

MINUTES
OF THE
FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
National
Baptist Convention
(UNINCORPORATED)

HELD WITH
St. James Baptist Church
FORT WORTH, TEXAS
September 12-16, 1923

DR. J. H. WINN, Pastor.

Proceedings

FIRST DAY—Morning Session

9 a. m., devotionals were conducted by Rev. B. H. Hunter, Illinois. Scripture lesson, Romans 12th chapter, then he led in prayer.

Short Testimonials—Dr. B. P. E. Gales, Illinois, gave Bible lesson on atonement (a) Christ's death was substituary, (b) Necessity of atonement, (c) Extent of it, (d) Provisions made by atonement for salvation of sinners.

President E. P. Jones called Convention to order at 12:15 o'clock. Led in singing "Go preach my gospel." Dr. Jones spoke of the great catastrophe that happened in Japan and asked the Convention to stand and bow in prayer, led by Rev. A. W. Casshaw. Song led by President, "By and by." Rev. P. W. Fields, Illinois, and A. W. Looney, being absent, Dr. Jones appointed Rev. G. H. Mitchel, Mo., and Dr. J. L. Offutt, Kentucky, to conduct devotionals in their places. Dr. A. A. Carter, Louisiana, read Psa. 34; Dr. J. L. Offutt led in singing "My soul be on thy guard." Rev. G. H. Mitchel, Missouri, offered prayer. Dr. E. P. Jones led in singing "Amazing grace." Dr. E. R. Carter, Georgia, and Dr. E. P. Robinson, Arkansas, were presented to the Convention President, stating that they would later talk to the Convention concerning their trip to and about the Great World Conference of Baptists at Stockholm. Dr. T. M. Boykin, South Carolina, being absent, Dr. Jones requested Dr. J. H. Eason, Alabama, to preach and Dr. Drane, Chicago, to be alternate as Dr. R. W. Webb, North Carolina, was absent. Dr. Drane read 9th chapter of Proverbs. Song, "He is my Saviour." Dr. Eason's text was "A Friend that Sticketh Closer than a Brother." Prov. 18:24. Subject, "Never Failing Friend."

Offering \$10.42. Committee on Enrollment and Finance appointed, "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow."

Benediction by Dr. J. E. Wood.

Afternoon Session

Convention reassembled at 4:30. Rev. M. Robinson, Texas, called the meeting to order. Called for reading of program, which Secretary read. Prayer by Rev. S. Whithy. Dr. Jones, President, announced that Dr. Over, Colorado, would preach at night for the Convention and Dr. Hubbs of Louisiana, would preach in the Tabernacle.

Partial report of Committee was read and adopted.

Recess.

Reassembled at 8 o'clock, President Jones leading in "Couldn't hear nobody pray." Dr. E. W. Hawthorne, Alabama, led in prayer. Song by Chorus, "Princes Awake." The President appointed Committee on Enrollment. Dr. H. Williams, Galveston, spoke to the Convention.

Fort Worth Special Program

Solo—Music, St. James Orchestra.

Anthem—St. James Choir.

Remarks—Dr. J. H. Winn, Master of Ceremonies.

Welcome on behalf of City of Fort Worth—Rev. E. R. Cockrell, Mayor of City.

On behalf of St. James Church—Prof. G. W. Williams, Superintendent of Sunday School of St. James Church.

On behalf of Churches of Fort Worth—Mr. Wm. McDonald, President of Fort Worth Bank.

Solo—Miss Kathryn Oliver.

Mrs. R. H. Boyd, wife of Dr. R. H. Boyd and mother of our Secretary, Rev. Henry Allen Boyd, was presented to the Convention, spoke and concluded by singing, "At the beautiful gate."

Moved and adopted that a committee of nine be appointed by the Convention to revise the Constitution.

Rev. W. Marcus Taylor gave notice of change to be made in Constitution.

Program of Convention adopted with proviso of President's annual address to be given at 4 o'clock, the second day.

Moved and adopted that the address of Mr. Wm. McDonald be printed in the minutes.

Benediction, Dr. D. B. Gaines, Little Rock, Ark.

THURSDAY (2ND DAY)—Morning Session

8 a. m., Bible study, conducted by Dr. Wm. Johnson, Texas, subject, "Fellowship with Christ."

Devotionals 10:00 a. m. Rev. C. W. Williams, Ohio, read Psa. 116. Song, "Amazing grace," led by Rev. W. M. Banks, Mississippi. Prayer, Rev. G. R. Alford, Houston, Texas. Song, "A charge to keep I have." Minutes of first day's session read and adopted.

