W. Winston, Pendleton	12 00
Mrs. W. M. Winston, Pendleton	12 00
Mt. Carmel Association	11 00
Union No. 2 Rocky River Asso., per M. W. Winston ..	4 22
Silver Spring, Pendleton, per M. W. Winston	11 58
Canaan B. C., Branchville	2 01
Mt. Moriah, Rev. J. S. Earle, pastor, Spartanburg ..	20 20
Memorial, Charleston, Rev. J. W. White, pastor ..	3 60
Salem, Charleston, Rev. P. R. Lewis	1 01
Central, Charleston, Rev. W. P. Jones	1 06
Morris St. Charleston, R. Kemp	23 02
Union B. Asso., Rev. T. C. Phillips, Mod	5 00
Rocky River Union	2 23
Jerusalem, St. George, Rev. E. Coger, pastor	1 00
Mt. Zion S. S., Coronaca, M. C. Calhoun, Supt	4 00
Morris Chapel, Greenwood, Rev. T. M. Boykin, pastor ..	11 00
Bethel, Brevard, N. C. Rev. C. F. Whittenberg, pastor ..	1 50
First Church, Summerville, Rev. E. J. Johnson, pastor ..	7 99
Rev. D. C. Washington, Frogmore	2 00
Mt. Zion S. S., J. S. Poole, Supt	4 30
Friendship, Aiken, Rev. J. D. Brooks, pastor	7 23
Corinth, Union, Rev. C. T. Phillips, pastor	11 60
Weldon Hill, S. S., Rheims, B. Heyward, Supt	1 50
First B. C., Darlington	3 87
Jericho, St. George, Rev. E. Coger, pastor	1 00
Majority, Spartanburg, Rev. C. F. Mills	6 50
Ministerial Alliance, Spartanburg, Rev. C. F. Whittenburg ..	5 00
Zion, Columbia, Rev. J. C. White	7 00
Bethesda S. S., Georgetown, W. C. Atkinson, Jr., Supt ..	1 80

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New Bethel, Brookgreen, R. Weathers, Clerk	1 00
Oak Grove, Salter, C. Mabrey, Supt	2 00
Baptist Educational & Mis. Convention	6 00
Rev. T. H. Broadus, Laurens	3 16
Lovely Hill Asso.	18 00
Gethsemane Association	25 00
Storm Branch Association	6 00
Black River Association	12 00
Nazarine Association	25 00
Shiloh B. C., Summerton	6 90
Jerusalem Association	16 00
Old Ashley Association	14 30
New Zion Association	15 00
N. Enoree Association	8 50
Rocky River Association No. 3	3 32
Macedonia, Spartanburg, Rev. E. W. Bowen, pastor ..	25 00
Total	\$393 20

TEXAS.

Rev. F. B. North, Austin	1 85
Mrs. M. M. Butler, Ebenezer B. C., Austin	1 00
Mt. Rose, Dallas, Rev. J. S. Ladelle	5 00
Rev. D. F. Thompson, Burr	18 00
Rev. Wm. A. Johnson, Conroe	3 10
Rising Star B. C., Glen Flora, Rev. A. R. Ditto ..	4 00
Rising Star S. S., Rev. A. R. Ditto, Glen Flora ..	1 00
Rev. I. Hendon, Orange	9 00
St. John B. C. Beaumont, Rev. M. Hurd, pastor ..	17 00
Rev. J. D. Leonard, Taylor	11 00
Ave. L. B. C., Rev. Williams, pastor, Galveston ..	10 15
Ebenezer Tabernacle, Austin, Rev. L. L. Campbell, pas- tor	30 00
Rev. A. D. Hendon, Galveston	8 00
Rev. I. C. Smith, Richmond	2 01
Rev. A. N. Wyatt, Mt. Pisgah B. C. Pledger	1 15
Foreign Mission Convention No. 1	70 00
American Free Mission Convention	5 00
Total	\$197 26

TENNESSEE.

Rev. G. B. Taylor, Nashville	\$ 16 00
Rev. C. H. Clark, Nashville	4 65
Total	\$ 20 65

Appendix National Baptist

VIRGINIA.

Fifth St. B. C., Dr. T. I. King, pastor, Richmond	\$ 10 00
Rev. L. D. Lively, Hampton	5 00
Queen St. B. C., Rev. F. W. Williams, pastor	15 00
First Calvary, Rev. P. J. Wallace, pastor	13 53
Ebenezer, Rev. C. C. Somerville, pastor	5 64
First B. C., Rev. R. H. Rowling, pastor	14 65
Jerusalem, Rev. A. Hobbs, pastor	4 00
First Church, Berkeley, Rev. A. O. Bell, pastor	3 14
Rev. G. A. Maioyed, Mt. Pleasant	2 14
Rev. O. C. Jones, Mt. Herman	4 00
Rev. T. J. Johnson, Union	2 50
Rev. C. S. Morris	1 00
Rev. Rogers, Canstella	2 15
Rev. Berkeley, Central B. C.	1 60
Rev. A. A. Galvin, Danville	7 00
Rev. E. C. Jones, New Port News	1 00
Rev. Morris	2 00
Rev. Hicks	1 00
Shiloh, Rev. J. H. Ashby	2 00
Rev. King, Mt. A. M. E. Zion	1 69
Mass Meeting Queen St. B. C.	14 53
Second Calvary, Rev. C. P. Madison, pastor	42 00
State Jubilee Meeting	190 00

Received of the following friends the amount opposite
their name at the meeting at Kansas City, Mo. \$ 345 57

Dr. E. P. Jones	\$ 1 00
Rev. Wadwell	2 00
Rev. D. H. Gaines	1 00
Rev. P. H. Westbrook	1 00
Rev. W. C. Barnes	1 00
Rev. J. C. Ayers	1 00
Rev. Wm. Lofton	1 00
Rev. J. B. Hall	1 00
Rev. J. A. Scott	1 25
Rev. G. Langels	1 00
Rev. J. H. Vaughn	1 00
Rev. H. B. Southern	1 00
Rev. H. T. Frye	1 00
Rev. C. P. Madison	1 00
Rev. A. A. Lucas	1 00
Bro. Reuben Wright	1 00
Dr. E. W. Bowen	1 00
Dr. J. H. Winn	1 00

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Dr. J. F. Thomas	1 00
Rev. W. P. Jones	1 00
Rev. J. E. Edwards	1 00
Rev. G. E. Daniels	1 00
Rev. A. N. Wyatt	1 00
Rev. Jas. Kelly	1 00
Rev. D. C. Washington	1 00
Rev. A. R. Ditto	1 00
Rev. H. M. Williams	1 00
Rev. C. N. Hampton	50
Rev. E. H. Branch	1 00
Rev. M. Hurd	1 00
Rev. G. H. McDaniels	1 00
Rev. G. Edwards	1 00
Rev. J. E. Jenkins	1 00
Rev. O. Edwards	1 00
Rev. G. W. Kimble	1 00
Rev. W. H. Fuller	1 00
Bro. J. S. Morton	1 00
Rev. E. M. Koran	1 00
Rev. A. K. Kimbal	1 00
Rev. J. C. Curtis	1 00
Rev. W. W. Hill	1 00
Rev. J. R. Alford	1 00
Rev. S. A. Pleasant	1 00
Rev. G. W. Wyatt	1 00
Rev. J. H. E. H. Nelson	1 00
Rev. G. W. Burton	1 00
Rev. A. D. Kyburn	1 00
Rev. S. E. Piercy	1 00
Rev. M. C. Clairborn	1 00
Rev. G. T. Upshaw	1 00
Rev. C. J. W. Boyd	1 00
Rev. S. A. Hayden	1 00
Rev. D. W. McCoy	1 00
Rev. S. W. Bacote	1 00
Rev. J. H. Earle	1 00
Rev. R. Kemp	5 00
Rev. Robt. Mitchell	1 00
Rev. C. H. Clark	1 00
Rev. E. R. Carter	1 00
Rev. J. E. Wood	50
Rev. Curtis	1 00
Rev. Chas. Conway	1 00
Rev. A. J. Steel	50
Mrs. Callie Diggs	50
Dr. C. J. West	1 00
Dr. Williams	25
Dr. M. M. Haynes	1 00

Dr. W. T. Bolton	25
Mrs. J. G. Groves	1 00
Bro. Odie Mason	1 00
Miss Minnie Foster	25
Friend	1 00
Dr. E. W. White	1 00
Mrs. Rebecca Mears	25
Mrs. M. E. Featherstone Woods	1 00
Mrs. Pollard	25
Mrs. C. L. D. Walters	25
Rev. A. R. Ditto	1 00

Receipts From States By Months.

ALABAMA.

November	\$ 2 50
January	29 00
April	2 70
Total	\$ 34 20

ARKANSAS.

January	\$ 10 00
April	2 00
May	10 00
Total	\$ 22 00

CALIFORNIA.

January	\$ 1 25
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FLORIDA.

October	\$ 52 25
November	88 75
January	9 13
March	122 45
April	13 90
May	28 45
June	3 75
Total	\$ 318 68

ILLINOIS.

November	\$ 10 00
January	7 00
April	11 45

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June	7 75
August	2 20
	\$ 38 40

KENTUCKY.

December	\$ 50 00
January	23 10
April	1 00
August	98 08
	\$ 172 18

LOUISIANA.

November	\$ 3 10
December	10 00
January	4 85
February	1 45
March	1 05
April	3 78
May	1 10
June	2 55
July	3 00
Total	\$ 80 88

MISSISSIPPI.

December	\$ 1 10
January	9 02
February	11 70
March	1 70
April	24 00
May	7 50
June	3 00
July	17 00
Total	\$ 75 02

MISSOURI.

September	\$ 9 50
April	5 00
Total	\$ 14 50

NORTH CAROLINA.

November	\$ 7 00
January	4 05

April	\$ 4 77
July	5 00
Total	\$ 20 82

OHIO.

September	\$ 150 00
November	5 00
December	68 00
May	10 00
July	50 00
Total	\$ 283 00

OKLAHOMA.

January	\$ 3 70
February	2 50
March	4 50
April	1 15
May	2 07
June	1 00
Total	\$ 14 93

SOUTH CAROLINA.

October	\$ 99 00
November	71 35
December	15 69
January	29 72
February	14 72
March	20 24
April	33 70
May	76 18
June	10 22
July	22 28

Total

TEXAS.

September	\$ 2 85
November	18 10
December	79 15
January	8 01
February	4 15
May	75 00
July	10 00
Total	\$ 197 26

TENNESSEE.

January	\$ 17 65
June	3 00
Total	\$ 20 65

VIRGINIA.

November	\$ 5 00
February	148 57
March	2 00
July	190 00
Total	\$ 345 57

DISBURSEMENTS.

Traveling	\$ 515 45
Organ	90 00
Rent	120 00
Light, Fuel, Phone	100 00
Stationery, postage	225 00
Drayage and Express	25 00
Printing	100 00
Incidentals	20 00
Notes	450 00
African Student, Conroe College	12 00
Addressograph Co., Chicago	15 00
Office	200 00
Kansas City Meeting	55 60
Total	\$1928 05

Missionaries and Missions	\$1014 04
Receipts from States	1982 54
Receipts from Kansas City Meeting	403 19
Borrowed from Banks	500 00

Total receipts

Total Disbursements	\$2942 09
Total Receipts	2885 74

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LIABILITIES.

Notes in Bank	\$ 500 00
Organ	100 00
Office	100 00
Missionaries	965 00

St. James Church, South America	60 00
Bible Industrial School, W. C. Africa	2500 00
Bethel Church, Georgetown, British Guiana....	11 25

ASSETS IN FOREIGN FIELDS.

Surinam B. C. Parimaribo, Dutch Guiana.	
St. James B. C. Demerara, B. G.	\$ 400 00
Bethel B. C. buildings and half lot Georgetown, South America	\$2250 00
British West Indies, thirty-two (32) Stations, Ten Workers, W. C. Africa, 300 A. Land, Bible and Industrial Academy. One Organ	90 00
South African, Mission, School and Two (2) teachers and six (6) little churches.	

This report gives names of individuals with amounts pledged to carry on the work at our Kansas City meeting, and the amount paid on pledges.

ALABAMA.

New Zion Ch., Bessemer, per			
Pledged	Paid	Due	
Pledged	Paid	Due	
Pledged	Paid	Due	
Pledged	Paid	Due	
Rev. T. J. James	\$ 10 00	\$ 4 00	\$ 6 00

COLORADO.

Zion Ch., Denver	200 00
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GEORGIA.

Rev. J. S. Brown, Eastman...	15 00	15 00
Hon. B. J. Davis, Atlanta....	25 00	25 00
Friendship Ch.	25 00	25 00

ILLINOIS.

Enterprise Institute, Chicago	25 00	25 00
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KENTUCKY.

Washington St. Ch., Paducah,		
per Rev. V. S. Smith	50 00	13 00 37 00

LOUISIANA.

Mt. Chapel Ch., Shreveport,		
per Rev. M. C. Claiborne...	25 00	25 00
Rev. B. B. Lewis, Gibson....	25 00	25 00
Rev. W. W. Robinson, Wards	10 00	10 00
Rev. G. W. Kimble, Caldwell.	25 00	25 00

Rev. Wm. Grumble, Alexandria	10 00	10 00
Zion Traveler, Monroe, per		
Rev. W. W. Hill	25 00	25 00
2nd Ch., New Orleans, per		
Rev. Hubbs	20 00	20 00
First Ch. Shreveport	100 00	100 00
Rev. H. B. N. Brown, New O.	10 00	10 00

MISSISSIPPI.

Prof. R. McCorkle, Mound		
Bayou	1 00	10 90
Rev. Wm. Mallory, Richton..	25 00	3 00 22 00
Ver. E. B. Hubbard, Ocean		
Springs	25 00	5 00 20 00

MISSOURI.

2nd Ch., Kansas City, Rev A.		
R. Bacote	50 00	9 50 40 50

OKLAHOMA.

Progressive Asso., Rev. O. R.		
Shorts, Mod.	200 00	200 00
Antioch Ch., Muskogee, per		
Rev. S. S. Jones	60 00	4 27 55 73
First Ch., Okmulgee	60 00	4 50 55 50
Rev. Jas. Spencer, Muskogee	5 00	5 00
Rev. Thos. Parker, Aida	5 00	5 00
Gen. B. Con.	100 00	100 00
Mt. Olive, Wilberton	100 00	100 00
Judge Wm. Harrison, Okla....	25 00	25 00

OHIO.

Rev. I. R. Hall, Liverpool....	100 00	5 00 95 00
Antioch, Ch.	100 00	100 00
2nd Ch., Springfield	75 00	75 00

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Friendship Ch., Aiken, per		
Rev. J. D. Brooks	100 00	7 22 92 78
Macedonia, Ch., Spartanburg,		
per Rev. E. W. Bowen....	100 00	25 00 75 00
Morris Chapel, Greenwood,		
Rev. T. M. Boykin	50 00	11 00 89 00
Rev. J. F. Marshall, Mc-		
Cormick	50 00	50 00
Old Mt. Zion, Ninety-Six, per		
Rev. J. F. Marshall	50 00	50 00

TEXAS.

Ebenezer, Houston	\$100 00		\$100 00
First Ch., Rev. J. F. C. Curry	100 00		100 00
Ebenezer, Austin, per Rev.			
L. L. Campbell	200 00	30 00	170 00
Mt. Zion, San Antonio	100 00		100 00
New Canaan	10 00		10 00
2nd Ch., Waco	50 00		50 00
Mt. Pisgah, Texarkana, per			
Rev. C. N. Hampton	50 00		50 00
Rev. Wm. Johnson, Conroe	10 00	3 10	6 90
Prof. J. W. Williams, Houston	5 00		5 00
Rev. G. W. Kimble, Caldwell	25 00		25 00
Mt. Rose, Dallas, Rev. J. S.			
Ladelle	50 00	5 00	45 00
Rev. J. H. Harrell, Austin	25 00		25 00
Tolliver Chapel, Waco, per			
Rev. P. H. Westbrook	20 00		20 00
St. James, Clarksville, per			
Rev. S. C. Carey	5 00		5 00
Haynes Chapel, Montgomery,			
per Rev. E. A. Dickie	5 00		5 00
Friendship, Huntsville, per			
Rev. E. A. Dickie	5 00		5 00
New Light Asso., per Rev. S.			
C. Carey	15 00		15 00
Mt. Pleasant, Calvert, per Rev.			
G. E. Daniel	14 00		14 00
St. James, Fort Worth,			
J. H. Winns	125 00		125 00
Jerusalem, Per Rev. H. C.			
Cashaw	10 00		10 00
Mt. Pisgah, Pledger, per Rev.			
A. N. Wyatt	15 00	1 15	13 85
Chapel Hill, Waco, per Rev.			
Rev. S. A. Hayden	30 00		30 00
Rocky Creek, Mart, per Rev.			
S. A. Hayden	40 00		40 00
U. Asso., Waco, per Rev. S.			
Hayden, Mod. (Vice)	40 00		40 00
First Ch. Huntsville, per Rev.			
W. J. Lockett	15 00		15 00
Lake, Station, Shepherd, per			
Rev. W. J. Lockett	10 00		10 00
Little Flock, Piedmont, per			
Rev. W. J. Lockett	15 00		11 00
Central Asso., Conroe, per			

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Rev. W. J. Lockett, Mod.	25 00		25 00
Little Zion, Kendleton, Rev.			
Cashaw	10 00		10 00
Rev. J. E. Jenkins, Pledger			
American Free Mission Con.	50 00	5 00	45 00
Rev. J. W. Wilson, Houston	5 00		5 00
Rev. J. H. Wilson, Seguin	2 25		2 25
Rev. S. Heyward, Atkins	25 00		25 00

INDIVIDUALS, MISSOURI.

Mr. Tom Green, Independence	2 25		2 25
Mrs. Ella Williams, Kansas			
City	2 50		2 50
Mr. Thos. Hudson, Kansas			
City	2 50		2 50
Mrs. M. Fields, Kansas City	2 50		2 50
Mrs. Thos. Fields, Kansas City	2 50		2 50
Mr. G. W. Nelson	5 00		5 00

VIRGINIA.

2nd Calvary, Norfolk, per Dr.			
C. P. Madison	100 00	42 00	58 00
Va. State Convention	300 00	190 00	110 00
Yours for the redemption of the heathen world,			
E. W. MOORE, Chairman.			
G. L. DAVIS, Secretary.			
R. Kemp, Cor. Sec.			

State of South Carolina)

Affidavit.

County of Charleston)

August 25th, 1917.

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

Signed

E. F. Smith, Notary Public in S. C.

The following figures have been sent in by Rev. James Kelly, Field Secretary.

COLORADO.

West Union Association	\$ 100 00
Zion Church, Denver	40 00
St. Paul, Trinidad	8 50

Mt. Zion Church, La Junta	11 00
St. John Church, Colorado Springs	9 30
Central Church, Denver	11 25
Second Baptist Church, Pueblo	8 00
Total	\$ 188 05

OKLAHOMA.

Mt. Moriah, Elreno	\$ 18 55
Second Church, Guthrie	6 00
Clearview Church, Clearview	18 15
Antioch, Muskogee	18 00
First Church, Okmulgee	18 15
Morning Star, Muskogee	11 60
Shiloh, Muskogee	14 02
Central, Muskogee	3 50
Total	\$ 104 62

MISSOURI

St. Stephens Church, Kansas City	\$ 33 18
Second Church, Independence	5 00
	\$ 38 18
Total from the three state	\$ 330 85
Total for Texas	1944 32
Grand Total	\$2275 17

REPORT
of
Baptist Young People Union.

S. R. PRINCE, Secretary.

REPORT of B. Y. P. U.

Mr. President and Delegates of the National Baptist Convention: In submitting this our second annual report of the B. Y. P. U. Board of this convention, under the new regime, comes to you with a deeper and more profound sense of the grave responsibilities that have been committed to our hands by you than it was possible for us to have felt a year ago. Stupendous and far reaching is the task, multitudinous and complex are the problems presenting themselves for our solution in our efforts in performing this task.

Our success in discharging this responsibility and in meeting the deplorable condition that confront us, while it has not reached the high ideal desired or the standard set, yet we have obtained a goodly degree of success and we look forward to the future with brighter prospects and with a more optimistic spirit for the future. This however, is based on a more cordial co-operation and earnest support by the convention.

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES.

In discussing with you this subject, we wish to ask two questions. First, Is there a real necessity for this phase of denominational activity—is it a fundamental necessity—is it basic in Baptist thought for the church growth and development? The answer to this series of interrogations will determine its future permanency and success; its hope of being a real contributing factor in the kingdom's program.

Your Board after careful studying the different auxiliary adjuncts that have been accepted in the church's scheme of operation is fully persuaded that there is an absolute fundamental necessity for the B. Y. P. U. in our church life, and its organization has met a long left need in our Baptist churches, and has a mission to perform that none other auxiliary in the church can fill.

Its distinctive work is to train church members into efficient service. Not one or a select few, but the entire mem-

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bership. Every soul regenerated and that has been baptized and fellowshipped in the church should be trained according to his capacity or spiritual gift, that he may become a contributing factor by capable service in the work of his church. The B. Y. P. U. is the mobilization center for soldiers in the King's army—it is the drill ground where they learn to use the war equipments of the spirit in effective fighting against the foes of darkness and sin.

You have placed the responsibility on your B. Y. P. U. Board to provide the necessary literature by which you may carry on this training, also to be the radiating center to produce that perpetual enthusiasm by which the local workers may be induced to continue the effort until every church may feel the results of an efficient and well prepared membership.

THE COURSES PROVIDED.

In carrying out this training, three courses have been provided—First, a systematic Bible Readers' Course, Second, a Study Course—Third, the Christian Culture Course.

Your board has followed out the literature plan adopted by the Southern Baptist Publishing Board. The reason for this is, after careful investigation we decided that their method was better adopted and would appeal to our forces more than that adopted by the Northern Baptist. It emphasized the doctrines of our church more than the other.

A careful examination of these courses, will, we believe, give more satisfaction to our classes, and if adopted, will give that training that is so much necessary for beginning or preparing our church membership for efficient service.

THE NECESSITY FOR A TRAINED MEMBERSHIP.

We live in the most tremendously stirring incisive acting, aggressive, progressive age of the world's history. It is a testing age of institutional as well as individual life. None will be able to stand the test of this crucial age but those who are found among the survival of the fittest. One is called on today beyond any other period to give a reason for the faith that is in them. The spirit of this age is affecting the church as well as all other institutions of life. The church is all of its different phases and aspects is passing through a crucial test. There is no doubt in our minds

that she will be able to stand the test and emerge with increasing power. But there is an insistent demand for increased power to do the work which is demanded by the work and our Heavenly Father. In order to come up to this demand there must be an increased number in all of our churches that are capable of doing the work. A change in methods of operation is necessary. The pastor must harness and put to work his entire membership. This can be done by putting forth a real effort continued for an indefinite period to train the membership. Think for a moment, this convention, conservatively speaking has an estimated membership of 1,500,00. Supposing that in the next three years we can train and put into actual service twenty-five per cent of this number, what would be the results?

WHO SHOULD CARRY ON THIS TRAINING?

To rightly answer this interrogation, the Board feels that it is the most vital question pertaining to the perpetuity of the B. Y. P. U. organization. First, there must be trained leaders to place at the head of the various auxiliaries of the church. Second, the denomination must have a constant supply of trained leaders to do the various phases of the denominational work. We answer the question as to who should carry on this training in the local churches by saying, the pastor. He should be the most qualified man to do it. The success of the church in all of its varied organizations depends upon him. He beyond everybody else is responsible for the success of the church. Some pastors plead that they have not the time, but if you will stop and meditate earnestly upon your work you will come to the conclusion that you must take the time, or your administration must fail.

THE CONDITION OF THE BOARD.

There is complete harmony in the Board. The Board, however, wishes to enlarge and extend its work. We have not reached the necessary standard of efficiency that is desired. There are demands being made on the board that must acceded to, but we cannot do this without the real co-operation of the convention. What we mean by this, we must have official equipment, our secretary must have help in the editorial work. There must be an office plus a stenographic force in order to reach the great number of B. Y. P. U.'s throughout the country.

OUR NEEDS.

We need at this present hour, more than any other one thing, the financial support of the convention. It is not known to this convention that our Secretary has been working for two years without a salary. The contract made with the Publishing Board made it necessary for the Publishing Board to expend several thousand dollars as the initial investment to begin the work of this Board. We have met with a measure of success, but as yet we have not been able to receive a sufficient return to replace the initial sum of money invested. However, the Board sees a beautiful future for the B. Y. P. U. Organization in the near future.

THE STATISTICAL REPORT.

So far as the B. Y. P. U. Board is concerned, we are not able to give to the convention the amount of literature printed or the amount sold, nor are we able to give you the number of societies in the convention who are subscribing for the literature from the fact, that we made Nashville the central distributing point. The Secretary of this Board simply distributes a small quantity of literature in the local territory where he lives. We wrote to the Publishing Board for a detailed report of the matters referred to above, but they said, up to the present they had not kept any separate account of the B. Y. P. U. statistics. This, however, will be remedied in the future, for we feel that we are personally responsible to the convention for the facts and that the convention is entitled to all the facts relating to the literature side of its operation.

THE TWENTY-FIRST
Annual Report of the National Baptist Publishing Board

R. H. BOYD, D. D., Secretary.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
NATIONAL BAPTIST PUBLISHING BOARD TO
NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION AT
ATLANTA, GA., SEPTEMBER 5-11, 1917.

SALUTATION.

To the President, Messengers, and Baptist Brotherhood at large:

We, the members of the National Baptist Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, bring to you this, our Twenty-first Annual report of the work done, together with the receipts and expenditure of the same from August 31, 1916 to September 1, 1917.

We are glad to state that we have undergone many ordeals, and yet, we rejoice to state that the loyal Baptists of the country have stood behind us and have assured us that they are with us so long as we are in the right. We feel that we can truthfully sing the words of the old poet:

"What conflicts have we met,
What troubles have we passed,
Fears without and frights within
Since we assembled last."

The brotherhood, I am sure, will be surprised when we state that, notwithstanding the pending litigation and the thousands of untruthful statements that have been circulated from pulpits, platforms and through the newspapers, circulars, pamphlets that the country has been flooded with, we have been able to hold our own. Every department of our work has been a wonderful success. The cruel European war has greatly hindered our progress; first, by causing a great raise in all grades of material, and second, by taking from our plant many of our best employees. The Northern migration of our patrons from the South has been one of the greatest blows or set backs to our work, however, we have tried to obviate this as much as possible by attempting to follow them with our periodicals, publications and missionary extension work. How well we have succeeded in this, our report will show.

THE ORGANIZATION, LOCATION AND PURPOSE OF OUR WORK.

The National Baptist Publishing Board was incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee on the 15th day of August, 1898, but our real work began in San Antonio, Texas, in 1895, and a joint board was organized in Nashville, Tennessee in 1896. The purpose of this Board was the publication and circulation of religious literature for the Negro or colored Baptists of the United States. It was never the purpose of the Board to make money, to pay dividends or to give any person or persons any remuneration except lawful, reasonable wages for services rendered. All commissions arising from sales over and above the cost of manufacturing, paying for property, etc., was to go to missions, as the Board in its judgment might see best, or as the brethren co-operating with this Board, patrons, etc., should recommend.

There have been many rumors and false statements about the organization of this Board, and men have even sworn to it that the Board was organized by a resolution offered in St. Louis, Mo., in 1896. This is absolutely false, and no such record can be found. True, there was a resolution offered at the convention, but that resolution was voted down and referred to the Home Mission Board. R. H. Boyd, the secretary of the Publishing Board was elected secretary of the Home Mission Board at St. Louis in 1896. The Home Mission Board only endorsed what R. H. Boyd had started in San Antonio, Texas. The Home Mission Board nor the National Baptist Convention never even so much as recommended the location at Nashville, Tenn., for the Home Mission Board was located at Little Rock, Ark. When R. H. Boyd had bought out the Enterprise Printing Company, a small job office, and a few months thereafter, bought out the Southern News and Advertising Company, and the next year bought out the larger part of the University Printing Press Company, all of Nashville, then it was thought, in order to have a Publishing House, that the men would select and incorporate under the name and style NATIONAL BAPTIST PUBLISHING BOARD. On May 20, 1899, Boyd and wife deeded the property bought out by him, consisting of these three above named printing plants valued at about \$37,000.00, to these nine men in their corporate name in trust for the National Baptist Convention. This transfer was made for a consideration of five dollars. Those who brought suit against the Publishing Board have been challenged again and again to show one dollar that was ever turned over to this Board by the National Baptist

Convention. Therefore, this Board holds this property in trust for the Negro Baptists of the United States. Not a member of this Board claims any ownership other than money that may be due them for wages or material.

WHY AND HOW THE NATIONAL BAPTIST PUBLISHING BOARD WORKS IN CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER NATIONAL BOARDS, STATE CONVENTIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

The National Baptist Publishing Board would amount to nothing except it could obtain the patronage and co-operation of other Baptist concerns. It therefore, represents in the National Baptist Convention, which is a volunteer association undertaking to perform its part of the work in co-operation with other Boards. First, it obligates itself to furnish literature, reading matter, magazines, books, etc., for the entire Baptist denomination without calling on them for any extra assessment, but in case it has a dividend or a commission over and above expenses, that money goes to the Baptist churches or Sunday schools working in co-operation with the Baptists of the United States. This help is given by the recommendation first, of state conventions; second, by appropriations of District Sunday School Conventions; or third, by the recommendations of local churches and Sunday schools. It has given away to the Baptists in the past twenty years something over \$50,000.00 to help in the prosecution of Baptist work throughout the United States.

This great agitation has given the wrong idea of the purpose of the National Baptist Publishing Board. The general idea seems to be that the Publishing Board is a money-making institution, which is erroneous. If the Publishing Board finds that it is making a large dividend on any book or periodical, it cuts down the price and aims to give it to the people as near the cost of production as it possibly can do. It has lowered the price of several books, because it was found that there was a commission to be made from such a publication. The Publishing Board cannot pay a dividend, neither can it be assessed by any institution. The law does not allow this, for it is plainly set forth by the statutes of Tennessee that this corporation is not for gain or profit. The National Baptist Publishing Board holds itself out to any moral persuasion or reasonable recommendation of this convention, as your constitution has now provided for an Advisory Board, the National Baptist Publishing Board holds itself out as a part of this Advisory Board and calls upon this Board to recommend

whatever may be desired by the Convention that is in accordance with the laws of the state and reasonable Baptist regulations, they stand ready to obey.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST
CONVENTION AS AMENDED AT YOUR LAST
SESSION IN KANSAS CITY, 1916.

(Adopted September, 1893 and Amended September, 1916.)
Whereas, It is the sense of the colored Baptists of the United States of America, convened in the city of Atlanta, Ga., September 28th, 1893, in the several organizations known as "The Baptist Foreign Mission Conventions of the United States of America," hitherto engaged in mission work on the West Coast of Africa; the "National Baptist Convention," which has been engaged in mission work in the United States of America; and the "National Baptist Educational Convention," which has sought to look after the educational interests, that the interest that the Kingdom of God requires that the several bodies above named should unite in one body; wherefore we do now agree to adopt the following constitution:

ARTICLE I.

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

ARTICLE II.

The object of this Convention shall be to correlate and co-operate with the many Baptist state and district organizations in doing missionary, Sunday school and educational work, and to promote, foster and stimulate the publication and circulation of religious literature through our several boards and auxiliaries as may be hereafter named.

ARTICLE III.

The messengers of this Convention shall be representative and annual.

Section 1.—Representative: Any orthodox Missionary Baptist church, Sunday school, Missionary or Baptist young people's society, district and general association, Sunday school convention and state convention may become an an-

nual representative by the payment of Five (\$5.00) Dollars for the general expenses of each annual session, and may be entitled to one or more additional messengers by the following payments: \$2.50 each, to be paid in at the session or twenty-five or the maximum part of twenty-five dollars contributed through the several boards for any of the objects named in Article II. The maximum number of messengers from any one organization shall be specified by resolutions or by-laws.

Section 2.—Annual Membership: Any person who is a member of any regular Missionary Baptist church in union with this organization may become an annual member by the payment of \$2.50 for the general expenses at each session, or twenty-five dollars or the maximum part of twenty-five dollars contributed through either of the boards for any of the objects named in Article 2.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers: The officers of this Convention shall be a President, two or more Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, four Assistant Secretaries, a Statistical Secretary, a Lawyer, a Treasurer and a General Auditor, all of whom shall be elected annually and hold their offices until their successors are chosen. The President or Vice President of each state convention, moderator of each general association co-operating with this body shall be associate honorary or advisory Vice President.

ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Section 1. The President or any of the Vice Presidents shall preside at any of the meetings of the Convention. The Vice Presidents shall represent and assist the President of the Convention in their order named. In case of death, absence, or inability to attend of the President, one of the Vice Presidents named in their order shall represent him. He shall sign all orders drawn by the Secretary on the Treasurer, sign the calls for the regular meetings or special meetings of the Convention, appoint all committees not elected by the general body and may make annual visits to the state or territorial conventions and general associations in the interest of this body by special invitation or by consent of the state convention or association. He shall perform such other duties as may be designated by resolution or by-laws.

Section 2. The Recording Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all of the proceedings of the annual meeting, com-

pile and distribute the minutes of the annual proceedings and shall see that the minutes are sent to all members whether they be representative or annual. He shall prepare and distribute the necessary enrollment blanks, cards, etc., to enroll the members, shall draw all drafts on the Treasurer to be countersigned by the President; he shall keep all such proceedings, together with the proceedings of the Executive meetings, in a well-bound book and report the same at each annual session.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall receive all money brought up to or collected at the annual meeting of the Convention, and shall, by order of the Convention, turn over the same to the Treasurer of the different boards in accordance with the object for which the money was brought up to the Convention, at the Convention. The Convention shall say how all undesignated funds shall be used. The Treasurer of the Convention shall make an annual report to the Convention of all moneys paid out by him, to whom, for what, and the amounts turned over to the Treasurers of the boards, and shall receipt the Finance Committee and any messenger for all money turned over to him, and shall accept or take receipts, vouchers, cancelled checks or other evidences to show money paid out and keep his account in a well-bound book.

Section 4. The Statistical Secretary of the Convention shall, together with the Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary of each of the boards of the Convention, gather the statistics of the denomination from year to year and is expected to make them as full as possible, and the same may be printed in pamphlet form for distribution as information.

Section 5. The General Auditor of the Convention shall audit the accounts of the Convention and shall pass upon the accounts of each of the auditors of the various boards; shall make a report of his findings at each annual session of the Convention. Each auditor of the several boards shall make such reports to the general auditor as may be designated by the by-laws of the Convention and the by-laws of the several boards.

ARTICLE VI.—MANAGEMENT.

The Convention shall elect at each annual meeting a Foreign Mission, a Home Mission, an Educational, a B. Y. P. U., a Publishing, a Benefit and Woman's Auxiliary Board, Evangelical Board and other boards as may be deemed nec-

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essary from time to time, and these boards shall continue in office until a new election.

Section 1. The Boards shall consist of one member from each state or territorial convention, represented in or co-operating with this Convention.

Section 2. The members of these boards shall be nominated by the members from the several states and territorial convention and confirmed by this body. This general board may be divided into two separate boards to be known as the General Advisory Board and the Board of Management.

Section 3. Each board of management shall have a chairman, recording secretary, corresponding secretary and treasurer. The corresponding secretary and treasurer may be one and the same person. The duties of each board may be regulated by by-laws adopted by the boards and by-laws made by and accepted by the Convention. The recording secretary of each board shall keep a faithful record of all of the meetings of the board and of the executive committee of the board. The treasurer of each board shall receive and disburse all money of the board. He shall keep a record of all money received and disbursed. He shall hold all deeds, bequests or other property of the board. He is treasurer and his books shall be opened to inspection to any member of the board. No money shall be paid out except by order of the board from whose treasurer it is to be drawn.

The Corresponding Secretary of each Board shall conduct the correspondence of the Board of which he is Secretary. He shall have general management of the work of the Board but shall be subject to such by-laws as the Board may think best for the management of the work.

The officers of each board, together with such members as may be designated by the by-laws, shall constitute the board of management to transact the business for the board. They shall be conveniently located so that they may have monthly meetings or may meet more often. Each board of management shall consist of not less than five members and shall hold quarterly meetings and shall have power to make such rules and regulations for the management of its business and its officers as they may think best. To each board shall be committed during the recess of the Convention the entire management of all of the affairs relating to the objects with whose interest it shall be charged, all of which management shall be in strict accordance with the constitutional provisions and by-laws made by the boards and adopted by the Convention.

Each board shall have power to make such compensations

to its officers and employees as its by-laws and regulations may specify, or as the board of managers may in its judgment think best. Each board shall make an annual report to the Convention of all missionary, educational, publication and other work done by them during the year, together with the receipts and disbursements of all money.

ARTICLE VII.—QUALIFICATIONS.

All agents, missionaries, district, field and corresponding secretaries employed by the boards of the Convention must be members of some regular Baptist church in union with the churches composing this Convention. They must, previous to their appointment, furnish satisfactory evidence of genuine piety, fervent zeal in the Master's cause and talents which fit them for the service for which they are to be employed.

ARTICLE VIII.—ANNUAL MEETINGS.

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

ARTICLE IX.—EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE CONVENTION.

The general Executive Board of the National Baptist Convention shall consist of all the elected officers of the Convention, the corresponding secretaries and chairman of each of the Boards elected by the Convention, together with the associate, honorary or advisory Vice President, elected according to Article IV of the Constitution.

Section 2. This General Executive Board shall have an Executive Board of Management which shall consist of the President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, elected at the annual meeting, and the secretary and chairman of each of the boards. This Executive Board of Managers shall meet at such a time and place as it may be called by the President of the Convention or as may be designated by the by-laws.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Convention by a two-thirds vote of the

members present, provided the proposed alteration or amendments are presented on the first day of the session and voted upon the last day of the session.

AMENDMENTS.

Any rule or by-law not in harmony with the foregoing constitution is hereby annulled.

CHARTER OF INCORPORATION.

(National Baptist Publishing Board, Granted by the State of Tennessee, August 15, 1898.)

Be it known that we, R. H. Boyd, E. C. Morris, C. H. Clark, J. P. Robinson, G. M. Moore, E. J. Fisher, J. E. Knox and G. W. D. Gaines, and their successors chosen under the rules and regulations of the National Baptist Convention of the United States, and holding office under the rules, usages and regulations of the said Convention, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name and style of the National Baptist Publishing Board of said convention of the Baptist church or denomination. This corporation is organized for the purpose of establishment, support and maintenance of Sunday School undertaking on the part of said church, and to print or purchase and disseminate by gift or sale of religious literature. Said corporations shall have power to establish and support religious Sunday schools, purchase, own, or lease land on which to build houses in which to conduct the business of the Board, to borrow money when necessary for conduct of the business of the corporation, to employ all necessary agents, to solicit, collect, or receive subscription in money or otherwise, legacies, or devices to be used in forwarding any or all of the purposes set out or become provided for, to purchase, have printed, or print, edit, conduct, and carry on for Sunday school purposes, and uses, a magazine or magazines, paper or papers, books, tracts, Sunday school periodicals, together with other religious and denominational paper or papers, and doing a general missionary and charitable work, etc., to rent or purchase a room or rooms or buildings for office and work of the corporation, and all necessary appliances, fixtures, and material for conducting business of the corporation, to rent or purchase all necessary printing presses, type, material and stationery and to disseminate by sale or gift all literature deemed necessary

for carrying on the work of the corporation. *But in all things to be governed by the rules and regulations of the corporation of the Baptist church or denomination, so far as same are consistent with the constitution and laws of the State of Tennessee and of these United States.*

The general powers of the said corporation shall be to sue and be sued by the corporate name; to have and use a common seal, which it may alter at pleasure in no common seal, then the signature of the corporation by any duly authorized officer shall be legal and binding; to purchase and hold or receive by gift, device, or bequest in addition to the personal property owned by the corporation, real estate necessary for the transaction of the corporate business; and also to purchase and to accept any real estate in payment or part payment of any debt due to the corporation, and to sell the same; to make by-laws and all rules and regulations not inconsistent with constitution of United States of America and State of Tennessee and not contrary to the constitution, rules and regulations of said convention, church or denomination, deemed expedient for the management of the corporate affairs, to appoint such subordinate officers in addition to a chairman and the treasurer, not chosen by the governing body of said corporation, church or denomination, as the business of the corporation may require and as one not forbidden by the rules and regulations of said convention, church or denomination, and do designate the names of the officers and fix their compensation.

The said five or more incorporators shall within a convenient time after the registration of this charter in the office of the Secretary of State, elect from their number a President, Secretary and Treasurer, or the two last offices may be combined into one, said officers and the other incorporators to constitute the first Board of Directors; in all elections each member to be entitled to one vote, either in person or by proxy, and the result to be determined by the majority of the votes cast.

Due notice of any election must be given by advertisement in a newspaper, personal notice to the members, or a day stated on the minutes of the Board six months preceding the election. The Board of Directors shall keep a record of all their proceedings which shall be at all times subject to the inspection of any member. The corporation may establish branches in any other county in the state.

The Board of Directors may have the power to increase the number of directors to seven or more, if they deem the interest of the corporation requires such increase; and they or any subsequent Board of Directors may have the power

to elect other members, who on acceptance of membership, shall become corporators equally with the original corporators.