Dr. Wm. Johnson, Pennsylvania, stated he prepared places on program for all boards, but by some mistake the Home Mission Board did not appear on it. Dr. E. P. Jones called for report of Educational Board. Led in singing "Think of His goodness to me." Dr. G. L. Prince, Chairman of the Board, made a short talk concerning Board and presented Prof. H. B. P. Johnson, Secretary of Board, who made report. Envelopes put out for Board; amount collected \$42.00.

Report of Special Committee appointed at Nashville, Sept. 8, 1922, with authority to act. Report was made by Dr. D. E. Over, Colorado.

Names of Nominating Committee were read by Secretary Woods and instructed to meet in gallery of Bible Men's Class. Collection for Educational Board. Benediction, Dr. E. W. Hawthorne.

Afternoon Session

4 p. m., Convention reassembled and the Vicksburg Quartette rendered two songs.

Solo, Madam L. G. Thropay, Los Angeles, Calif., "What would you give in exchange for your soul?"

Dr. J. W. Hurse, Missouri, presented Dr. I. W. Crawford, Kentucky, who spoke for and presented Dr. E. P. Jones, who delivered his annual address.

Moved to adopt annual message and recommendations be sent to Committee for that purpose.

Dr. B. J. Prince spoke to messengers about their tickets and railroad accommodations.

Benediction by President.

Evening Session

Songs by Chorus, "I am bound for the promised land," "When you come out of the wilderness," "Where shall I be when the first trumpet sounds."

Solo, Deacon Witt, Evanston, Ill.
 Committee on Nomination reported.
 Moved and adopted that the election of officers be by nomination. For President, Dr. E. P. Jones, Dr. J. E. Wood and Dr. Over, Colorado.
 Moved and adopted that roll be called in election.
 Moved and adopted to hold election at 11 o'clock, third day, Friday.

FRIDAY—Morning Session

10 a. m., song service. Dr. J. H. Eason, selected to preside, presented Dr. E. Hall, Atlanta, Ga., who conducted Bible study from I Cor. on "Love—Charity." Prayer by Rev. J. C. Calhoun, Galveston, Texas. Song, "Yes Jesus loves me," led by E. W. Hawthorne. "Love lifted me," led by Dr. E. Hall, Georgia. Prayer by Rev. C. H. Westbrook, Waco, Texas. "What a fellowship," led by Dr. C. P. Madison, Virginia.

At 11 o'clock the Convention proceeded to elect officers as order of day set for that hour was called. Considerable time was taken in trying to start.

Motion to elect each by acclamation was adopted, as the roll of enrollment had been taken away and Convention could not get it; also to do away with motion to elect by nomination.

Convention asked Dr. Long to explain about enrollment roll. He said he snatched it from A. McCorkle as McCorkle said, and some one snatched it from him and he did not know who had it. Rev. Lovelace, Little Rock, said Dr. Long had it. As enrollment was not found, a committee as follows was appointed to see if they could get it: H. B. M. Brown, D. P. Jones, J. W. Hayward, A. McCorkle, A. A. Banks.

The following were elected officers of the Convention:
 President, J. E. Wood, Kentucky
 1st Vice President, J. Hurse Missouri
 2nd Vice President, G. Coleman California
 3rd Vice President, C. W. Williams Ohio
 Secretary, C. P. Madison Virginia
 1st Assistant Secretary, Chas. W. Lewis Indiana

2nd Assistant Secretary, W. Marcus Taylor Texas
 3rd Assistant Secretary, T. H. Evans Louisiana
 4th Assistant Secretary, S. M. Hill Oklahoma
 Corresponding Secretary, S. S. Jones Oklahoma
 Treasurer, E. H. Branch Texas
 Statistician, White Louisiana
 Auditor, J. B. Beckham Missouri
 Official Reporter, D. B. Gaines Arkansas
 Dr. Eason, presiding officer, declared each of above officers elected.

Moved and adopted that Dr. Eason install officers. Dr. Eason gave special instruction that officers perform their duties. Brother Evans of Arkansas, delivered words of encouragement.

Minutes of meeting adopted. Benediction by Rev. Dixon.

Evening Session

Special Program:

Doorkeepers: Dr. J. W. Hurse, G. F. Watson, Wm. Johnson, H. B. Brown, appointed by President J. E. Wood.

Songs by Chorus—"We will wait till Jesus comes," "When I see the blood."

Anthems by Chorus—"Princes Awake," "I need Thee every hour."

Prayer—Rev. E. A. Watkins, Louisiana.

Chorus—"It's me, O Lord," directed by Mrs. Bell.

Solo—Mrs. R. O. Lyles, Houston, Tex., also "Glory Hallelujah."

Conroe Quartette—Two numbers, last "Wheel in Wheel."

Solo—M. L. G. Thropay, Los Angeles, Calif.