The Board of Directors shall have the right to determine what amount of money paid into the treasury shall be prerequisite for membership or, if necessary, what amount shall be thus annually paid, and a failure thus to pay shall in the discretion of the directors justify the expulsion of said defaulting member. The term of all officers may be fixed by the by-laws, the said term not, however, to exceed three years. All officers hold over until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

We, the undersigned, apply to the state of Tennessee by virtue of the laws of the land for a Charter of Incorporation for the purposes and with the powers, etc., disclosed in the foregoing instrument. This 18th day of August, 1898.

R. H. Boyd, E. C. Morris, J. E. Knox, J. P. Robinson, G. W. D. Gaines, E. J. Fisher, C. H. Clark, G. M. Moore.

State of Tennessee)
Davidson County)

Personally appeared before me, P. A. Shelton, Clerk of the County Court of said county, the within named R. H. Boyd, a bargainer, with whom I am personally acquainted, and who acknowledged that he executed the annexed instrument for the purposes therein contained.

Witness my hand, at office, this 13th day of August, 1898.

(SEAL)

P. A. Shelton, Clerk.
By Wm. B. Shelton, D. C.

State of Tennessee)
Davidson County)

Personally appeared before me, P. A. Shelton, Clerk of the County Court of said county, R. H. Boyd subscribing witness to the attached "Charter" who being first duly sworn deposes and says that he is personally acquainted with the within named: E. C. Morris, J. E. Knox, J. P. Robinson, G. W. D. Gaines, E. J. Fisher, C. H. Clark and G. M. Moore, the bargainers, and that they acknowledge the same in his presence to be their act and deed for the purposes therein contained.

Witness my hand at office, this 13th day of August, 1898.
(SEAL) P. A. Shelton, Clerk.

Recorded August 15, 1898, at 9:10 a. m.
By Wm. B. Shelton, D. C.

State of Tennessee)
Davidson County)

Register's Office, August 15, 1898.
I, J. B. Armstrong, Register of said county, do certify that the foregoing instrument and certificate are registered in said office in Book No. 197, Page 469, that they were received August 15, 1898, at 9:10 o'clock a. m., and were entered in Note Book 15, Page 370.

J. B. Armstrong, Register of Davidson County.
By F. B. Blair, Dep. Reg.

State of Tennessee)
Department of State)

I, Wm. S. Morgan, Secretary of the State of Tennessee, do certify that the annexed instrument with certificates of acknowledgment of Probate and Registration was filed in my office for registration on the 15th day of August, 1898, and recorded on the 15th day of August, 1898, in Corporation Record Book 00, in said office, Page 276.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature, and by order of the governor, and affixed the great seal of the State of Tennessee, at the department in the city of Nashville, this 15th day of August, A. D., 1898.

Wm. S. Morgan, Secretary of State.

THE CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING THE NATIONAL BAPTIST PUBLISHING BOARD, ADOPTED AT THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING THE SECOND
TUESDAY IN OCTOBER, 1898.

Section I.—Name, Organic Laws and Regulations.

This body or corporation shall be known by the name of the NATIONAL BAPTIST PUBLISHING BOARD. The charter granted by the State of Tennessee, August 15, 1898, and recorded in the corporation Record Book 00, Page 276, in the capitol of the State of Tennessee, together with the general corporate laws, shall be the organic law governing this body, in all matters so far as it relates to business transactions, electing of members and officers and other legal and financial matters.

Section II.—Religious and Parliamentary Regulations.

The religious, parliamentary and other regulations shall be such as are used by regular Baptist bodies, and shall

conform as far as is practicable, to the general custom and regulations of the National Baptist Convention except in the election of members, the election of officers and the length of time they shall hold office. These shall be governed by the charter and general corporate laws of the State of Tennessee.

Section III.—Officers and Their Term of Office.

The officers of this body shall be a chairman, a recording secretary and general secretary and treasurer. The office of recording secretary and assistant secretary may be one and the same. The office of a general secretary and treasurer may be one and the same, or filled by the same person. These shall hold their office three years, or until their successor is elected and qualified.

Section IV.—Membership.

The members of this corporation shall be nine, five of whom shall constitute a quorum to do business. These nine members shall hold their membership each for three years; three of whom shall be elected by the corporation each year. Any member failing to attend three consecutive meetings without reporting to the Board, or being excused by the same, shall be notified by the secretary, and if failing to answer their names shall be dropped from the roll and a successor elected. Five or more of these nine members shall be resident citizens of the state of Tennessee.

Section V.—Corporation, Seal and Signature.

This corporation shall dispense with the use of a seal, and the name of the secretary and treasurer shall be used instead. All documents "NATIONAL BAPTIST PUBLISHING BOARD, SECRETARY," shall be a legal seal and signature. However, in the absence of the general secretary, the assistant secretary may sign or stamp his name on documents, but shall always suffix the real signature in ink of the assistant secretary, as follows: "NATIONAL BAPTIST PUBLISHING BOARD, Secretary, By ASSISTANT SECRETARY."

Section VI.—Employees and Agents.

All employees or contracts with employees shall be made by the general secretary, treasurer and manager. All

agents, missionaries or colporters shall be employed by the general secretary; but in the case of editorial secretary, field secretary, district secretaries and other such important secretaries shall be nominated by the general secretary, but such nomination must be confirmed by the Board.

Section VII.—Committees.

The corporation or Board may have regular standing committees appointed each year as follows:

- First, committee on buildings and improvements.
- Second, committee on machinery and its improvements.
- Third, committee on books, periodicals and printing.
- Fourth, committee on missionary and Sunday school extension work.

The work of any two or more of these objects may be submitted to one and the same committee. Each committee may have a chairman.

Section VIII.—Assistant Agencies for the General Secretary and Board.

The Board may elect or appoint annually an auditor, who is not to be nominated by the secretary, but who is to be elected by the Board in its regular meeting. The general secretary may employ council or legal advice at any time, and if found necessary, shall nominate an attorney-at-law who may or may not be a Baptist, or who may or may not be a member of any church, and make contract and regular retainer's fee and the general secretary may agree on any specific or regular fee for any specific case, but must report the same to the Board at its next regular meeting.

Section IX.—Compensation.

The Board shall fix the compensation to be paid or allowed the secretary and assistant secretary, and the contingent expenses to be allowed the chairman of the Board, or may fix a regular per diem for all members not to exceed an allowance of but one day for any meeting.

Section X.—Reports.

The general secretary and treasurer shall submit to the Board quarterly financial statements of the institution showing receipts and disbursements, but shall not be required to give the cost of material, from whom purchased

or salary paid to any employee except in such cases as a member shall call for the same, and then in no case shall he be required to publish the same to the public. The Board may make a general report to any other Baptist body, but shall print its report for the benefit of the public, especially for the benefit of the customers and creditors who may have business transactions with the same.

THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE PUBLISHING BOARD WAS ORGANIZED AND HOW IT WILL WORK IN THE FUTURE.

As we have said in another paragraph, the purpose for which the Publishing Board was organized was to give to the rising generation of Negro Baptists a pure, wholesome, Baptist literature from the pens of Negro writers and encourage skilled industry by printing this Negro writing into pamphlets, magazines and books for the use of Negro Baptists in Negro Baptist churches. In future, under your constitution as shown above, this can and will be done. You have an Advisory Board, whose rights and duty are to say what shall and what shall not go into the Negro Baptist churches of the United States. We hold that as this Advisory Board consists of one member from each State Convention or General Association that co-operates with this convention, they really voice the wishes of the convention; but we go a step further to say that any resolution passed by this convention will, if possible, be carried out by the Publishing Board. But my brethren, we ought to hear and now clearly understand that a volunteer association or convention, made heterogeneously of messengers from churches, associations and conventions and by annual members for moneyed considerations, could not elect or remove trustees of the corporation or elect officers of these Boards to carry on the business or hold the property. There is not a Baptist school in the United States where the convention or association elects the president or faculty. There is not a bank in the United States where the stockholders elect the officers. There is not a railroad in all this broad land where the stockholders meet and elect the officers. This is done by the trustees themselves. This corporation, like similar corporations, was organized for a specific purpose; that is, to carry on a co-operative work for a specific, religious purpose. This the Board has tried to do for the past twenty-one years. The following statement giving the work of this convention each year since

its organization, will clearly show the number of letters written by the corresponding secretary, the number of periodicals published by the Board each year, the amount of money spent by this Board each year and the total from 1897 to 1917 inclusive.

THE TWENTY-ONE YEARS WORK OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST PUBLISHING BOARD FROM 1896 TO 1917.

In the year	Letters Written	Number of Periodicals	Money Spent
1897	13,570	746,500	\$ 5,664.29
1898	43,160	1,593,150	19,426.64
1899	61,116	4,695,950	31,683.22
1900	99,886	3,366,600	49,309.37
1901	116,504	5,900,600	62,423.84
1902	139,914	5,509,000	62,423.84
1903	149,914	6,717,825	87,769.95
1904	177,134	7,273,700	107,840.01
1905	204,864	7,939,949	120,533.80
1906	196,258	9,606,815	152,112.58
1907	273,181	19,233,422	160,162.14
1908	226,462	1,001,008	160,781.05
1909	294,400	11,717,876	162,741.19
1910	272,504	9,348,209	177,507.91
1911	306,559	9,035,160	187,763.77
1912	272,223	9,034,261	182,886.23
1913	284,298	8,208,104	209,665.12
1914	238,029	8,220,679	204,632.40
1915	311,173	8,212,131	160,798.33
1916	278,214	6,758,063	152,989.79
1917	275,472	7,266,570	154,900.46
Total	4,237,925	152,985,572	\$ 2,613,453.93

WHY THE PUBLISHING BOARD COULD NOT WORK WITH AND REPORT TO THE INCORPORATED NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION.

When the Publishing Board was incorporated in 1898 it undertook to work for the National Baptist Convention through and by the following contract entered into with the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention.

We are glad to say that the then chairman of the Home Mission Board, Dr. J. P. Robinson, and the chairman of the Publishing Board at that time, Dr. C. H. Clark, who signed this contract in the basement of the church in Kansas City in 1898, are both living and are both in attendance at this convention. Here is the contract, let us read it and let these men say whether or not this contract was entered into at the time of adopting this charter.

It was agreed that the Home Mission Board and the National Baptist Publishing Board would correlate with each other, and as the National Baptist Publishing Board had now become a chartered institution, and the Home Mission Board and the National Baptist Publishing Board were electing one and the same secretary, the following were agreed to by the two Boards:

First: That the Publishing Board would, during the life of this correlation, elect and retain on its Board three members of the Home Mission Board, that these three members would be the chairman of the Home Mission Board, the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board and the recording secretary of the Home Mission Board; and if four members from the Home Mission Board, the fourth member would be the corresponding secretary of the Home Mission Board.

Second: That all missionary work, both church and Sunday school, would be credited to the Home Mission Board; all dividends arising from the sale of Sunday school literature and books that were applied to missions would be applied through the Home Mission Board; that in case a field secretary or district secretaries became a necessity, their salaries should be credited to the Home Mission Board, and that the Home Mission Board should have the right to nominate the editor-in-chief who should have the oversight of the preparation of all exegeses and contributions to the Sunday school literature.

Third: For and in consideration of this concession on the part of the Publishing Board, the Home Mission Board voted to turn over the operation of all missionary work into the hands and under the auspices of the Publishing Board, located at Nashville, Tenn., only requiring that the chairman of the Home Mission Board would visit the Publishing Board quarterly and that the secretary of the Publishing Board would submit a written statement of the financial condition of the work to the Home Mission Board at Little Rock, Ark., quarterly.

Fourth: That the Home Mission Board was to retain its office at Little Rock, Ark., that the chairman, recording secretary and treasurer should be an executive committee of this Board, and an allowance of \$50.00 annually to be appropriated to this Executive Home Mission Board for stationery, postage and other incidental expenses.

The charter of the National Baptist Publishing Board, or its right to transact business or perform any duties were never questioned by the National Baptist Convention until 1909 at Columbus, Ohio, and this questioning did not become an open question. In 1910 at New Orleans, La., a question was again raised, at which time the Board submitted, through the committee, an itemized statement of

all that it held in trust for the convention. The question was again raised in 1911 at Pittsburg, Pa. In 1912, Prof. M. M. Rodgers at Houston, Texas read a paper and offered a resolution admitting the rights of the Publishing Board, but demanding that the convention be incorporated and abolish the charter of the Board and put the rights into an incorporated National Baptist Convention. This was voted down and referred to a committee with twelve months to study the question. In 1913 this committee reported at Nashville, Tenn., and by its report recommended that the plan to incorporate the convention, abolish the Boards or include the Boards in the corporation was untenable, infeasible, unprecedented and unlawful. This report was adopted with only three besetting voices. But in 1914 at Philadelphia, Pa., the convention undertook to appoint a perpetual commission with plenary power, but have the oversight and control of all the Boards. This commission was so radical, inconsistent and unreasonable that they undertook to appoint a committee as receivers for the Board to take over the property. This committee consisted of Rev. Wm. Haynes, Prof. J. D. Crenshaw and Rev. E. M. Lawrence. Your Board could not, if it so desired, adhere to this receivership, and did not desire to do it if it could have done it; hence, this Board informed this committee or these receivers that it would not recognize them and made its appeal to the Baptists of the country. Three members of this commission and four other men of the District of Columbia went before a Notary Public and swore that they had been authorized by the convention to get out a charter, which charter would take in all of the incorporated Boards, notwithstanding by large majorities this incorporate idea was three times voted down. When they had obtained this charter they ordered the National Baptist Publishing Board to abolish its charter or change it, contrary to or in violation of the statutes of Tennessee to comply with their erroneous, fraudulent charter from the District of Columbia. The Board again appealed to the Baptists of the country and published the charter through the columns of the Union-Review. The matter was submitted to the delegates of the convention at Chicago in 1915 and was twice overwhelmingly defeated; first, by 310 to 440, and second by a vote of 504 to 310. When the 504 delegates or messengers had refused to adjourn and had properly organized themselves by electing their officers, they were locked out of the hall and kept out by a large platoon of policemen, and when this body went to the Salem Baptist Church, the National Baptist Publishing Board

decided that they were the same volunteer association of Baptists known as the National Baptist Convention, with whom this Board had always co-operated since the day it obtained its charter, and it expects to remain with it to the end.

OUR PERIODICALS AND THEIR CIRCULATION.

Name	This year	Last year
Teacher, monthly	176,321	165,943
Metoka and Galeda, monthly	21,643	17,352
Senior	134,351	127,853
Advance	900,864	821,351
Intermediate	418,764	410,261
Primary	751,000	740,000
Cards, weekly	3,218,352	3,216,362
Rolls, weekly	167,324	162,000
Catechism	148,000	140,000
Child's B. Q. Book	239,000	222,000
Concert Quarterly	256,000	200,100
Easy Lesson	466,100	456,000
N. B. U-R., weekly	350,000	222,000
B. Y. P. U. Quarterly	70,000	60,000
	7,266,570	6,758,063
Total increase over last year's work ...		508,507

THE UNION-REVIEW AND WHAT IT STANDS FOR.

The Union-Review in some form has been published by the National Baptist Publishing Board for the past eighteen years. This is a sixteen-page, weekly, religious paper. During these number of years it has never missed an issue. The editorial staff consists principally of Rev. John H. Frank, Editor, Dr. R. H. Boyd, Business Manager, Rev. H. A. Boyd, Assistant Business Manager and Prof. C. T. Hume, Circulating Manager. The principles of this paper are Baptist, the policy of this paper is the policy of the National Baptist Convention, unincorporated. This paper knows all Baptists on equal footing, whether they be laymen or clergymen, educated or uneducated, rich or poor, whether they live in the city or in the rural districts. This policy has been perused so persistently until some of the officials of our incorporated brethren accused it of catering and throwing open its columns to the "Little R. F. D. Baptist Preachers." The subscriptions of the Union-Review have never paid the expenses of its publication and circulation, notwithstanding it has a reading circulation of from

fifty to seventy-five thousand readers each week, but it has been and still is a power for good. Dr. John H. Frank has kept its editorial columns dignified, clear of mud slinging, religious in its tone and Baptist in its doctrines.

OUR BOOK, BIBLE AND TRACT DEPARTMENT.

The National Baptist Publishing Board has not only published periodicals, the Union-Preview weekly, the M. and G. Magazine monthly, the B. Y. P. U. Magazine quarterly, but it has published and is still publishing for its Sunday school superintendents and teachers a book known as the National Baptist Sunday School Commentary, the only book of its kind published annually in the United States by any Baptist concern, white or colored, and the only book of its kind published by Negroes in the world. Besides this, the Publishing Board publishes other standard books of various grades. It publishes about twenty-six song books and other books, booklets and pamphlets too numerous here to mention or to give a list of.

THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

The increased business of the National Baptist Publishing Board demands that the Board have an Assistant Secretary. The Board recognized this fact several years ago and the Rev. Henry A. Boyd, son of Secretary Boyd, who for many years acted as Chief Clerk to his father, was made the Assistant Secretary and Credit man, together with the office of Recording Secretary. For the past twelve months the Assistant Secretary has done practically all of the office work with the assistance of his efficient bookkeeper and large corps of stenographers. The major portion of the work of the office has been done under his efficient management. At the time of electing this Assistant Secretary it was the intention and purpose of the Board to retire the General Secretary by either making him Secretary *ex meritis* or retire him on a reduced salary when he was seventy years of age; but the storm that arose at the time he was to retire made it necessary for the Board to continue his services at least until this storm should subside. However, it is still the purpose of the Board to retire the General Secretary in some form as soon as the legal controversy has been settled.

OUR GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Instead of our correspondence decreasing, the great controversy throughout the length and breadth of the United States in Baptist circles has increased our corre-

pondence, and the office has had to handle more letter mail, write more letters than it has ever done in any year previous to this time. The reason for this possibly is, that for the past twelve months we have had no Field Secretary.

Fourth Quarter of 1916.

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Total
Letters Mailed	2795	4917	2956	10668
Letters Received	11642	6916	4776	23334
Circular Letters Mailed				20000
Total Number Handled	14437	11863	27732	64032

First Quarter of 1917.

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Total
Letters Mailed	3805	3625	2751	10181
Letters Received	9109	9817	5257	24183
Circular Letters Mailed				18000
Total Number Handled	12914	13442	26008	52364

Second Quarter of 1917.

	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Total
Letters Mailed	3710	4188	4088	11986
Letters Received	15329	8420	6612	30361
Circular Letters Mailed				28000
Total Number Handled	19039	12608	48700	80347

Third Quarter of 1917.

	June.	July	Aug.	Total
Letters Mailed	4400	4237	2785	11422
Letters Received	15202	7475	4630	27307
Circular Letters Mailed				40000
Total Number Handled	19602	11712	47415	75729

Grand Total for the Year
By a glance at the table, it will be seen that our office has handled this year 275,472 letters.

OUR EDITORIAL STAFF.

We cannot speak in too strong a term in commending our faithful editorial staff. This staff is presided over by Rev. W. S. Ellington, A. B., D. D. He is ably assisted by Miss M. L. Clark, Mrs. W. S. Ellington, Dr. R. B. Carter, Rev. L. R. W. Johnson, Prof. H. Walden, Rev. E. T. Offutt, Mr. J.

H. Ferguson, Mr. A. L. Fuqua and Miss L. U. Chambers, the Union-Review by Rev. John H. Frank, D. D., and Prof. C. T. Hume. These twelve faithful workers, diligent scholars, have furnished our readers this year with millions of pages of the best religious literature and best current events that the country can afford. They also in their organic form make up a local lesson committee. Dr. Ellington himself being a member of the International Sunday School Lesson Committee, their writings have gone forth with but very little criticism by the highest critics.

OUR EXTENSION OR MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

We regret to report that the Publishing Board this year has had no Field Secretary. The office of Field Secretary was discontinued for three reasons. First, the great raise in material and the low price of our books and periodicals fixed at a time when we paid about one-third for paper and ink that we are forced to pay at this time, preventing us from being able to pay a salary commensurate with such a position. Second, we have not been able to find the man whom we felt in our judgment was sufficiently adapted to the strenuous work required of a man who must of necessity cross the continent both length and breadth, from the Lakes to the Gulf and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Third, it was tacitly understood when we left Kansas City that the Home Mission and Publishing Boards would re-enter their co-operative work as they had done in previous years, but for many reasons the two Boards did not enter into this contract but the matter has been held in abeyance during the entire year. However, the Board has done considerable extension work in the way of co-operating with states in the employment of a Superintendent of Teacher-Training, in colportage, etc.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONGRESS WITH ITS DEPARTMENTAL WORK.

Our Sunday School Congress this year held its twelfth annual session at Nashville, Tenn. We had many reasons for holding this session in Nashville. First, we felt that the Sunday school workers would be greatly encouraged and helped if they could come to headquarters, go through the entire plant, see first, the editorial staff and the officers together with the large reference library that is required to assist or be consulted in the preparation of these many periodicals for the various grades. Second, if they could see

the linotype machines as they were rattling off this writing and putting it into type, then if they could pass on to the proof reading department and see the painstaking and careful thought that it requires to go over and correct the typographical errors and see that everything is in shape; then follow it to the composition room and see how it is paged and arranged; and then follow it down to the printing press department, see the many car loads of paper piled up in the stock room and see the eight great printing presses, some of which would be grinding off as much and as fast as 10,000 sheets per hour printing on both sides; and then follow this into the bindery and see the folding machines in operation, together with the hand-folding, then see it sewed and stitched and finally trimmed and carried in to the store room; then go into the clerical department and see the many clerks puzzling over the thousands of orders trying to work out the mistakes, the mis-spelled post offices and the oversights of those who made the orders. We repeat that we felt that hundreds of superintendents and teachers who might come together and look over this, would return to their homes with greater determination to help the Publishing Board in preparing this vast amount of literature. We rejoice to say that at this twelfth annual session we had twenty-four states represented, and in order that the messengers to this Convention may know how much interest is manifested in this Sunday School Congress with its varied departments, we give the representation by states. The following states were represented:

Alabama—77 Sunday schools, 133 Messengers.

Arkansas—13 Sunday schools, 21 Messengers.

California—1 Sunday school, 1 Messenger.

District of Columbia—1 Sunday school 1 Messenger.

Florida—30 Sunday schools, 54 Messengers.

Georgia—32 Sunday schools, 54 Messengers.

Indiana—6 Sunday schools, 6 Messengers.

Illinois—19 Sunday schools, 38 Messengers.

Kansas—1 Sunday school, 1 Messenger.

Kentucky—41 Sunday schools, 128 Messengers.

Louisiana—66 Sunday schools, 149 Messengers.

Mississippi—80 Sunday schools, 148 Messengers.

Missouri—3 Sunday schools, 9 Messengers.

New Jersey, 2 Sunday schools, 2 Messengers.

North Carolina—9 Sunday schools, 14 Messengers.

Ohio—8 Sunday schools, 16 Messengers.

Oklahoma—16 Sunday schools, 24 Messengers.

Canada—1 Sunday school, 1 Messenger.

Oregon—1 Sunday school, 1 Messenger.

South Carolina—15 Sunday schools, 26 Messengers.

Tennessee—41 Sunday schools, 111 Messengers.

Texas—69 Sunday schools, 117 Messengers.

Virginia—10 Sunday schools, 17 Messengers.

West Virginia—8 Sunday schools, 8 Messengers.

These messengers were made up principally of Sunday school superintendents and officers. This is a school of method and is divided up into seven departments, the Superintendents' Departments, the Teachers' Department, Metoka and Galeda Department, B. Y. P. U. Department, Missionary Department, Boy Cadet Department, Cradle Roll, Infant and Home Department. A story of this session is published, and it would be well for the delegates to obtain a copy of the October Teacher or the October M. and G. Magazine. A selection of the papers is made and some of the leading papers are published weekly through the columns of the Union-Review and once each year they are compiled in book form known as "The Thoughts and Sayings of the Sunday School Congress."

It might be well here to say that this Sunday School Congress has been misunderstood and misinterpreted, and we hope to impress upon the minds that our Sunday School Congress is not held for the purpose of raising money. To the contrary, our Board spends money to make this Congress what it is. The object of this Congress is to disseminate among our Sunday school workers the best and latest methods for teaching God's word.

TEACHER TRAINING DEPARTMENT.

Our Teacher Training Department is really a part of the work of the Sunday School Congress. The Board employs a superintendent of teacher training whose duty it is to travel, organize teacher training classes, lecture, hold institutes, appoint other workers, prepare written questions, look over the answers, classify the papers and recommend diplomas which are granted by our Board. This work is under the supervision of Rev. J. A. Sharp. We have no hesitancy in saying that in our judgment, Rev. Sharp is capable of saying the last word on Sunday school pedagogy.

THE METOKA AND GALEDA CLASS DEPARTMENT.

This department, like the Teacher Training, is also a part of our Sunday School Congress. Dr. R. M. Reddick of Atlanta, Ga., is the conductor of the Metoka Department, while Mrs. J. B. Fouse of Lexington, Ky., is the conductor

of the Galeda Department. Miss L. U. Chambers, who is the recording secretary of this department, is also editress of the Metoka and Galeda Magazine. This department is giving new life to our Sunday school work, and hundreds of pastors are writing us monthly that this class work is giving new life to their churches.

THE BIBLE READERS' COURSE.

Our Bible Readers' Course made up as it is of simple books that are recommended by the Teacher Training Department, the Metoka and Galeda Department, the Superintendents' Department, furnishes a course of reading, recommending the books and furnishing certificates to those who finish the course.

THE SUPERINTENDENTS' DEPARTMENT.

One of the greatest things we feel of the most advantage to our Sunday school work is the Superintendents' Department. This department is under the able management of Prof. H. W. Russell of Atlanta, Ga. Brother Russell is a superintendent of no mean reputation. He has been for twenty odd years superintendent of one Sunday school, the second largest in the United States. His Sunday school ranks as class A.

THE NATIONAL BAPTIST A. F. CADET DEPARTMENT.

This department of our Sunday School Congress is under the supervision of Dr. W. H. Crawford, M. D., of Austin, Texas, whom we style as General Crawford. He has an able corps of assistants in almost every state in the Union. Dr. Crawford has worked out a manual with all of the details in simple drilling for boys with all of the bugle calls set to music, drum taps, etc. He has recommended suitable uniforms for the boys, and has obtained the recommendation of the city juvenile courts. In many cities of the South he has the organization so well regulated that truant boys are turned over to his company for correction and parole. Dr. Crawford is a natural lover of boys. Once each year he leaves his lucrative practice with all the rush of a city doctor with a large practice and gives a week free of any remuneration or reward, meets his own expenses and spends largely of his own income to make this work a great success. Besides this, Dr. Crawford has the

reputation of having the largest Sunday school in the United States among colored Baptists. He has carried off the banner so often for having the largest and best organized Sunday school that it was suggested at this last session that Mrs. Crawford should put these banners together and prepare bed quilts to adorn the bed chamber of Dr. Crawford, that he might dream of Sunday schools and Boy Cadets. In closing this comment upon this department, it would gladden the hearts of any who might attend the Sunday School Congress and see Dr. Crawford's boys as they drill in the streets and watch them in their perfect order.

Repairs and New Machinery

It will be noticed in this report by the above figures two changes from last year. First, it will be noticed that our machinery and repair bills on the buildings are much larger than last year. This is accounted for when we tell you that we had to repair the entire roof of all the buildings except the administration building; that we have had the buildings painted outside and all of the administration buildings repapered on the inside and some of the plastering patched at a heavy cost, but the buildings were becoming so damaged that we were compelled to overhaul them. Two of our linotype machines which we had been using for about twelve or thirteen years became so worn that we were compelled to buy two new linotype machines. While we were buying, we bought the very best and latest on the market, which were Model 8 and Model 14. It will also be noticed that while we increased considerably in the business department, we decreased in the amount of extension and missionary work, as compared to last year. We are publishing our quarterlies at a loss, because of the awful change in the price of paper, ink and other material and a further change is expected. We have been contracting for our paper by the year. We have noticed from the mills that we cannot contract by the year any longer. We will be expected to pay for the paper cash in thirty days after ordering. Just how we shall meet this, is one of the problems that the Board shall have to face after this quarter. We shall be compelled to further retrench in our expenses in some way, or raise on all of our periodicals.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

Receipts.

First Quarter: Sept., Oct., Nov.	\$ 12,547 02
Second Quarter: Dec., Jan., Feb.	30,312 79
Third Quarter: March, April, May	35,523 21
Fourth Quarter: June, July, Aug.	44,018 09
Panama Zone and other Extension work. .	1,336 67
Sunday School and Extension work	5,020 68
Grand total receipts from business dept.	149,260 46
Brought forward from Extension, Sunday School Missions, Bible Work, Agents' Commission, collected and applied but not credited to our business department from Sept. 1, 1916 to Aug. 31, 1917..	5,100 00
Grand total receipts	\$ 154,360 46

Disbursements.

From September 1, 1916, to August 31, 1917.

To wages, salaries, piece work and other incidental expenses pertaining to business department from Sept. 1, 1916, to Aug. 31, 1917	\$ 34,046 98
To merchandise, material, freight, drayage and other expenses pertaining to this department from Sept. 1, 1916, to Aug. 31, 1917	41,118 46
To postage, stamps, telegraph and telephone and other expenses pertaining to correspondence department from Sept. 1, 1916 to Aug. 31, 1917	7,795 80
To advertising, publicity service, legal service, adjustments, auditing and other incidental expenses pertaining to the business department from Sept. 1, 1916, to Aug. 31, 1917	6,000 00
To notes, new machinery, repairs, leases, interest, rents and other incidental expenses from Sept. 1, 1916 to Aug. 31, 1917	43,308 43
To insurance, fuel, water, ice, commissions, transportation, etc., from Sept. 1, 1916 to Aug. 31, 1917	7,723 23
To contingents, overdrafts, donations, appropriations, miscellaneous and other expenses pertaining to the clerical department from Sept. 1, 1916 to Aug. 31, 1917	2,409 52
To editorial, literary, teacher-training, extension and other miscellaneous donations from Sept. 1, 1916 to Aug. 31, 1917	6,857 35
Total disbursements from business dept.	149,260 46

Brought forward from our Bible, mission-
ary, extension, Sunday School Congress
and other missionary work not credited
to the business department from Sept.
1, 1916 to Aug. 31, 1917

6,100 00

Grand total disbursements \$ 154,360 46

Overdraft, Sept. 1, 1917 \$ 1,271 26

Nashville, Tenn., September 3, 1917.

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

Yours sincerely,



National Baptist Publishing Board.

APPENDIX.

The messengers and visitors to this session of the National Baptist Convention may possibly be surprised that the Board finished its report without say anything about the five law suits that our incorporated brethren have filed against us; three in Chicago and two in Nashville. Let there be many who would not and do not understand it, or have not or did not get a copy of our report last year, and possibly have not received a copy of the minutes of the Kansas City meeting. It might be well for us to make a brief explanation.

First, we desire to ask and advise every visitor to this convention to secure and carry home with him or her if possible a copy of the journal of the twenty-sixth annual session of the National Baptist Convention combined with the sixteenth annual session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention held at Kansas City, Mo., September 8-11, 1916. In fact, it will be one of the most striking, interesting and important histories to be found in the Negro Baptist annals. It contains the entire pleadings, answers and decisions of the entire five law suits brought against us. Fail not to obtain a copy.

Second. We believed we were in the right, we thought we considered carefully every step before we took it. We went to Chicago with a determination to abide by the will of the majority, though we were not willing to bow to the mandates of an illegally obtained charter secured by perjury, that placed the entire liberties of free, volunteer Baptist Associations in the hands of seven men.

Third, five law suits were filed against us. We defeated three of them in Chicago; two were filed in Nashville, one asking the courts to recognize a board elected by this incorporated convention under its illegal charter obtained by perjury. Another was supplementary to this, which charged the Board with all manner of fraud, theft and arson. This last named suit charging crime was voluntarily withdrawn by them. There remains but one law suit in the courts that has not been either tried and defeated or voluntarily withdrawn by the plaintiff. On the 24th day of February these brethren started to taking depositions by order of the courts. These depositions are all in typewritten form, ready to be considered by the courts, but to our great surprise about the first of April these brethren ceased taking depositions and we have heard nothing of them since. None of these depositions or exhibits of depositions have as yet been filed in the courts. None of our side has taken any proof or offered any evidence. We are waiting their action. This is all that we can say about the law suit except to say we feel as confident that when the case is heard we will win in this as we have in the others.

Annual Report

OF THE

Educational Board

Rev. D. Abner, Jr. Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT.

OF THE

Educational Board, Rev. D. Abner, Jr. Secretary.

Brother President and Messengers of the 37th Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention, Unincorporated, Meeting in Atlanta, Ga., September 5-11, 1917.

Dear Brothers:

I have the honor to make this the 16th annual report of the Educational Board (Incorporated) of the National Baptist Convention, this being my first annual report, notwithstanding I was elected by the Board in 1906 at Memphis, Tennessee, but for reasons I tendered my resignation during the year, hence no report. In fact, my brethren, this Board has done practically nothing during these sixteen years since it has been incorporated. At Kansas City last year the Board again pressed me into service and when they had informed me that the Board had fully determined to do some substantial work, I resolved to join with them in attempting to restore the much abused confidence of the Baptists of the United States. Much has been said for the past twenty five years about the building of a Theological Seminary for Negro Baptists of America. The matter was gone over very carefully by the Secretaries of all the Boards and with the officers of the Convention. It was agreed after the amendments of our constitution were adjusted, that some changes would be made and recommended to the Convention. First, that the plan and working of our school should be such that we would train preachers, missionary workers and Sunday school workers all under one head, and that each of our Boards should become interested in the location, support and management of this school of a three-fold object. (1) Theology. (2) Missionary Training. (3) Sunday School Pedagogy, while the literary interest of the school might be easily carried on under the same head, hence, instead of a Theological University we will have a Theological and Training Seminary.

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We left Kansas City last year determined that we must have such a school and that we would not be long bringing it about. Through the aid and foresight of that peerless leader and matchless thinker, Dr. R. H. Boyd, we have been able to run a mighty race.

I should also say that being inspired by that fearless and courageous president, Dr. E. P. Jones, we could not help but do fairly well even if we were otherwise inclined.

About the middle of last May I received a message from Dr. R. H. Boyd that he had run upon a school proposition which he thought would please me very much and would be of lasting benefit to the Baptists of America, and that that proposition was in Nashville, and that I might come to Nashville and inspect it, hence I decided to do so. I now give you a description of the proposition in the form of an educational institution. As a school man, I inspected the buildings, both inside and outside, closely; also the campus, with a view of deciding whether they could be used for the object we had in view or not. Everything was unique and first-class in every respect. I said to this veteran leader whose teacher I had been several years ago, this is an ideal site and we should seize it at once.

The buildings and property are easily worth \$100,000, and when all this was offered to us for \$25,000 we could not help but say that this was a great blessing from the Almighty; and surely He was with our Convention.

Following out the plans adopted at Kansas City last year when I was elected Secretary, we asked the Educational Board to meet in Nashville, Tenn., at the same time and place with the Sunday School Congress, the General Executive Board of the National Baptist Convention and the Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary National Baptist Convention. After going over everything very carefully and finding that we were incorporated and that we reported to the convention many years ago, which report of our committee was adopted, it required that the headquarters of the Educational Board should be in the same state in which the school was located. We first took under consideration the purchasing of this school property. When we had decided upon it we then reported to the General Executive Board. The Board was ready to adopt this school, but upon the recommendation of Secretary Boyd of the National Baptist Publishing Board, it was agreed to adjourn and go in a body to the grounds and examine the buildings. We invited other visiting Baptists to go with us, and about 150 ministers, laymen and ladies representing twenty different states went out in a body.

After we had inspected the buildings we returned to the Y.

M. C. A. building and there the Executive Board unanimously endorsed our plans. The Educational Board returned to the Mt. Olive Baptist Church where an Executive Committee was elected and headquarters were located at Nashville, Tenn. The following Executive Committee to look after the purchasing of the property, etc., was appointed: Rev. G. L. Prince, Chairman of the Educational Board; Prof. David Abner, Jr., Secretary of the Educational Board; Revs. J. L. Harding, C. H. Clark, J. W. Hurst and R. H. Boyd. This Executive Committee was ordered to close the deal at once. The Executive Committee, together with the Educational Board, the General Executive Committee of the National Baptist Convention and the Executive Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary held a joint meeting the next day, in which they had the agent to come before their body and make an explanation. Mr. Robt. Fite, the agent, said he was not a speaker and had never made a public speech, that he was an insurance man and real estate agent. He said he had been doing business with the National Baptist Publishing Board for eighteen years, and that he had every confidence in Dr. Boyd. He then said he was authorized by the heirs to make the following proposition: To sell this property for \$25,000, \$5,000 to be paid when the abstract and title had been passed upon and recommended by our lawyer, at which time the deeds would be made, the remainder could be paid in one, two, three and four years. A sufficient amount of money as an option to guarantee the expense of getting up the abstracts and guaranteeing a sale, was paid over by the Committee. The abstracts have been gotten up by the Tennessee Abstract Company, which were turned over to the attorney of the Convention, Hon. Wm. H. Harrison, of Oklahoma.

Therefore, my brethren, you can see that nothing short of \$5,000.00 must be raised and paid over at once. The Educational Board is now located at Nashville, Tenn. The following is a copy of the charter of the Educational Board, which charter was adopted by the National Baptist Convention many years ago:

Charter of Incorporation of the National Baptist Educational Board.
Filed in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia on the first day of March, A. D. 1902.

Know all men by these presents:
That we, W. Bishop Johnson, J. Anderson Taylor, Walter H. Brooks, all of full age, citizens of the United States, and residents of the District of Columbia, and all persons who are now or may hereafter become members of this organization by appointment, from year to year, of the National Baptist Convention, or otherwise however designated, do hereby certify that we have executed the foregoing and acknowledged the said instrument in writing to be their act and deed for the purposes therein specifically set forth.

Given under my hand and official seal, this ... day of ... 1902.
Notary Public for the D. C.

tional Baptist Educational Board, and it shall have perpetual existence.

II. The object of the said The National Baptist Educational Board shall be (a) To establish, maintain and conduct educational institutions throughout the United States and foreign countries under the auspices of the National Baptist Convention of the United States; such institutions to be owned, controlled and managed by Negro Baptists; (b) To hold, purchase and convey real and personal property as the purposes of the said Board may require, and to contract such obligations and liabilities as the same may authorize; (c) To take, hold and receive any property, real, personal or mixed, by virtue of any grant, donation, or devise or bequest contained in any last will and testament of any person whomsoever, and in the prosecution of the aforesaid objects, to take and hold real estate, to receive, accumulate and hold, in trust, endowment and such other funds as may come into its hands, from time to time, for the promotion, maintenance and support of its general work.

III. The affairs of this Corporation shall be under the control and management of an Executive Board, consisting of five persons, who shall be elected by the members in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws.

IV. The following named persons have been chosen as such Executive Board to serve during the first year of this Corporation's existence, and until their successors are elected and qualified, to-wit:

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this day of ...

..... (Seal.)

..... (Seal.)

..... (Seal.)

..... (Seal.)

Signed and sealed in the presence of..... (Seal.)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

District of Columbia, to-wit:

I, James F. Bundy, a Notary Public in and for said District, do hereby certify that W. Bishop Johnson, J. Anderson Taylor and Walter H. Brooks, who are personally well known to me to be the persons who executed the foregoing and annexed instrument in writing, bearing date on the first day of March, A. D. 1902, personally appeared before me, in my said District, and jointly and severally acknowledged the said instrument in writing to be their act and deed for the purposes therein specifically set forth.

Given under my hand and official seal, this ... day of ...

..... Notary Public for the D. C.
Also we herewith present a copy of the registration of this charter in the state of Tennessee, which makes your Board the legal and lawful National Baptist Educational Board of the United States of America.

Acting under this charter years ago a set of resolutions were suggested to the convention by a Committee headed by the then Secretary of the Educational Board, the lamented W. Bishop Johnson, D. D., and was unanimously adopted. These resolutions set forth that the school must have trustees and that the property must not be held by the Educational Board. We give the resolutions in our report in full as copied from the minutes of the National Baptist Convention, so that each and every representative or messenger may fully understand the workings of this educational institution.

Report of the Educational Committee Adopted by the National Baptist Convention and Recorded on Page 97-100

We, your Committee on National University, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have tried to look on all sides, and upon every phase of this subject. The more we study and ponder over this question, the more stupendous it becomes and the more important it appears.

As we understand the proposition, it is to establish a Great National Theological Seminary at some central point in the bounds of this Convention, for the preparation of Christian workers for our home and foreign fields.

If the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America, representing as it does over 14,000 churches and membership of nearly 2,000,000, is to do successful and efficient mission work in the United States and in foreign lands, it seems to us that a school owned and operated by this Convention, to prepare the workers, is a necessity.

The energy and liberality of the denomination would have a worthy object upon which to exert itself, and upon which to concentrate all its strength and power.

To do the work contemplated, and to receive the united support of the entire National Baptist Convention, the school needs to be owned, controlled and operated entirely by this Convention. If otherwise, there are likely to arise jealousies and strife upon the part of the different States and their State Institutions. The contemplated school should be purely theological in character and its instruction.

There are four very important questions connected with this movement that the committee desires to lay before this body:

- 1st. The object of this school.
- 2nd. The management of the school.
- 3rd. The plans for raising money needed to establish and maintain the school.
- 4th. The location.

The object of the school, as we understand it, is to prepare Christian workers for the home and foreign fields. Our great need here in the United States is a prepared ministry for our 14,000 churches and the vast following we have in connection with these churches.