Prof. Tyler, Louisiana, rendered, "Children, this is my desire," own composition.

Solo—Miss Watrous, Fort Worth.

"Wasp Song" (in French)—M. Roberta, Roberta Dodd Crawford, Chicago; also "Go down Moses."

Sextette from Mt. Pisgah B., Fort Worth.

"Listen to the mocking bird"—Mrs. Belle, Oklahoma.

Captain Neadom Roberta, who alone, with Johnson, killed 36 Germans in World War, spoke. An offering of \$23.25 was given him.

President announced meeting of the B. Y. P. U. Board and Benefit Board for Saturday.

Dr. E. T. Hawthorne spoke to Convention; said he was with it to stay.

Hallelujah Chorus of Mt. Pisgah Choir rendered most excellent songs. Offering \$109.06.

SATURDAY—Morning Session

Devotionals, led by Rev. R. L. Childs, Kentucky and Rev. N. C. James, Texas. Rev. James read 107th Psa., sang "I heard the voice of Jesus saying, etc." Song, "Get right with God." President Wood asked that we have sentence prayers, in which all seemed to take part.

President appointed on Committee of Enrollment, one of Secretaries, T. H. Evans, also Dr. W. J. M. Price, Kentucky, in place of Dr. Long, who was not there, in order that a new roll of membership could be taken. The other roll had been taken away.

Minutes of Friday read and adopted.

Committee on Enrollment as follows: R. B. Porter, E. D. Evans, Prof. R. McCorkle, W. J. M. Price, E. B. P. Gales, T. H. Evans.

Dr. Winn reported offering of \$7.56 taken in overflow meeting, Friday night.

President called for report of Home Mission Board. Dr. Robinson, Arkansas, Chairman of Board, spoke of this work, with its great need of support by the brethren, then presented Rev. N. Nichols, Corresponding Secretary, who made report and stated that Mrs. Cora Jordan White, Field Secretary of the Board, would make her report. Mrs. C. Jordan White made a full report of her field work.

Report of Home Mission Board adopted. Offering \$101.10.

Dr. Coleman made report of work of Home Missions in California, showing need in that section.

Dr. Wm. Johnson, Pennsylvania, Corresponding Secretary, made his report. Report adopted with recommendations that the \$1.50 due him be paid to him.

Solo—Mrs. Daisy Cowherd, Indiana, "Christ is all in all."

Dr. Over delivered an excellent address on Fundamentalism.

Dr. E. Hall, Georgia, spoke complimentary of Dr. Over's address. Adopted that prestige address printed in pamphlet form be given him.

Miss R. O. Lyles sang, "Nothing between."

President J. E. Wood presented Dr. J. P. Robinson, Chairman of Publishing Board, who presented Rev. H. Allen Boyd, Secretary of Board, who made report. Rev. J. B. Ridley, Dr. H. A. Boyd's pastor, offered prayer.

Committee on Divine Service was announced by President Wood.

Dr. Robinson announced meeting of Home Mission Board, Monday.

Benediction, Dr. Campbell, Texas.

Afternoon Session

Rev. F. F. Young, Indiana, read Psa. 111. Song "What a fellowship." Prayer was offered by Rev. W. A. Baker, Virginia. Rev. F. F. Young sang, "Jesus is all the world to me."

Moved and adopted that Publishing Board be considered Monday, at Executive Board meeting.

The Evangelical Board reported through its Secretary, Rev. A. A. Banks. Rev. Garrett Prince sang, "Love lifted me," and "Praise God I am satisfied." Offering for Board \$25.05.

Moved and adopted that the Convention return a vote of thanks to Dr. C. C. Philips for his excellent service rendered the Convention by his writings. An offering of \$7.35 was given him.

Dr. C. C. Clark offered resolution on Christian greeting. Adopted.

Committee on Enrollment reported. Report adopted. Moved and adopted that the President name Committee on Time and Place. Said Committee was appointed by President. (See Committee.)

Mother Cox, an aged Christian worker, was presented to the Convention. She made a fine talk, and electrified the Convention by singing, with spirit "That will be glory to me." An offering of \$10.53 was given her.

Benediction, Rev. W. Wood.

Evening Session

Rev. H. Knight, Illinois, read Psa. 122. Rev. I. C. W. Shelton sang, "Shine on me." Prayer, Rev. John H. Kendrick, Mississippi.

"Swing low," by Rev. I. C. W. Shelton. Rev. John Keadricks sang, "Leave it there."

Railroad Commission made a report through Rev. H. Knight, Secretary. Offering of \$17.51 was taken.

Dr. J. P. Robinson, Arkansas, spoke to the Convention of his trip to and expenses at World Conference of Baptists, held at Stockholm.