The ministry among our people has to do with every phase of life that relates to the elevation and edification of the people. More rests upon the Negro ministry than on any other class of ministers in the United States. Hence the great need of a prepared ministry, and the importance of the National Theological Seminary.

The workers that go to the foreign fields—both men and women—need special training for their work. And as we have to handle these workers through our Foreign Mission Board, we need to know something of their training and preparation for the work. As the object of this school is laid before the great Baptist brotherhood of this coun-

try, it will awaken interest in every denominational and Christian work.

Perhaps one among the most difficult questions is the management of the school. The success of any institution depends largely upon the way it is managed. This question of management has given your Committee no little thought and concern. How to successfully manage every part, and every phase of interest of such a school is a momentous question, and requires the most sober, thoughtful and prayerful consideration.

Your Committee would suggest:

1st. That the general management of the school—such as the election of a local Board of Trustees, or an Executive Board, the purchase of property and deeding the same, the general plans for raising money—be vested in the present Board of Education.

2nd. That the present Board of Education be enlarged so as to have one member on it from each state and territory represented in this Convention.

3rd. That the Board of Education be elected by this Convention. That the name to be voted upon from each State or Territory shall be nominated by the delegation from the State and Territory. That the Board of Education shall elect—not from among themselves—a Board of Trustees of fifteen in or near the place the school is located. That at the first election of the Board of Trustees they shall elect five for one year, five for two years and five for three years, and after the first year each set of five shall be elected for the term of three years.

4th. The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be to help in raising money for the school. They shall have power to employ travelling agents and set their salaries. They shall have power to employ all teachers and set their salaries. They shall have power to select the man to be president of the school, and to make such rules and regulations for the general government of teachers and school as they think best.

The Board of Trustees shall, in connection with the faculty, prepare the rules and regulations to govern the students. The faculty shall, in connection with the President, prepare the course of study for the school, and the same shall be passed on by the Board of Trustees before it goes into operation.

The Board of Trustees shall make an annual report to this Convention and to the Educational Board in joint session of all money raised and expended; the number of teachers and agents employed and the salaries paid them; the number of students, together with such other matters of interest and recommendations as they think proper.

5th. The Board of Trustees and the Board of Education shall both be chartered under the laws of the state in which the school is located. In the charter the school shall have all the chartered rights and privileges and powers of any and all colleges and seminaries in the United States of America.

On this subject the Board of Trustees, the Educational Board and the President of the school should be given much latitude. But the Committee would suggest one or two things:

1. That an Educational Association of the National Theological Seminary be formed.

2. That every church, Sunday school, Association, R. Y. P. U., Sunday school convention and individual member in a Baptist church may become stockholders in the Educational Association of the National Theological Seminary.

3. That the capital stock of the Educational Association of the

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National Theological Seminary shall be \$250,000, divided into shares of \$10.00.

4. That any Baptist church, Sunday school, Association, Sunday School Convention, B. Y. P. U., or individual may join the Educational Association of the National Theological Seminary by taking and paying for one or more shares, and the share or shares held by them shall entitle them to vote on all questions touching the National Baptist Theological Seminary at the annual meeting of the National Baptist Convention.

5. Any Baptist Church, Sunday school, Association, Sunday School Convention, B. Y. P. U. may have their stock represented by any delegate elected to represent the church, Sunday school, Association, Sunday School Convention, or B. Y. P. U. in the National Baptist Convention.

6. That the stock paid in by any Baptist church, Sunday school, Association, Sunday School Convention, B. Y. P. U., or individual shall not take the place of the annual donation required by the Constitution of the National Baptist Convention, but each church, Sunday school, Association, Sunday School Convention, B. Y. P. U., and individual will be expected to pay the annual donation required by the Convention.

7. That this Educational Association may meet at such time and place as they shall determine and organize themselves and lay plans to raise money for any part of the work of the National Theological Seminary, or for endowment.

The location of the school is a question upon which there will no doubt be a variety of opinions. And, no doubt, many may be influenced by local State interests. In settling the question of location, every member of the Convention should rise above any personal or local considerations, and ask himself, Where is the best place to locate the school, that it may serve the highest interests of this great Baptist brotherhood? We need a location that will be central for the majority of the constituency of this Convention. It will be conceded by all that the great majority of this Convention is between the Gulf of Mexico and the Ohio River, and between the Atlantic Ocean and the Mississippi River. A central location between these points would, in the judgment of the Committee, be the place to select. Some such city or town, on prominent railroads, out a little into the country, would be far more desirable than some of our large, gay, fashionable cities, where the outward appearance receives more attention than the heart.

In conclusion, your Committee would recommend that the two Boards, if you so decide, be elected at once, or during this session of the Convention, and that they be instructed and empowered to take the work in hand at once, and go forward with the work.

It might be of interest to you to know a little of the history of the school we have purchased. It is known as the Boscobel College, erected by five wealthy philanthropists for white girls of the south, at a cost of \$150,000, and which was very successfully operated up until about two years ago when the last of its promoters passed away and the great Nashville fire destroyed about twenty-five blocks of the leading white resident property adjacent this school.

The founders of the Boscobel College, as they say, had in

mind the establishment of an institution that should offer higher education to the young women of the South. It is our desire to lead the young ladies of the South along lines of physical, mental, moral and social development fitting them for any station in life. They had a faculty of 18 teachers from the best colleges and universities of America. I mention the above to show how well they had prepared to do the work undertaken. This college site is in a beautiful and attractive portion of Nashville on an elevation overlooking the Cumberland River, Shelby Park and the entire city, and is within three blocks of the street car lines. It is within a few minutes ride of the business portion of the city. It is an ideal place for a Seminary and Missionary Training School. It may be reached from the Union Station on Broad street by taking any car to the transfer station and from there by taking a Fatherland and Shelby Park street car to Seventh street.

Grounds.

The grounds are ideal. There is not a more beautiful school campus in America, which embraces ten acres, all over which are scattered magnificent forest trees.

South of it can be traced the sinuous course of the Cumberland River, while beyond stretches a vista of fertile valley and rolling uplands, which in itself creates a love for nature's art.

To the north can be seen spires of churches and homes of the people of the city. While to the east and west extend the refreshing green of the expansive campus and Shelby Park.

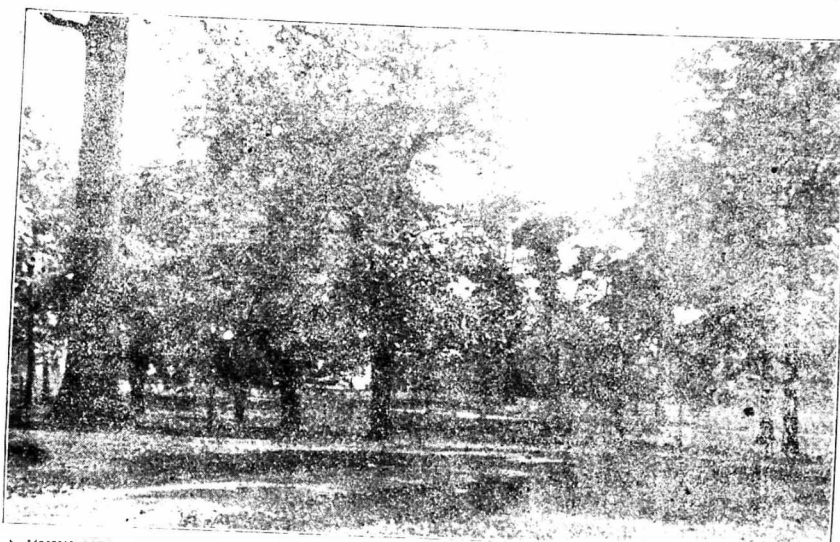
Buildings.

The buildings are the result of fine architectural skill and workmanship. There are two main buildings, consisting of 65 dormitory rooms with a fine porcelain bath tub between every two rooms. There are well-fitted-up toilets and lavatories on every floor. Comfort, taste and beauty are manifest in every appointment.

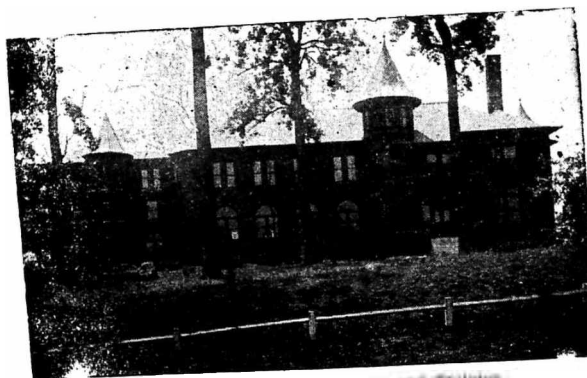
A new five thousand dollar system of steam-heating and ventilation has been installed which, when in operation, keeps the buildings pleasant at all times.

A sunparlor or recreation hall 45x54 has been established between the two main buildings. This room is elegantly arranged, having leaf tables around the huge gothic posts erected therein, affording accommodation to more than three hundred.

The chapel is one of the most attractive in the city, Fisk,



A VIEW OF A PORTION OF THE CAMPUS OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL AND
TRAINING SEMINARY (FORMERLY DOSCOBEL COLLEGE) NASHVILLE, TENN.



National Baptist Theological Seminary and Training
School, Nashville, Tenn.

Vanderbilt, Walden, etc., not excepted and has a seating capacity of several hundred.

There are four music and art halls. The music hall is located in the center, with twelve musical class rooms, each opening into the conservatory in such a way that twelve musical students can practice at the same time without one interfering with the other.

Five office rooms and eight fine class rooms, and a dining-room able to accommodate several hundred.

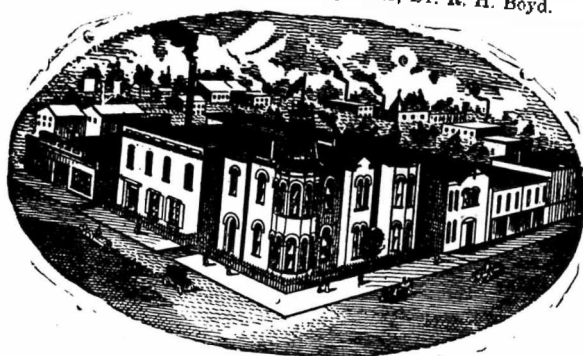
Hot and cold water is supplied through all the buildings.

There is another great advantage—a blessing in our behalf—it is that the chapel and class rooms are well equipped with modern desks, ready for service tomorrow or today for that.

Conclusion.

The Negro Baptists of this convention have accomplished two world wonders in less than a quarter of a century.

First—A great publishing plant in Nashville, Tenn., conducted by that master, veteran organizer, Dr. R. H. Boyd.



NATIONAL BAPTIST PUBLISHING BOARD PLANT.

Second—The purchase of the Boscobel College with much of its modern equipment, for a National Theological Seminary for preparing ministers and other workmen for Christian service in our churches. To secure this property with its fine buildings worth fully \$100,000, for \$25,000 with easy terms to pay it, is nothing less than a blessing from the Almighty. During these times of growing evils, times in which

fiere assaults are made upon the forces of God from every angle, what cause should more embage the minds of our leaders than to have a Seminary where men can be well prepared to beat down the ramparts of hell by their lives, their works and influences, and give their occupants the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Who can afford to withhold his means from an effort to build up Zion on earth?

Every unincorporated Baptist should feel that God has answered his prayer in that the Seminary is a reality. Or soon will be a reality, if we as Baptists will pull together. It must be heard the world over that we have raised \$10,000 in cash at this meeting for the Seminary.

Trustees.

If the plans and recommendations of the Educational Board, adopted at Birmingham, Ala., in 1902 are to be put into execution, we must have a board of trustees with headquarters at Nashville, state of Tennessee, working under the charter granted by the state of Tennessee. This report recommends a board of trustees fifteen in number. But, we are advised by our attorney that under the statutes of the State of Tennessee, educational institutions of this character can have thirty-three trustees. We would therefore urge that the board of trustees, a quorum of which are to be located in or near Nashville and the remainder from the different states of the Union, be nominated at this setting of the Convention.

Faculty.

We shall also take into consideration at this meeting to put the Seminary into operation. We must have, as a faculty, the best that can be secured. Well prepared, efficient men and women we shall need. There is no place on the staff for a piece of a man and a makeshift of a woman. We must have a sufficient force to begin with. Chief of all qualifications, they must be converted, regenerated, Christian teachers.

List of Subscribers.

Let us call the roll.

PLEDGES AT KANSAS CITY TO THE NATIONAL BAPTIST SEMINARY FUND.

Rev. S. A. Pleasants, Jr., Cuero, Texas	\$ 50 00
Rev. J. D. Leonard, Smithville, Texas	50 00
Rev. L. E. Meador, Yorktown, Texas, Box 45	50 00
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Rev. Edward P. Jones, Vicksburg, Miss.	50 00
Rev. William Hicks, Meridian, Miss.	50 00
Hon. William Harrison, Oklahoma City, Okla.	50 00
Rev. L. L. Campbell, Texas	50 00

Total.. \$3,020 00

PLEDGES TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY.

Name.	Amount Pledged and amount to be paid in Atlanta:
Rev. E. W. White, New Orleans, La., \$100	\$ 10 00
J. H. Patton, Yoakum, Texas, \$550	25 00
Wm. E. Ford, Runge, Texas, \$25	5 00
A. D. Norwood, Yoakum, Texas, \$25	5 00
J. S. Norwood, Karnes City, \$25	5 00

Mrs. Ed Brown, Yoakum, Texas, \$25	\$ 10 00
Kelly Robinson, Yoakum, Texas, \$25	5 00
L. E. Meadow, Yoakum, Texas, \$25	5 00
D. F. Fields, Yoakum, Texas, \$25	5 00
N. A. James, Victoria, \$75	10 00
T. A. McGrew, Uvalde, Texas, \$25	10 00
E. B. Coy, Bishop, Texas, \$25	5 00
B. P. Yoakum, Westoff, Tex., \$25	5 00
Rev. D. J. Hull, Beeville, Texas, \$25	5 00
P. J. Johnson, Victoria, Texas, \$25, paid	5 00
I. Butler, Sweet Home, Texas, \$25	5 00
Mrs. Ella Washington, Morales, Texas, \$50	10 00
J. B. Collins, Kingsville, Texas, \$25	5 00
Wm. M. Taylor, San Antonio, Texas, \$25	5 00
J. V. Legendre, Cuero, Texas, \$50	10 00
Mrs. J. D. Morse, El Paso, Texas, paid	5 00
A. C. Thomas, Cuero, Texas (blind) \$5	1 00
L. R. James, St. Hedwig, Texas, \$25	5 00
R. A. Collins, Saunders, Texas, \$25	5 00
H. C. Johnson, Cuero, Texas, \$5	1 00
Rev. R. E. Anderson, Gonado, Texas, \$5	1 00
Rev. W. M. Jones \$50.00	
Rev. S. M. Hill, \$5	2 50
J. E. Jenkins, \$50	10 00
Rev. A. R. Ditto, \$50	5 00
Rev. W. S. Autry, \$10	
Dr. W. J. Lockett, \$50	5 00
Rev. I. C. Smith, \$25	5 00
Prof. A. W. Jackson, \$25	2 50
Rev. C. H. Brown, \$25, cash, \$5	
Sister N. Smith, \$5	1 00
Sister E. N. Little, \$5	1 00
Sister J. I. Grant, \$5	1 00
Prof. G. A. Allen, \$10	2 50
Rev. C. Grayson, \$50	5 00
Rev. W. T. Perry, \$25	5 00
Central Association \$100; \$90 to be paid in	10 00
Central Dist. S. S., \$25	5 00
Central Dist. B. Y. P. U. Con., \$10	2 50
Independent District B. Y. P. U. Con. \$25; cash, \$6	
S. S. State Convention, \$125	10 00
Total amount	\$782 50
Cash	\$11 00

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Sunday School Congress.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSCRIBE THE AMOUNTS OPPOSITE OUR
NAMES TO BE PAID IN ONE, TWO, THREE AND FOUR YEARS,
THE SAME TO BE EXTENDED IN FOUR OR FIVE PROM-
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**THE SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
National Baptist Evangelical
Baptist.**

**The Second Annual Report of the
National Baptist Evangelical
Board.**

Atlanta, Georgia, Sept. 5 to 11, 1917.

To the President, Officers and Members of the National Baptist Convention, Ladies and Gentlemen:

God in his wise providence, and unlimited mercy, has given us the opportunity to meet together again in this the thirty-seventh annual session of the National Baptist Convention.

In submitting to you this the Second Annual report of our Board we beg to say that this has been a year of much labor, trials, difficulties, oppositions, and disappointments. But in the midst of that, we rejoice to state that the year's work is very encouraging and the outlook real favorable.

It is the purpose of your Board to evangelize the world, to save sinners, help the progress of the Negro race, employ evangelists, publish and circulate evangelical literature, enlist personal workers and conduct a systematic method of evangelism in our convention, and throughout the world. Certainly it will require several years of hard labor, prayer, study, enlightenment, achievements, and consecration; before a reasonable number of our brethren can see the necessity of this Board, the importance of the work, and the magnitude of the system. We are praying for time, and a chance to do the work, and if you will but give us your prayers, and co-operation, we shall publish evangelism in every State, county, city and town in this grand Union of ours, and put in operation a movement in our Convention, that shall bring to Christ many thousand souls each year, and be a very potent factor in the evangelization of the world. Our Secretary has been hampered, for the lack of funds to put in operation the present methods of evangelism.

A GREAT LOSS.

On Monday night after the close of our Convention in Kansas City, last year, some unknown hands stole all the reports of our Board. This was a great loss to our Board and a hinderance to our Secretary, for the reason that a large number of pastors had agreed to take some of the reports and distribute them among their congregations, and send us the proceeds. The money coming from these reports could have paid our debt at the publishing house; and had money to invest in other literature. We feel most assured to say that the loss of these books was about \$170.00.

A GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

We beg to acknowledge the kindness of the National Baptist Publishing Board in publishing our report both last year and this year and also for carrying our articles through the columns of the Union-Review. The Publishing Board is the one Board of our Convention that all the gun shots of the enemy has been fired at. This Board has not only fought her own battles, but has fought the battles of all the other Boards, and carried their burden of publication.

We must give more and better support to our Publishing Board, because it is the vehicle for other Boards and our Convention. What the Publishing Board has done, what it is now doing, and all that it shall ever do, must be accredited in a large measure to the leadership and management of Dr. R. H. Boyd, its founder and Secretary.

We must hold up the hands of Dr. Boyd, like Aaron and Hur held up the hands of Moses, because Dr. Boyd as touching deliverance and leadership, is the Moses of the Negro race, and of the Baptist family in particular.

We are lost for words to express even in a concise way our deep appreciation and extreme gratitude for the kind and profitable remarks Dr. John H. Frank has made from time to time in the Editorials of the Union-Review concerning the work of evangelism. We feel confident to say that such remarks coming from an Editor of his ability and influence have already added much to the furtherance of our work.

We are deeply indebted to Dr. E. P. Jones, the President of our Convention for the kind and encouraging statements he made in his address last year, concerning the necessity, the importance, and the future progress of our

Board. We must stand by, support and encourage our President. He stood by us in Chicago, and led us to victory. He is still leading us to success like Joshua led the Israelites to the promised land.

EVANGELISM.

Evangelism means winning to Christ, or saving souls. In the face of this definition we desire to call your attention to the following considerations:

First: The Importance of Evangelism.

Evangelism is the first and chief work of the Christian Church, and the most important work of our denomination. There is no work on earth nor in heaven as great as that of saving sinners.

The work of evangelism is older than the world; because the salvation of the lost was in the purposes of God before creation. "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began." II Tim. 1:9.

The building of a church edifice, the raising of money, the fostering of religious institutions, and all other work the church may do is secondary to the work of evangelism. The prime order in the great commission is: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." (Matt. 28:19.) This means to make disciples of all nations, evangelize the world, or save sinners. We repeat again, that evangelism is the first and most important work of the church, and yet we regret to say that the majority of our churches and pastors make evangelism the last. This is not in keeping with the examples and commands of Jesus, and the Apostles. Evangelism, or winning souls brought Jesus Christ to the world. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." (I Tim. 1:15.)

The first work of John the Baptist was seeking to save sinners, and saying, "Repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matt. 3:2.) The text of the first sermon that Jesus preached was one to win souls; namely: "Repent ye, and believe the gospel." (Mark 1:15.)

The first command Jesus gave his disciples was the work of evangelism. "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matt. 4:17.)

The first work that Andrew did was to win a soul: "He

first findeth his own brother Simon and saith unto him, we have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ, and he brought him to Jesus." (John. 1:41, 42.)

The first work that Peter and the early church engaged in after the ascension of Jesus Christ, was an Evangelical campaign, in which three thousand souls were saved. Then they that gladly received his work were baptized, and the same day there were added unto them three thousand souls." (Acts 2:41.)

The Apostle Paul made evangelism or winning souls the first and chief work of his ministry. "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved." (Romans 10:1.)

Not long ago I heard a certain pastor boasting and rejoicing because he had raised a thousand dollars in a rally, and the nice and costly church edifice he had built; but when I questioned him about other things, I found out that his church had not won a soul, nor baptized a convert in two years. There are many churches and pastors today that are boasting and rejoicing over their material success; and yet many days have past since they brought a soul unto Christ. But heaven rejoices when a soul is saved. "I say unto you, that like wise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." (Luke 15:7.)

The importance of evangelism is further manifested by these Scriptures: "For I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Matt. 9:13.) "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:36, 37.)

Since the work of Evangelism is of such vital importance; the Board is very desirous that our churches, pastors, and organizations; allow it to have its rightful place in their affection and service; and that the convention co-operate with our plans and methods.

Second: The Necessity of Evangelism.

Evangelism is not only an important work, but it is very essential to the progress of Christianity, the civilization of the world, and the joy of heaven. The winning of souls to Christ is the foundation and backbone of our churches, organizations and denominational activities.

Evangelism is a work that makes, prepares and furnishes the persons that support and sustain all of our Christian works. Without the work of evangelism our churches,

associations, conventions and other religious organizations would soon have on one to look to for support. Therefore the Evangelical Board is the manufacturing Board of our Convention. All the other Boards are depending on evangelism for timber to carry on their work.

Stop the work of saving souls, (and at the rate Christians are dying) soon there will be no Christians in the world to preach the gospel, to work in the church, to teach the Bible, to take charge of our institutions, to give money for missions, education, and Charity, and to support our churches and Christian movements. Evangelism is essential to the salvation of man. Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. (Acts 4:12.)

Evangelism is essential to the growth of the church both numerically and spiritually. The membership of a church is increased by evangelism, and a church is spiritually dead that does not save souls. The early church advanced in spiritual life, and numbers as the result of an evangelical campaign. "Praising God, and having favor with all the people and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." (Acts 2:47.)

Evangelism is essential to the civilization of the world. The winning of men to Christ is the best way to civilize the world. This so-called civilized country in which we live is corrupted with vice, crime, murder, greed, graft, mob violence, lying, stealing, adultery and everything wrong under the sun. The only way to destroy such things is to bring men to Christ and his teaching.

OUR SPECIAL EFFORTS.

Revival meetings once in each year, for the purpose of winning souls, is the time-honored custom of our modern churches in carrying on the important and essential work of evangelism. It is an open shame that the majority of our churches and pastors can not see the necessity and find the time and space to conduct a revival meeting, but once in a year.

This method of winning souls is too slow, irregular, and too foreign to the Bible method of evangelism. In view of such; we recommended last year, and the Convention adopted that the months of January, April, July and October in each year be given and recognized as months of National wide evangelism. That is, every pastor, and church in our Convention and throughout the Union shall be re-

requested to engage in at least a ten day's or two week's revival meeting during each of these months, and that the Corresponding Secretary shall make a uniform program, and issue the appeals for these meetings. For the lack of funds our Secretary could not push this method as the Board desired, and yet strong appeals were made through the columns of the Union-Review during these periods for the work of evangelism.

This method implies that every church shall have a revival meeting in each season in the year, or four revival meetings during the year instead of one. There are about twenty thousand churches in our Convention, and if these churches would heed our request, and engage in a ten days' or two week's revival meeting, during each of the months designated, and if in each of these months, every church would save only one soul each; that would be eighty thousand souls a year, by this special effort, to the credit of our Board. But suppose every church would save an average of ten souls each during these months that would give us eight hundred thousand souls a year. If this was kept up at the expiration of ten years there would be no sinners in the Negro race; in the United States.

We earnestly request our churches and pastors to obey the method. During these particular months, or special efforts for evangelism. The Board also request that city-wide Evangelistical campaigns be conducted in every city. We mean by this that all the Baptist churches in a city come together, unite their forces, employ an evangelist, and engage in a union revival meeting. This does not employ the union of Pede-baptist organizations, because there can be no real union between Baptist and Pede-baptist. "Can two walk together except they be agreed." Amos 3: 3.

Special and regular attention must be given our cities, and towns, because they are the hot-beds for vice, crime, sin and immorality. Therefore a city campaign must be carried on at least every season in the year.

PERSONAL WORKERS FOR EVANGELISM.

There are about two million and five hundred thousand Christians that constitute our Convention; if each one of these Christians would save one sinner each in the year at the end of three years every sinner in the race will be brought to Christ, and every Pede-baptist would be made a Baptist. We are striving to enlist at least one hundred thousand Christians that will work under our Board and strive to bring one sinner each to Christ, during each sea-

son in the year. We need personal workers for evangelism. Personal work is the first example of the first disciples, and the quickest method to evangelize the world. John 1: 41-51.

"I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work." (John 9:4) is a good motto for every Christian. Jesus said, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." Luke 10:2.

The greatness of the harvest of evangelism; is manifested by the extent of the field, the many works of the devil, and the vast number of sinners. We are engaged in a great work, and the laborers are few, it is not that the membership of our churches are few, it is not that the members of our Convention are few neither did Jesus say that the disciples were few, but the laborers are few.

We are facing in this country a scarcity of laborers for Jesus. A person can be a Christian, and then not be connected with the visible church (but such is a dangerous and a bad example.) A person can be a member of the church, and not a worker. With this in mind, let every person be a Christian, let every Christian be a member of the church, and let every member be a worker.

We are praying to God to send laborers in the field. "He shall reward every man according to his work." Matt 16: 27, is a statement that should encourage every Christian to be a personal worker for Jesus. We shall not rest day nor night until we have enlisted a hundred thousand Personal Workers for evangelism.

FAMILY ALTARS IN CHRISTIAN HOMES.

The institution of Family Altars in Christian homes for religious instruction, and worship, has its origin in the purpose of God, and seem to be manifested first in Abraham. "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him." Gen. 18:19.

Home is the first, and the most important school of character. It is where we get our first moral training which endures through life, and ceases only with death. But there is a great deal of difference between a moral training and a religious training. Religious training implies moral training; but moral training does not imply religious

training. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6, is as true as sunshine; and as necessary to the moral and religious development of the child, as food and water is essential to its physical growth.

We need to keep in mind that no child is trained as he should go unless he is trained religiously. God commanded that every Christian home should have a family altar, "And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." (Deut. 6:6, 7.) "And ye fathers provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." (Eph. 6:4.)

A family altar in every home is a quick and an effective way of bringing men to Christ. Suppose every Christian parent would save their own household like Noah saved his; there would soon be no sinners in the world. We need more pure Christianity in the home, more fireside training for the children, and more religious instruction, mornings and evenings.

What we mean by a Family Altar in the home is for there to be a particular time, and special place in the home, where all the family assemble to read the Word of God and pray. The best and most convenient place and time is around the breakfast table in the morning and around the fireside at night. The Board desires to establish and help to maintain a family altar in every Christian home. With this in mind, we shall carry in our magazine a suggestive outlined scriptures for the family altar for each day in the month.

It will require some time and money to put and push in operation, the idea of a family altar in every home. The Board asks your help in the work.

EVANGELICAL TRACTS AND LITERATURE.

The publication and circulation of Evangelical tracts, and literature is a good method of evangelism. Our churches and our people need enlightenment concerning the great work of evangelism. We believe this information can be successfully and more extensively conveyed to the people by evangelical literature than any other way. This method will help us to reach everybody, everywhere.

One of the greatest preachers that ever stood on the soil of England was converted, and brought to Christ by the simple method of reading a little tract he picked up on the streets. Not only that, but thousands of people have been brought to Christ by the same method. The publication and circulation of religious literature is a Bible idea of spreading the gospel into all the world. "And the gospel must first be published among all nations." (Mark 13:10.)

The apostles were not only great preachers of the word, but they were also great writers of the gospel. The writers of the four gospels were evangelists, and evangelical writers. The Bible is the Book that contains an inspired collection of evangelical literature. To do effective and successful evangelical work a person must be acquainted with the doctrines of the New Testament. We do not know a better way to impart such information than to circulate Christian tracts and literature. With this in mind, the Board finds it necessary to publish and circulate a

deal of evangelical literature. Very soon we shall have in operation a method that shall flood this whole Union with evangelical tracts. In addition to that, we are going to publish a monthly magazine, title, "The National Soul Winner."

The object in publishing this magazine is to enlighten, awake, stir up, and enlist our people in the work of evangelism; and at the same time help the corresponding expenses of the Board. We aim to, by this method, save men, teach men, preach to men, arouse men, and employ men for Jesus through the mail. We purpose to reach men regardless of where they are.

We believe the National Baptist Publishing Board, should publish or print all the work of every Board of our Convention. Hence the Boards should make arrangements with them for their publications.

In the distribution of religious tracts, we have three great purposes in mind: First: we aim to bring men to Christ, by reading our tracts. The Bible was written to lead men to believe in Jesus and obtain eternal life. "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." (John 20:31.)

Second: We aim to by the issuing of tracts, lead our

people to read, study and search the Scriptures. "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me." (John 5:39).

Third: We aim to make plain the way of salvation in order that personal workers, may know how to show a sinner and tell him the way of salvation according to the Scriptures. Not only are sinners ignorant, but the majority of our Christians are ignorant concerning evangelism, as taught in God's Word. "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." (Rom. 10:3.)

The Board is very desirous that our pastors, and churches will help us in the great work of evangelism.

OUR NATIONAL EVANGELISTS.

The chief method of evangelism adopted by our Board; is the appointment, and the employment of a reasonable number of ministers over two or more states as National Evangelists. We cannot value the preaching of the gospel, and the preaching of the gospel is the greatest means in the evangelization of the world. Men must hear the gospel, obey the gospel, and believe the gospel in order to be saved. "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things." (Rom. 10:14, 15.)

Therefore to evangelize the world and keep prominent the work of evangelism in our convention, we must go, or help go; send, or help send the gospel preacher. "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." (1 Cor. 1:21.)

Keep in mind it is not foolish preaching that saves sinners, because foolish preaching cannot get believers; or rather foolish preaching begets foolish converts. But the Word of Wisdom recognizes preaching as foolishness; and yet by this so-called foolishness the world must be saved. The small and the large, the little and the big, the rich and the poor, the wise and the unwise, the learned and the unlearned, and every man, regardless to his race or color must hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In accord with this method we appointed about twenty

ministers throughout the Union, to work under our Board as District National Evangelists. Some of these evangelists have labored hard and traveled extensively in the interest of our work; and have succeeded in bringing many souls to Christ and much help to the Convention. But the reports coming from these evangelists manifest that there are some obstacles in the way that serve as impediments to their success. These hinderances seem to be as follows:

First: A tendency to minimize the Evangelistical office.

I can find no reason for churches and pastors to have a tendency to minimize an evangelist. This depreciation seems to have its origin in the Association or Convention, that elects or appoints a man to that office. That is, our Convention and Associations elect, or appoint a minister as an evangelist, just to give the man a job, until he can find a church, and the preacher seeks, and accept such a position in view of getting a church; hence the organization believes the preacher has a little-looking-for church-job, and the preacher believes likewise. Hence it is minimized from the very beginning. Then again ministers of inferior ability, intelligence, and morality have been put in such a position to give them a chance, rather than to do the work. And again the majority of our pastors, believe that it is either useless or reflects discredit on them as pastors, to engage an evangelist to conduct a revival meeting or do the work of an evangelist, in their churches; when they, the pastors can do (or believe they can do) the same work themselves. With this idea in mind; they do not see the need of an evangelist; and help to minimize the office, and office. But a deep, logical, and Biblical investigation of an evangelist will give us another idea, and induce us to magnify the office and work of an evangelist.

Let us consider what the Bible says about an evangelist. "And he gave some Apostles and some prophets, and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers." (Eph. 4:11.)

The thought we desire to draw from that verse is that in the constitution of the church, the office of an evangelist is named along with the others; hence the office of an evangelist is a Bible office, as well as Apostles, prophets, pastors and teachers. But let us turn to commentators for comment on the verse: Preachers' Homiletic Commentary: "Christ gave the persons, and the community gave to them the service. Apostle, prophets, evangelists.

We can not accept the order as significant of rank. It would grace an angel to be the evangelist of such a salvation.

As apostles they went forth "sent" by their Master to men in their need; as prophets, they "spoke out" what He had taught them; as evangelists they were the messengers of good tidings. They were Apostles that they might be evangelists (Matthew 10:5-7.) going about heralding the kingdom and gathering men into it. Pastors and teachers; Shepherds and instructors of those gathered together by men of another order. The former were employed in introducing the gospel where it was before unknown, the business of the latter was to confirm and instruct the converts stably and permanently." Hear the *Critical Encyclopaedia*: "This term (evangelist) is applied in the New Testament to a certain class of Christian teachers who were not fixed to any particular spot, but traveled either independently or under the direction of one or other of the apostles, for the purpose of propagating the gospel.

The evangelists are expressly distinguished from the pastors and teachers. The chief points of difference appear to be that the former were itinerant, the latter stationary." Hear the *Bible Commentary*. "The men who filled the office no less than the office itself were a divine gift. As the Apostles, prophets, and evangelists were special and extraordinary ministers; so pastors and teachers are the ordinary stated ministers of a particular church. Evangelists were itinerant preachers, like our missionary." Hear *Smith Bible Dictionary*. "Evangelist (publisher of glad tidings.) In the New Testament the 'evangelists' appear on the one hand after the 'apostle' and 'prophets,' on the other hand before the 'pastors' and 'teachers.'"

They probably stood between the two. The work of the evangelist is the proclamation of the glad tidings to those who have believed and been baptized. It follows also that the name denotes a work rather than an order. Its use is nearly like our word missionary." Lastly, let us hear the *Self-Pronouncing Bible Dictionary*: "Evangelist (Publisher of glad tidings.) One of the four writers of the gospels. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. A preacher of the gospel inferior in authority to the Apostles, and apparently to the prophets, yet superior to the pastor and teacher.

"A traveling Corresponding Missionary." Now when we fairly compare the comments from these commentators, and the definitions from these lexicographers, we find these facts in each of them: First: That the office of the evangelist is a Bible office. Second: That the office of the evangelist is inferior to Apostles and prophets, and superior to pastors and teachers. Third: That the evangelist is a

traveling preacher rather than a stationary one. Fourth: That the work of the evangelist implies the preaching and publication of the gospel, and the winning of souls. In view of these facts the office of evangelist should be magnified; and none but able, competent and consecrated ministers should be elected to such high and honorable position.

Therefore the Board has exercised a deal of care in appointing men as evangelists. You no doubt would be surprised to know of the many applications that come to us regularly for an appointment as an evangelist. For reasons better known to us we could not appoint all. But we appointed a reasonable number in the various states in the Union. We shall not knowingly appoint or keep on the Board, as an evangelist a minister who is a drunkard; or is immoral, or not sound in Christian doctrines, or incompetent to do the work. Hence your Board is trying to send out sound, temperate, able, moral, faithful and powerful preachers as evangelists.

We feel confident to say that in a near future the office and work of the evangelist shall be magnified instead of minimized.

SECOND CLOSED DOORS.

The second great hinderance to our evangelists is closed church doors. We mean by that term that they can not get in our churches to do evangelical work. Men are dying and going to hell daily; the devil is working night and day; cold or hot, rain or shine. Church members are cold, lukewarm and indifferent. Christians are idle and few, sinners need salvation, and the first and chief work of the church is to win souls. In the midst of all those things, pastors are closing doors against these servants of God, and ministers of salvation. Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." (Rev. 3:20.)

Just like some hard hearted sinner closed his heart against Jesus. Church doors are being closed in the face of our workers. Our evangelists are knocking at the door of your church they would like to get in, win souls, and preach the gospel. The pastor of a church is the guide, the overseer, the leader, and the Shepherd. He is the one person who opens and closes the door. He can let you in and he can shut you out. You can not get in unless he lets you in.

It is only the narrow, jealous, selfish, greedy, coward, faithless, ignorant, pastors that are closing their doors against our denominational work. The Baptist pastor is so high in his church, you can't go over him, he is so low you can't go under him, he is so wide that you can not go around him, he is so thick, you can't go through him, he is so heavy you can't move him, and he is so brave you can not scare him. The only way to get in is for him to let you in.

The way some pastors close their churches against our work leads us to believe that they think that God had only one purpose in organizing the church and that is to support them as pastors. These pastors should read the great commission. (Matthew 28:19, 20.) and learn that the first and chief work of the church is to evangelize the world. We are praying that our pastors shall let our evangelists in their churches.

Paul had a door opened for him at Ephesus, I Cor. 16: 8, 9, and delighted in telling the church at Corinth. He also delighted to find an open door at Troas. "Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord." (II Cor. 9:12)
May the Lord open a door for our work; is our prayer.

EVANGELISM PREPARES MEN.

The Evangelical Board is engaged in the greatest work on earth, because by evangelism men are prepared for many occasions, and purposes. This preparation may be outlined as follows:

First: Evangelism prepares men to live happy on earth.

When a man is won to Christ, he is prepared to render Christian service. No person is prepared to work in the Church or in any Christian organization until that person has himself been brought to Christ. This does not imply all the preparation necessary to render profitable service to Christ, but it is the foundation upon which all other preparations are built. When a person is won to Christ he is safe and happy on earth. Therefore the religion of Jesus Christ is good to have while you live. Because in trouble Christ is a very present help in sorrow He is a comforter; in crosses He is a burden bearer; in trials He is a defender; in darkness He is a light to guide our souls through this gloomy maze of time, a light sent from God to reveal to the eyes of man the amazing glories of the far distant world. He is the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. Rivers

of living water in a dry place. He is rest for the weary, bread for the hungry, Water for the thirsty, a friend for the friendless; a hiding place from the winds, and a doctor sent from heaven to bind up our broken hearts, and wipe away our tears. He is the joy of our hearts the fullness of our hope, the sight of our eyes, the clarifier of our affections, and the mirror of our thoughts. "He is despised, and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief, and we hid as it were our faces from him, he was despised and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:3-5.)

SECOND: EVANGELISM PREPARES MEN FOR DYING.

When a person is brought to Christ he is thereby prepared for both living and dying. Because Jesus said: "I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live." (John 11:25)

Evangelism prepares a man for dying. When the death dew shall dampen our brow, when our feet shall be chilled by the icy hand of death, when our pulse must beat faint and few, when the stroke of the pale rider shall blind our eyes forever; when the silver cord shall be loosed, and the golden bowl broken, Christ shall be there to guide us through the dark valley of the shadow of death.

Some years ago there was a great excursion to one of our large cities and the thousands of people in town soon filled all the hotels. On the arrival of the train from the west, a boy was at the depot to notify the comers that all the hotels were filled, and there was no more room. In that crowd was a woman that did not heed the cry of the boy; but took her suit case and started toward a hotel. She was stopped by several, and they called her attention to the cry of the boy. But finally she said; I do not care what that boy said or how other people are disturbed, I am not uneasy because I sent my name on before me, and engaged a room.

Evangelism sends a man's name to heaven before he gets there, and a room is kept for him, not only that, but when Jesus shall descend from heaven with the clouds of glory, when gleaming torches shall be in the sky, and the trumpets of God shall ravish the air with music, evan-

gelism prepares us to meet him, and to see him in his glory and majesty. When the sun shall go blind from the cease of the time; when the stars shall drop like untimely figs, when the laughing sea shall be no more, when the earth drop like anchors in the deep, when the forest shall be swept away by the winds of the last day, when the arch angel's trumpet peals and the air is filled with the noise of breaking sepulchers, and the rush of the wings of the rising dead, we shall be prepared to meet and live in heaven with the Son of God.

We humbly submit to you the work and result of our Board as follows:

REPORT FROM ALABAMA.

Rev. F. J. James, Board Member.
Rev. J. E. Crews, Evangelist.
General report; addition to churches 344, money collected \$663.82, sermons preached 182.

REPORT FROM ARKANSAS.

Rev. T. Washington, Board Member.
Work done by Evangelist, Rev. H. W. Ware, Richmond, Ark. Addition 1, collection \$1.00.
Ashdown, addition 3, collection \$1.15.
Foremon, addition 11, collection, \$4.00.
Hot Springs, addition, 30, collection, \$15.00.
Shereet, addition, 13, collection, \$2.50.
Orlean, addition, 11, collection, \$5.00.
Arkinda, addition 13, collection, \$2.50.
Sermons preached, 30, lectures made, 40, miles traveled, 900, Family Altars instituted, 14, personal workers enlisted, 40, Auxiliaries organized 1, Tracts distributed 120, subscription to Union-Review 1, total added to churches 60, total money collected, \$300.25, reported to Secretary three times; sent to Board 50c. The grand total for Arkansas from all sources, additions, 540, money spent for evangelism \$900.75, sermons, 202.

REPORT FROM FLORIDA.

Rev. Wm. M. Smith, Board Member.
Rev. S. J. Lovett, Evangelist, no report from them.

REPORT FROM ILLINOIS.

Rev. Wm. Gray, Board Member.
Rev. John W. Evans, Evangelist, died immediately after his appointment. No report from Illinois.

REPORT FROM INDIANA.

Rev. James H. Holder, Board Member.
Rev. J. C. Miller, Evangelist, reports sermons, 66, addition, 135, collection \$279.00.

REPORT FROM KENTUCKY.

Rev. F. C. Locust, Board Member.
Rev. T. Timberlake, Evangelist, report as follows:
Marble Creek, addition 8, collection, \$31.56; Jefferson-town, addition, 8, collection \$33.40; Franklin, addition 6, collection, \$50.67; Hopkinsville, addition, 38, collection, \$100.86; Hickman, addition, 2, collection, \$40.75; Mt. Sterling, addition 5, collection, \$25.70; Bloomington; addition, 18, collection, \$84.83; Louisville, addition, 20, collection, \$36.00; Georgetown, addition, 5, collection, \$53.21.
Sermons preached, 306, lectures delivered 12, miles traveled, 11398, Family Altars instituted 44, Tracts distributed, 400, subscribers to Union-Review, 2, total added to churches 218, total money collected, \$1133.87. Grand total from all sources for Kentucky, additions 1040, money expended for evangelism \$1530.00; sermons 244.

REPORT FROM LOUISIANA.

Rev. G. W. Davis, Board Member.
Work done per, Rev. H. W. Ware, Evangelist.
Shreveport, addition, 15, collection, \$20.00; Mira, addition, 9, collection, \$1.50; Lone, addition, 40, collection, \$5.00; Rodessa, addition, 11, collection, \$5.00.

CITY-WIDE EVANGELICAL CAMPAIGN.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Work by Rev. E. W. White.
Tulane Baptist Church, sermons, 14, addition, 46, collection, \$23.00.
Work by Rev. J. W. Wiley; Second Free Mission Baptist Church, Rev. Wm. Underwood, pastor. Sermons, 11, addition, 57, collection, \$46.75 work per Rev. A. Oliver.
First Zion Baptist Church, Rev. E. L. Brown, pastor. Sermons, 10, addition, 11, collection, \$14.00; work done per Rev. James S. Anderson, our Secretary at the Amozion Baptist Church, Rev. S. E. Piercy, pastor. Sermons preached, 21, addition, 49, collection, \$63.30.

Rev. J. Morehead's church. Sermons, 6, addition, 3, collection, \$8.45.

At the Progressive Baptist Church, Rev. J. L. Burrell, pastor. Sermons, 13, addition, 9, collection, \$14.55.

Tracts distributed, 1000; personal workers enlisted, 300; Family Altars instituted, 42; lectures delivered 10.

Grand total from all sources for Louisiana. Sermons, 159, additions, 663, money collected, 613.00.

REPORT FROM MISSOURI.

Rev. T. B. Gardner, Board Member.

Work done per Rev. T. Timberlake.

Jefferson City, addition, 72, collection, \$126.00; work done per Rev. James S. Anderson, our Secretary.

At the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Rev. C. C. Callaway, pastor. Sermons, 10, addition, 12, collection, \$19.01.

Family Altars instituted, 15.

The Morning Star Baptist Church. Sermons, 1, collection, \$2.25. Both churches in Kansas City Mo.

Grand total from all sources from Missouri. Addition, 420, collection, \$293; sermons, 112.

REPORT FROM MISSISSIPPI.

Rev. D. McCoy, Board Member.

Rev. W. M. Mallory, Board Member.

Rev. A. R. Hopson, Evangelist, reports sermon, 20, addition, 20, collection, \$160.00; sent 50c to the Board.

Grand total from all sources for Mississippi: Sermons, 220, addition, 240, collection, \$483.00.

REPORT FROM OHIO.

Rev. J. W. Wyatt, Board Member.

Rev. J. C. Miller, reported one sermon preached in Columbus.

Grand total from all sources in Ohio: Sermons 111, addition, 161, collection, \$211.00.

REPORT FROM OKLAHOMA.

Rev. J. E. Rodgers, Board Member.

Work done per Rev. H. W. Ware.

White Oak, addition, 5, collection, \$1.00, work done per.

Rev. Jas. S. Anderson, our Secretary.

Agency Baptist Church, Rev. L. W. Sango, pastor, Muskogee, sermon 1, collection, \$3.45.

Antioch Baptist Church, Muskogee, Rev. S. S. Jones, pastor, sermon 2, collection, \$5.95.

Central Baptist Church, Muskogee, Rev. Blake, pastor, sermon, 3, collection, \$4.33.

First Baptist Church, Okmulgee, sermon, 12, addition, 4, collection, \$22.07.

General Convention of Oklahoma, sermon, 12, addition, 4, collection, \$4.65.

First Baptist Church, Tulsa, sermons, 12, addition, 1, collection, \$52.20.

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Wagoner, sermons 14, addition, 7, collection, \$36.46.

Progressive Sunday School Convention, Tullahassee, sermons, 2, lecture 1, collection, \$8.81.

New Zion Baptist Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma, sermons 8, addition, collection, \$26.00.

Morning Star Baptist Church, Muskogee, Rev. A. A. Banks, pastor, sermons 2, collection, \$5.65.

Rev. W. H. Wood's Church, Tulsa, sermons 1, collection, \$4.00.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Guthrie, sermons 4, collection, \$5.04.

The Creek Progressive Association, Rev. S. P. Harris, Moderator, Tullahassee, August 17, 1917.

Rev. S. P. Harris' Church, out from Muskogee, sermons, 8, addition unknown, collection, \$30.00.

Grand total from all sources for Oklahoma: Sermons 185, additions 111, collection, \$403.00.

REPORT FROM PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. J. S. Morton, Board Member.

Reports are not in.

REPORT FROM SOUTH CAROLINA.

Rev. J. H. E. H. Nelson, Board Member.

Work done by Rev. R. F. Fox, evangelist, sermons 17, addition, 25, collection, \$93.00.

Zion Chapel, addition 7, collection, \$30.00.

Cedar Springs, addition, 14, collection, \$28.00.

Spring Grove, addition 3, collection, \$35.00.

Pleasant Rock, addition 1, lectures delivered 12, miles traveled, 84, personal workers enlisted, 9, auxiliaries or-

ganized, 3, Tracts distributed, 75, subscribers to the Union-Review, 1, reported to Board, 5.
Grand total for South Carolina from all sources, sermons, 117, additions, 125, collection, \$193.00

REPORT FROM TENNESSEE.

Rev. S. S. Curry, Board Member.
Reports are not in.

REPORT FROM CALIFORNIA.

Rev. C. W. Williams, evangelist.
Reports: Addition 12, sermons 108, collection, \$300.00; family altars instituted 25, miles traveled, 150.
Grand total for California, sermons 158, additions, 115, collection, \$475.00.

REPORT FROM GEORGIA.

Rev. B. F. Williams, Evangelist.
Antioch Baptist Church, addition 25, Family altars instituted, 30, personal workers enlisted, 35, sermons 34, collection, \$185.00.
Grand total for Georgia, sermons 84, additions 124, collection, \$285.00

REPORT FROM TEXAS.

Rev. J. H. Earles, Board Member.
Rev. G. R. Cushingberry, Board Member. Work done per Rev. G. H. Washington.
Ft. Worth Texas, addition 3, collection, \$24.50; Ft. Worth, Texas, addition 21, collection, \$16.00.
Cement City, addition 25, collection, \$20.00.
Temple, Texas, addition 31, collection, \$20.00.
Dallas, Texas, addition 23, collection, \$26.00.
Arlington, Texas, addition 30, collection, \$25.06.
Galveston, Texas, addition 35, collection, \$45.00, sermons 186, lectures, 29, miles traveled, 2010. Total added to churches, 176, total money collected, \$250.09. Work done per Rev. Wm. F. Reece.
Houston, addition, 50, collection, \$113.37.
Brookshire, addition 0, collection, \$4.21.
Benham, addition, 2, collection, \$6.60.
Katy, addition, 6, collection, \$30.60.

Sealy, Texas, addition, 1, collection, \$7.07, sermon, 116, lectures, 14, miles traveled, 496, family altars instituted, 110, personal workers enlisted, 70, reports made 5.
Total addition, 57, total collected, \$161.85. Work done per Rev. G. H. Washington, Jr., recently appointed, but reports additions 2, collection \$7.40.

Shiloh Baptist Church, Muskogee, Miles traveled, 800.
Work done by Rev. James S. Anderson, our Secretary.
State Sunday School Convention, \$5.00.

State B. Y. P. U. Convention, \$2.50.
Tolivers Chapel Baptist Church, Waco, \$2.81.

Second Baptist Church, Waco, \$2.10.
Canaan Chapel, Doyle, \$9.50.
Antioch Hill's Prairie, \$7.15.
Friendly Will Baptist Church, Georgetown, \$2.05.
Lincoln Baptist Church, Austin, Rev. H. W. Randall, pastor, sermons, 4, addition, 4, collection, \$2.30.
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Taylor, Rev. J. D. Leonard, pastor, sermons, 5, collection, \$15.16.
New Hope Baptist Church, Austin, sermons, 10, collection, \$26.50.

Second Baptist Church, San Antonio, Rev. I. H. Kelly, pastor, sermons 2, collection, \$6.30.

Christian Home Baptist Church, Waelder, Texas, Rev. King, pastor, sermons 3, collection, \$5.90; Rev. Ford, Runge sermons 4, collection, \$6.90.

Bethel Baptist Church, Floresville, sermon 6, collection, \$25.25.

Tolivers Chapel Baptist Church, Rev. P. A. Westbrook, pastor, sermons 1, addition 0, collection \$5.75.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Waco, sermons 1, collection, \$2.10.

Antioch Baptist Church, Waco, Rev. J. C. Campbell, pastor, sermons 1, addition 0, collection \$5.75.

Progressive Baptist Church, Sherman, sermons, 1, collection, 65c.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Rev. J. W. Carter, pastor, Denison hindered by singer, sermons 1, collection, \$4.05.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Denison, Rev. J. H. Hill, pastor, sermons 5, collection, 5.50.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Dallas, Rev. Tole, pastor, collection, \$1.30.

Cleburne, sermons 2, collection, \$5.25.

Milford Baptist Church, Rev. F. E. Mooney, pastor, ser-

Munger Baptist Church, Dallas, Rev. A. L. King, pastor, sermons 16, additions, 22, collection, \$45.50.

San Marcos Baptist Churches, sermons 2, collection, \$5.69.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Orange, Texas, sermons, 2, addition, 1, collection \$2.50.

South Austin, Baptist Church, Rev. H. W. Luckett, pastor, sermons, 1, collection, \$1.25.

Corinth Baptist Church, Rev. Wm. Myers, pastor, San Antonio, sermons, 1, collection, \$1.25.

Corinth Baptist Church, Temple, Rev. J. E. Edwards, pastor, sermons, 1, collection, \$1.00.

Little Flock Baptist Church, Forney, Rev. P. M. Mitchell, pastor, sermons, 15, additions, 8, collection, \$39.43.

Good Hope, Round Rock, sermons, 2, collection, \$2.35.

Olivet Baptist Church, Dallas, Rev. F. K. Lakey, pastor, sermons, 2, collection, \$2.60.

Munger Avenue Baptist Church, sermons, 1, collection, 75c.

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Rev. E. J. McLendon, pastor, sermons, 5, collection, \$7.95.

Baptist Church, Paris, Texas, Rev. T. Parker, pastor, sermons, 10, additions, 1, collection, \$12.50.

Grand total from all sources for Texas: Additions, 2440, collection, \$2217.82, sermons, 552, family altars instituted, 550, personal workers enlisted, 1575, miles traveled, 17,900, lectures 156, subscription to the Union-Review, 22.

NATIONAL SUMMARY BY STATES.

STATES	Additions	Sermons	Amounts
Alabama	344	182	\$ 663 83
Arkansas	540	202	900 75
Kentucky	1040	244	1530 00
Louisiana	663	159	613 00
Missouri	420	112	293 00
Mississippi	240	220	483 00
Ohio	161	111	211 00
Oklahoma	111	185	403 00
South Carolina	125	117	193 00
California	115	168	475 00
Georgia	124	84	285 00

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Texas	2440	552	2217 82
Indiana	135	66	279 00
Illinois			
Florida			
Tennessee			
Pennsylvania			
Total	6453	1106	\$8547 40

Grand total of all work to the credit of our Board: Miles traveled, 44,933; letters written, 1650; cards written, 355; personal workers enlisted, 2150; family altars instituted, 2265; subscription, 42; tracts distributed, 4400.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend that the methods of evangelism outlined by the Board shall be sustained and approved by the convention.

We recommend that the Board is hereby authorized to accept the gift of a site, tendered the Secretary by a friend, for the fostering of a National Rescue Home and Orphanage.

We recommend that the National Baptist Evangelical Board is hereby allowed to incorporate.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. G. W. DAVIS, Chairman.
Rev. JAMES S. ANDERSON, Cor. Secretary.

REPORT
OF THE
BENEFIT BOARD

REPORT OF BENEFIT BOARD.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 1917.

Mr. President and Members of the National Baptist Convention of America, Un-incorporated—Greetings:

It is with profound gratitude and pleasure that I come before you to render this our second report as Correspondent Secretary of the Benefit Board of the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America.

The year has been an eventful one from every angle of vision. Upheaval has appeared in every walk of life. The happenings have been such that history fails to reveal the like Revolution so sudden and acute which smashed all precedent and custom. And he who can remain optimistic in days like these, certainly has his eyes on the Almighty, under whose banner we have come to Atlanta. The Almighty has defended us. His providence has been over us and we come not to recount dreams and visions, but hard solid substances in the concrete and abstract. We come to tell you how great things the Lord hath done for us, whereof we all are glad. Your humble servant will deal with the work of the denomination as viewed from this standpoint:

We left Kansas City last year with our flag floating in the breeze. Our ministers' blood flowed hot. Their hearts beat fast, their imagination, wonderful as they looked out upon the territory and opportunity that awaited them. Your Board was and is composed of such men who know no defeat in denominational activities. They have been very co-operative during this year. Our plan was and is to increase our enrollment. The good Lord has been kind to us, in that we have had only one death in our enrollment family. We have been able to enroll many in our own state, and we feel that a like increase has gone forth in all the states.

I am still a disciple of the John F. Frank's Family, that each and every minister of our great Convention should enroll and upon the death of a fellow-minister, all should be assessed, and the amount, less ten per cent, should go toward funeral expenses, and dispel the gloom of the home. When we can once do this, right there, will be a revolution in the minister's attitude towards this Board. The right-

eousness of this cause need not be argued here. Negro Baptists are bound by all laws to foster and maintain a Relief Department to their Denominational Propaganda. Our ideal for charity and benevolent is but a bit behind the New Testament doctrine as pronounced and practiced by the Great Teacher himself and his apostles. The program of our Lord and Master had some material things therein, (encouched), and they are the fundamental principles of our religious sincerity. The whole world can and does see what we practice, and thereby become judges of the worth of our Christianity. The Christian religion is an every day occurrence which demonstrates itself in practical helpfulness to human society, and its maintenance is but the proof of our own salvation. There is only one problem confronting this Board, and that is a workable plan that appeals to all of our constituency alike, and we have not struck upon—, we invite and counsel our wise and most sagacious to a sessions of the Board's conference. This seems to be the logical movement when we should find our scope and bound, because we need the sympathy and co-operation of all our big and useful men and membership. The other denominations are just now moving out along these lines. The Methodist Episcopalians have designated the sum of — the Presbyterians have designated the sum of — From these sums they will pension their super-annuated super-numerated ministers. We congratulate them upon their progressive movement along this line. But in this connection, we are proud to say, Baptists have been upon the jobs for years, and we are still faithful to those who have served the Lord and the denomination. While we may not have big sums laid up in stocks and bonds, the denomination's good faith and plight should stand one hundred per cent above par. In that the solidarity of the organic forces of Baptists Un-incorporated shall be beyond question, and taken upon its face value. I mean that every pledge and promise made by any of the Boards should have such firm denominational determination behind them that it will be impossible for them to miscarry.

There remains only this, that your board be given full denominational confidence. We have had tremendous success. The one pivot upon which all our hopes have proven equal to all expectation, we could not, did not try to move until our Baptist Zion was re-assured that no fragmentary of Baptist Unit would be able to seize and ruin our great Publishing concern, the greatest, most stupendous, racial accomplishment the world has ever look-

ed upon. The magnitude of this wonderful accomplishment is too great to be confined to one section or latitude. But its greatness is all that any race should expect within the bounds of a country. And Negro Baptists have started the world in what they have done. I may say right here the character who has been the predominating figure, who has wrought the multiplicity on many of this age's most aggressive men; here is what I mean to say, the one man, the man of the hour is so ponderous in himself, that he is the equal of a generation of our most mountainous production of men. Dr. Boyd did what no other, or all others could not do. He is one of the greatest wonders of the world. His commercial understanding far surpasses the product of our most technical business colleges in business. He is the wizard of his race. As a race lover, he stands with Moses, Joshua, Frederick Douglass, Sojourner Truth. His love and his devotion for his race burn with an all-consuming flame, and he has stood out against every encroachment as hard as the Heidelberg lines in Flanders.

The Publishing Board has been the aggressor and advance guard, and when it was able to clear up the field, everything was ready to advance, and I think Un-incorporated Baptists are ready to take hold of their enterprises and push them as never before, since we learn that we are on safe grounds. Each and every secretary can be at his best. Litigation has hindered new lines of advancement. It has been the hushed stillness which said, "Wait and see. I do not know, can't tell," etc. But thank God, the brakes are off now, and we shall run and never tire without hesitation.

Brother Chairman, we wish to emphasize this one fact, and that is this: The Benefit Board wants to conduct a legitimate business that means all it says, and says all it means. We want a regular department whose strength and solidarity is its enrollment. If we have a thousand ministers working in our territory, why should we enroll them in our Benefit department? What I think is needed more than anything else is that we pastors will join in the campaign, enroll himself, and help enroll every one near him. All our big men must get on the roll. This magnifies its importance and is a helpful incentive to draw others. My appeal to you this day is, Get on the roll, big and little, great and small. I am sure I am talking to men and delegates who have faith in our Convention Propaganda. And if we believe, our work must be our best evidence. We are calling upon you now; let us make our cause glorious.

Rev. M. P. Graham Austin, Texas.
 Rev. L. L. Campbell Austin, Texas.
 Rev. E. P. Jones Vicksburg, Miss.
 Rev. E. W. Moore Columbus, Ohio.
 Rev. C. H. Clark Nashville, Tenn.
 Rev. R. Yarbor Barnum, Texas.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

For Enrollment \$77 00
 For Donations from B. S. Convention, N. E. Robinson,
 President 2 50
 From Unity Baptist Church, C. H. Jones, Pastor
 Jopman, Mo 44 50
 Progressive Baptist Church on Funeral S. C.
 Rhodes 19 00
 From Churches and Pastorates 982 50
 Total \$1125 50

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Year 1916-17 my salary was \$900 00
 Paid on Funeral Expenses 60 00
 On Board Signs 2 50
 For relief of Decrepit Ministers 80 00
 Assistance of Old Ministers to Annual Meeting... 8 00
 General Expense 75 00
 Total \$1125 50

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend that each member of the Board, so constituted by states will be responsible for his quota of liabilities to meet the Board's expense, and that such liabilities shall be raised by the quarter, by each state member of the Board.

We further recommend that this Board constantly keep before the public its aims and efforts by having them published in the Union-Review.

ANNUAL ADDRESS

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Engirded in God's power we meet today triumphantly the challenge of our big task—a challenge that calls for action on the many world problems.

I count it a sacred privilege to be one in the ranks of the Christian women of this world—one who is an inheritor of the past accomplishments, a participant in the present efforts, and a builder for the future.

Since our last meeting I have tried to prove efficient in the work of the position with which I have been honored. Many things have retarded my efforts to do all that I had planned, but my heart has been devoted to the furtherance of this great cause.

I am proud of the host of Christian women of our race who have chosen to tread this path which leads to the undertaking and completing of many grave tasks. Let us congratulate ourselves on the great impetus given us during the year by the enlistment of more earnest sisters who have strengthened our hands. We have noted with pride the growth of Woman's work generally, and have been encouraged by both their precept and example. It has really been marvelous how much has been found in the Sacred word to encourage us that before has seemed unheeded.

After twelve months of work in our respective fields of labor, we are happy to greet many of the familiar faces, and to welcome the added members to our family.

With some the time of seperation has been spent amid hard struggles, most strenuous efforts, with sacrifices for the accomplishment of great things for our Lord and the spreading or expansion of his Kingdom on earth.

The condition of the times has demanded different planning for work in our different fields to meet the needs.

I have done what I could, God helping me, and have

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CHURCH I

G. D. Russell
H. P. E. Gayle
J. H. Moore

COMMITTEES

STATES	VICE PRESIDENTS.	OBITUARY	STATE AND COUNTY	DOCTRINE AND PRACTICE	RESOLUTIONS	PRESS	TIME AND PLACE	PERMANENT ORG.	CHURCH EXTENSION	TEMPERANCE BOARD.
Alabama	T. H. C. Messer								D. B. Owen	J. H. Owen, Chairman
Arkansas	Rev. L. Drane								R. D. Russell	
California	R. H. Pittman								B. P. E. Gayles	W. M. Gray
Colorado	B. Russell								J. H. Moore	L. H. Phipps
Connecticut									Samuel Russell	
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sought to represent our cause wherever and whenever possible, and bring greeting to you this day, which is, in many respects, the most illustrious day we have ever seen. We are here in the great city of Atlanta where so many historic deeds have been done, and where the black man is making a mark that is causing the whole world to sit up and take notice as the race marches on to victory after victory, until in many respects it is hard to tell the deeds of the Negro race from that of other people. Certainly the convention could have secured no better place for this meeting to be held, for it is befitting to make our reports here that these same progressive people may see and hear the real status of this our beloved convention. This is a good place to meet and change views as we plan for the future of our great work. It behooves us to think of and discuss the great questions confronting us as citizens of this great nation and as citizens of the world, for we are brought face to face with great national and international problems, which are aggravated by the war now on; and although the world seems bent on degrading and humiliating us everywhere on account of our color, it will be evident in no distant future that we shall have a hand in regulating the final outcome of this struggle.

We may call ourselves favored because we are so far from the scenes of the fray, and the noise of the cannon does not sound in our ears, but let us not forget that it is Jehovah at work, and it is only a question of how willing we are for Him to have His way as our Creator.

The race by whom we are surrounded though heartless and full of a kind of hatred and prejudice will soon see the time when they will be glad to live with us in peace and on terms of perfect fairness and justice, for this war is intended to teach all people that God made of one blood all nations to dwell on the face of the earth, and that no part of the human race should scorn or aim to disrespect any other part of His children, for all are heirs to the same ills, afflictions and hardships, and if any be haughty it only remains for God to reduce all to one size.

God has a program of purification on in the world through which He means to teach lessons of loyalty to Himself if it has to be done by devastation and death. Man must know that he cannot so much as keep the peace unless God says so; this we know from the fact that it was only a short while ago that the brainiest men of the earth had set themselves to prohibit war in the future, and some went so far as to declare that future war was impossible, but we see from what is going on that man made a miserable failure; in fact, man has failed every time he has undertaken to declare a great thing and leave God out. Remember the Titanic. It was launched as an unsinkable ship, but that same unsinkable ship was proven to be the most certain death trap of modern times.

The past twelve months have tried us as we have not been tried since the days of reconstruction; our own government has been party to segregating us in more than one of the departments for no other reason than that we were black. Our sons have been refused admission in the army and navy on account of their color, and that at the time when the call was out for thousands of volunteers; we have been denied the right to live in our own houses and homes; protection has been withheld when we were pursued by frenzied mobs, women and children have been beaten and driven from home, innocent men have been shot down like dogs, Negroes have been burned at the stake, and other infamous treatment too heinous to mention has been our lot since we met last year; but here we are to this day yet alive in a number large enough to say that we are yet trusting in God. And can say we are not yet discouraged, and shall never be discouraged while we have breath to pray. We have proven loyal to all trusts, and although much has gone wrong here below, we shall not feel that anything is wrong in Heaven, for we know God rules on high, and He sees and knows the best for us; it may look dark and gloomy, but He has in store a far more exceedingly brilliant glory and we must wait for it even if it be necessary to follow Him through floods and fire we are willing to do so. Offences must come, but woe unto him by whom they come. Our rights and citizenship are divine inheritances, which can not be taken from us by man, for all the artillery of heaven

is on our side and God will bring them into play to protect us if we will wait on Him with confidence that He will never leave us alone.

Our humility in this nation must not be looked on as cowardice, for we are not cowards; there are no braver people living under the stars and stripes than the colored people, but for the sake of Jesus Christ we are willing to wait until our change comes, and in whatever way that comes we shall not falter for one minute to follow God in whatever act he decrees for our complete deliverance, for we know that it is written that he who would be free must himself strike the first blow, hence, in some way and at some time God is going to lead us to complete deliverance which is destined for all men if we only prove faithful.

Our convention stands for putting our case in the hands of our Great Counsel in Heaven to take it up and defend us in the Supreme Court in the skies, and we shall never lose faith in the final outcome, for we are taught we shall have victory in that we shall win in this suit. The things which have happened unto us have turned out to the furtherance of the Gospel; God is not dead, and neither is He slumbering or sleeping; nor is He deaf to the appeals nor blind to the interests of any of his people. His purposes will ripen, His day for our deliverance will come, and if we read the signs of the time we can see many evidences of what God is getting ready to do for this race of ours. Who will doubt that God has to do with the wholesale migration of our people from the South to the East, West and North? For, although many do not want to leave the dear old Southland where most of our people belong, the land that literally belongs to us, because it has been paid for with our blood and tears for almost four centuries, yet, many find themselves being impelled from the land of their birth, and like Abraham of old, going whither they know not, yet going with faith in God who has promised to be with us in six troubles and in seven to let no evil touch us.

Our people can no more help going to other quarters than the wild geese can help going north in the spring of the year.

and it is the hand of God leading us out of persecution and small surroundings into the world of thought and feeling such as is necessary to make of us a great nation.

One thing is certain, the world is in the midst of a kind of living that is extraordinary; we have never seen prices of common things soar so high before; but this has affected us but little, for we have not been allowed for our labor that kind of pay to enable us to have much of this world's goods left over after living, so we have fared as well in these so-called strenuous times as we did when times were more settled; and we attribute all our success, of whatever kind it may be, to our God in whom we trust at all times.

As Baptists we have had to struggle this year against many strong opposing forces. Yet we are here to rejoice this day that nothing has been sufficient to scatter the accumulation of our convention which the Lord has blessed and for which we have prayed, and for which the thousands of the true sons of the race are praying.

Our President has been active all the year, and the success of the great gathering in this city is due in a large measure to Dr. Jones, because he has had this cause on his heart, and has spoken to thousands all over this country.

The other officers of the parent body of our Auxiliary are to be given due credit for the part they have taken to give us the victory we have today. As to the Boards, we are glad that we have a full-fledged convention with the different departments all in tact, and thank God that Dr. Boyd is here and our Publishing Board and that the Publishing House is yet the leading institution of its kind among Negroes in the world.

We must never fail to be loyal to the Foreign Mission Board and Dr. Kemp, who must grow to be known among all our churches as our Secretary, for it will be hard to keep ourselves straight if we in any way disregard any servant whom we ourselves have placed in the field. God will judge us by our work, and what we do for the heathen will count as much or more than any other work that we can do. It is our sacred duty to plan well for the more thorough work of Christian Africa and to see to it that our plans are executed.

In speaking of our convention, we rejoice that we have had a year of hard work, and that our officers and workers have been as active as they have, for it is a wonder that we have gotten on as well as we have, when we remember that this has been a year of getting started on this task of establishing ourselves in this great work.

Naturally we must work together to get a kind of understanding, and we must know each other, and for my part I am saying to the convention as a whole, that the officers you elected last year have done well; and if there has been any misunderstanding, I am not here to complain, as each is simply trying to adjust herself to the best good of the work.

It is a pleasure to say that the whole field is open to us, every section of this great country is waiting for us. In the language of our Saviour, "The field is already white to harvest," and let us pray the Lord to send laborers into His vineyard. We must take the field for God and our convention though we have not done as much pushing into the territory that was not represented last year as could have been done had we had workers on the field all the year to lay our claims before the people everywhere. I wish to congratulate the sisters of all the states that manifested their interest during the year and for their support to the work as it came before them; to Sister Prince of Texas, our senior member of the Board who wrote encouragingly, and to the Corresponding Secretary for her activity.

The Stamp Day did not turn out as it should have done, and as it no doubt will turn out in the future, as we must obtain a more perfect understanding of our duty to this day, for we have a greater work before us than ever, and we must meet the demands of our convention as far as possible.

To be the Women's real Convention Auxiliary means we shall represent something; I mean we must raise money by the thousands to accomplish the great things that await our doing; and to raise large sums of money requires several things, in the first place, we must have a program of unselfishness on our part; the people are not going to give their money to a few women with objects not clearly defined and the rank and file of the women not know what is done; I be-

lieve in the executive board and think and know that all the delegates and members along with the pastors of the churches represented must have a voice in saying what shall be done, both as a protection to the convention, and as a protection to the officers and the Board. Also, if we raise much money, business must be done in order; we must not waste time in little things that mean nothing and hurry over matters that mean the life of our work; in fact, we must not talk to be heard but our aim must be to advance the work. Then we must have objects large to claim our attention as a convention, and not be afraid to ask the people to help us to do large things.

While I have spoken of the relation of officer to officer, if we want to keep ourselves in tact we must never let any spirit of jealousy creep in among the women of this body; we must be wise; all may not be spoken of in the same way, some can do more and better work than others, and some are more brilliant than others, but that does not mean that every good woman is not worthy of honor, and even when nothing is said of praise it must never be thought to mean that we wish to overlook the humblest worker.

Above all, we must have brains and religion in our work, for we cannot do much if we do not use good judgement and practice the spirit of Christ. Jesus said, "Little children, love one another even as I have loved you."

Our convention is placed in our hands by the providence of God, not in the hands of one or two or three, but it is placed in all our hands, and we must all feel the responsibility resting upon our own shoulders; yes, we must feel as much in debt to the cause of our convention as we do to our church at home; and if we are loyal we feel for our church much as we do our own home; so let us feel about this work as we do about our own homes; and when we go home let us set to work to build it up, and let us pray that the great women who are with us may find a way to line up all the states. Many of them are at home feeling that they could not work here, and some feel that they are not able to do us much good, but permit me to say, I believe there are thousands of women

all over this country who could bring things to pass if we can only get them heartily interested in our work.

The work must live by states, and the states must feel that the National work does not mean less for the State work, but it means more for it. This is one of the problems we have to confront, that is, to enlist all our State Women's conventions to aid us in our work without minimizing their work; this can be done easily, and will be done when we get to doing great things for the Lord, for people like to be where something great is being done, and as soon as we get to the place where we raise ten thousand dollars in cash every year it will be easy to get the women of every state in the union to join and help us.

Let it be the policy of every member to welcome the women from every quarter of the country, and if any section is stronger and larger, let that section encourage others to be large, and let us not feel that any delegate or set of delegates do an act because they are many, but let us be fair to each other, and work not to tear down, but pray that our sole aim may be to build up and our work will prosper.

The work of the Board during the year and at the meeting at Nashville at the Congress will be discussed when the report is read; I will simply say that we all agreed that the Congress is a good time and place to hold this important meeting of our Board. I would again thank Sister Prince for her co-operation with the Texas members of the Board as Vice President who presided in my absence at the meeting held in that State according to the Constitution, which calls for the Advisory Board to meet in the home state of the Corresponding Secretary.

All our hearts go out with joy when we note the very great success that has come to the Educational Board in securing the most valuable property at Nashville for the National Theological Seminary College and Missionary Training School through the efforts and influence of our own Dr. Boyd. I want to proclaim with all my might that this is our prayer answered at last, in fact, all the Negro Baptists of this country ought to feel like singing -

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

as the denomination has been working to this end for a number of years, and we have just reached it.

The work of education is daily advancing; thorough Christian preparation is a key to success and demands much zeal, for we believe that we are based upon the true rock—Christ Jesus. We must do all in our power to support the cause of education, as the wise man, Solomon says: "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom and in all thy getting, get understanding." Let us unite heart and hand more earnestly than ever for the universal spread of education. We cannot be still in Zion now, for the time of very vigorous action is at hand, for we must be counted on to do our part, and we must within ourselves decree to do more than any set of women have ever done for a similar cause.

The increasing large number of our people in cities, particularly in the North, make organizations for their protection and care expedient, and, in fact, a necessity in the cities to which they are going. The difficulties which the race has experienced in cities have become accelerated because of the recent movement from the South to the North. Organizations equipped to handle the migration and the city problems that were present before the migration, ought to be promoted by the interested and thoughtful members of our race, many of whom are present in our convention. We feel safe to say that helpful literature and almost any kind of support desired will be gladly furnished by the Urban League in New York which is promoting a similar work in several of our large cities.

Permit me to recommend that our Convention increase its Social Service Work; also, that we furnish a scholarship or part scholarship to young women who wish to follow Social Service work. I believe that a satisfactory and reasonable arrangement can be made with the School of Civics in Chicago, or it may be, a similar school in any other city, for the training of one or two or more people under the auspices of our Convention. I say this because it is impossible to get properly trained people for social work, and it is time that this appealed to intelligent minds for consideration. It is right and proper that we undertake some definite pieces of

social work and I would be pleased to suggest the same. I believe it to be a necessary adjunct to our work and do recommend that we have a regular supervised social service department or bureau. That which plans for the protection, saving and helping of young life to nobler things must appeal to the heart of every true woman. Coming as I do from the northern part of the country to which so many of our people have migrated from their southern homes, I believe that you would appreciate some definite expressions or recommendations in regard to this, seeing as we do both the evils and the virtues of this exodus. May I recommend that the men in the South who plan going North be advised not to go North unless they are prepared to do laboring work, which they can find immediately upon arriving, or unless they are in a position to maintain themselves while looking for employment. May I say that porter jobs in the North are scarce, and that our men in trades have a more limited field there than in the South. Also, the women should know that their work will be confined largely to domestic service, factories, dishwashing, cleaning and laundry. There are comparatively few places for clerks, school teachers, waitresses and private maids. Work as chambermaids in hotels is increasing for our women. I further recommend that our churches and women's organizations acquaint the people with movements in different places to which those coming North should be directed. There are such movements now in Detroit, Mich., New York City, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, Pa., and Chicago, Ill. May God help us to help others.

No matter how numerous or how varied the great interests that may claim a Christian woman's time and sympathy, she must have abundant room in her heart for the Temperance Reform and give to it some of her best activities. The keynote to our success, our highest aim, Prohibition, is total abstinence for the individual, Prohibition for the State and the Nation. Help to get every one in your town, in your country, in your State, to be a total abstainer. Vote the Prohibition ticket, place yourself on record every time a chance presents itself as a total abstainer and a Prohibition-

ist. Train your children to be total abstainers. Organize Temperance Unions, educate and agitate. Be temperate in all things. "Touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing." Total abstinence is the duty of every Christian. Let every member of our convention be a total abstainer. be a Temperance worker. Today is the time to decide against strong drink; today is the time to declare your principles, and today is the time to do something for Temperance. Recognizing the fact that our mission as Christian women is to reform, purify and uplift those around us, and recognizing the fact that wherever intemperance prevails crime is most prevalent, and that the real cost of drink is not dollars and cents only, but the destruction of souls and homes, and since it is the duty of all true women to help the weak, uplift the fallen and move stumblingblocks from the paths of our boys and girls, and knowing how slight a cause will create an appetite for drinks, may we as a body of Christian women representing the National Baptists resolve that we will have banished from all our households all intoxicating drinks and that we will lend the weight of our influence towards wiping out the curse of intemperance, for every one has an influence in shaping the character and conduct of some other life. The Scripture says, "None of us liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself."

In meditating over plans for our foreign work, I have had a vision and have seen ourselves on our own steamer crossing the waters, landing amid a rejoicing host on the shores of Africa on the West Coast of the Negro Republic of Liberia, if you please, and there in union with our missionaries and Christian workers holding our National Baptist Convention with our women meeting in the Providence Baptist Church of Monrovia, the church founded by our own Lot Carey years ago; and oh, what a rejoicing! And coming back to reality, I said to myself, why can't this be possible? Why can't we help to make our foreign work in Africa to be self-supporting by owning our own steamship line directly across and having a branch Foreign Mission Board over there, where the problems can be studied more directly and we can get annual reports direct from the field through

representatives? Let us work to that end. All things are possible with God, and He says that "Nothing shall be impossible unto you." Know that "impossible" where truth and mercy and the everlasting voice of nature order, has no place in the brave man or woman's dictionary. That, when all have said, 'impossible,' and tumbled elsewhere, and thou alone art left, then first thy time and possibility have come. It is for thee now; do thou that and ask no man's counsel, but thy own only and God's."

Feeling the wisdom of meeting some of the workers on the field and of talking over the work with them in their homes and their churches, I have made some trips during the year as follows:

First, I went to the State of Ohio and got in touch with Mrs. Moore, our National Recording Secretary, at Columbus, and in six days there made seven addresses in the different churches to assist in increasing interest in the development of the work; in one of the churches visited, the Missionary Sisters needed a very thorough reviving and promised to get to work immediately. While in Columbus, received contributions and due credit will be given to them and to all others given in making up our State records for honors. From there I went to Pittsburgh, Pa. I was met and entertained by Mrs. Morton, our National State Director to Pennsylvania, and was in touch with Mrs. Messer also, who was working with the sisters in her part of the city. I spent nine days there and through engagements arranged by Mrs. Morton made eight addresses before different bodies. All were eager to hear of the national work, they were much alive and promised manifestation of more substantial interest through our National Director who would revisit them.

On June 9th, I went to Indianapolis, Ind., where our National Vice President, Mrs. Washington, met and entertained me. Through her efforts a great missionary mass meeting had been arranged where I met many of the state officers and workers. I was very royally welcomed and entertained, spent three days there and spoke as many

times. The National Vice President and myself went together to Nashville, Tenn., to attend our Executive Board meeting and to visit the great Sunday School Congress. From there I went to attend the State meeting of the women in South Carolina at Charleston, the home of our National Foreign Mission Secretary, who met and entertained me while there and arranged for a missionary mass meeting in his most beautiful and spacious church edifice. While there received much encouragement from the women in all parts of the state and found them quite alive and interested in our cause.

I went to New York where I had pleasant conferences with Rev. Dr. W. W. Brown and Dr. Simms, who assured me of their co-operation with us, and Rev. Dr. Shaw, of Boston, who at present is taking no part in national movements. Then to Lynchburg, Va. attending the great jubilee meeting on the grounds of the Virginia Theological Seminary and College and I spoke before the State body of the women there. I spoke to the women of Franklin, Va., also before the District B. Y. P. U. Convention of Suffolk, Va. In Virginia I was given a hearty welcome and promises of strong representation at our national meeting.

I have been able to attend four meetings of State and District bodies, and local unions monthly, in my own state where all are alive and working hard for our national work. All contributions received during my travels will aid their state rally for honors. Wherever I have gone I have received a hearty welcome and much enthusiasm was shown for our National work, and in several places I had the honor of being the first National representative having visited them, and appreciation was manifested accordingly. In Pittsburg and in parts of Illinois I have had persons volunteer as willing workers on both the Home and Foreign Mission Fields, and some who wish to go in training for missionary work, for whom we hope to plan at this meeting.

Dear sisters, may we add to our spiritual resources all the increase we can get. May we as Christians grow in knowledge and increase in faith. May we try not to add

that which will reduce the total of our possessions. May we remember that to add greed reduces generosity; encouraging envy we lose gratitude. May our prayer be, Lord, take from our lives all that will keep us from Thee. Take away self that we may have more power for service. Remove the sensual, that its place may be filled with holy beauty. Help us give up our own will that we can make effective the greatest will of all—Thy will.

Sisters, multiply your gifts by your prayers; your faith by your works; your influence by your example; your service by your sympathy; your love by your devotion, and we shall have one of the greatest conventions, one of the most far-reaching in efforts for good, that the world has ever known not only among women, but among all men. May God bless and direct our deliberations.



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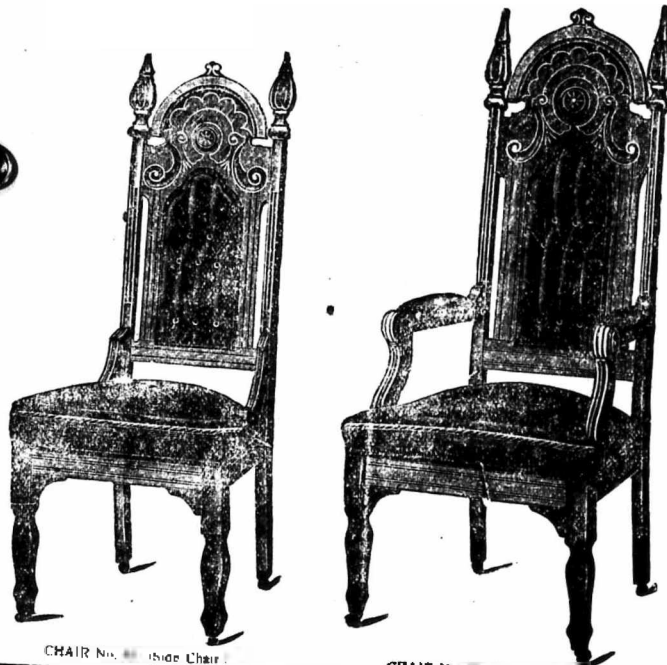
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