Song by Chorus, "When you come out of the wilderness." Sermon by Dr. Robt. Mitchel, Kentucky. Text, Acts 20:32. Subject, "The needed admonition." Prayer by Dr. E. W. Hawthorne.

President Wood announced all Board meetings for Monday.

Committee on Divine Service reported.

Moved and adopted that Dr. J. E. Wood, President, preach at Convention, Sunday a. m., at 11 o'clock.

Moved and adopted that Dr. C. C. Clark preach at Convention at 8 o'clock.

Benediction, Dr. Robt. Mitchel.

SUNDAY—Morning Session

The Sabbath school forces of the Convention were in charge of Rev. Henry Allen Boyd. School opened promptly at 9:30. Song, "On we march to victory." Dr. Taylor offered prayer. Rev. Boyd requested that none be allowed to pass without invitation to come in school.

Dr. A. M. Samuels read lesson. Miss S. B. Wilson, Tennessee, read the introduction. Prof. Williams, in a pleasing way, explained the work of his school. The school was indeed very good in all respects. Rev. Boyd assigned teachers as follows, first and second divisions.

First—Dr. W. J. M. Price, Teacher.

Second—Dr. S. S. Jones, Teacher.

Teachers Training—W. Johnson, Teacher.

Senior and Junior Metoka—J. R. Plumber, Teacher.

Galeda, Senior and Junior—Miss S. B. Wilson, Tennessee, Teacher.

Intermediate—D. Childress, Teacher.

Junior Department—Mrs. Y. V. Faultun, Teacher.

Primary Department—Miss Tolly, Fort Worth, Teacher.

Beginners Department—Mrs. D. Sweeny, Fort Worth, Teacher.

Dr. Jones' class received the highest collection, \$9.01 and therefore the banner. Dr. Hull lifted offering in Mission, \$11.05. Total offering \$42.50. Dr. L. M. Williams reviewed lesson.

Eleven O'Clock Services

Dr. J. W. Hulse presiding, Prof. Johnson led in singing. Dr. Hawthorne read 3rd chapter of Philippians. Evangelist Dr. McPherson led in singing "Go preach my gospel." Dr. M. J. Billaugh, Florida, offered prayer. Duet by Mrs. Parnell and Miss Italianh Winn, Fort Worth.

Dr. J. W. Hulse presented President J. E. Wood to preach at this hour. Text, Philippians 3:13, 14 verses. Subject, "Program of the Progressive Church." At the close of the service, one addition was made to the church.

Mrs. J. W. Hulse sang, "Christ is all in all." Dr. Hendon sang, "Take Hold." Prayer by Dr. E. H. Branch, Texas.

Dr. Winn announced that Dr. Norris, famous preacher, would be present at afternoon services. Offering \$118.53. Benediction by President J. E. Wood.

Afternoon Session

Foreign Mission session called to order by Dr. Frank, Kentucky, Chairman of Board, at 2:10. Dr. W. J. M. Price, Kentucky, read part of Acts 1. Choir led in singing "Down at the Cross." Prayer by Rev. A. Samuels, Arkansas.

Convention sang, "Down at the cross." Madam Cora Jordan White was asked to say something of Home Missions. Mother Cox, Oklahoma, sang, "Arise O ye sleepers." Choir sang "It's me O Lord." Dr. J. E. Wood spoke to them of Missions. Brother E. Ford sang "I do, don't you." Dr. Campbell, Texas, spoke on Missions. Mrs. G. A. Faulkner spoke to the Convention. Dr. I. W. Crawford made a strong appeal for Africa.

Miss Robinson, Houston, Texas, sang "What are they doing in heaven today."

Dr. Prince introduced Mt. Pisgah Church Choir, which sang "Hallelujah."

Dr. Frank introduced Dr. J. H. Weir, who introduced Dr. Norris of First Baptist Church, Fort Worth (white). Dr. Norris spoke on "Fundamentalism" and insisted on gospel ministers to genuineness of the Bible. Offering of \$313.25 was taken.

Miss H. E. Taylor, daughter of Secretary W. Marcus Taylor, sang "Going to lay down my heavy load." Mrs. A. V. Duncan, St. Joseph, Mo., sang "Hold Thou my hand." Dr. D. E. Over was awarded prize, having contributed the highest amount of money, \$75.00.

Adjourned.

Evening Session

Vice President Williams presiding. Song by Chorus, "Give thanks unto the Lord."

Dr. E. Hall, Georgia, read John, 17th chapter. Song by Chorus, "Come out of the wilderness." Prayer by Rev. J. A. Royal, Illinois. Song by Chorus, "Princes awake."

Dr. Wynn, pastor St. James Church, presented Dr. C. Clark to preach. Text, John 13:35, 36. Theme, "Badge of Discipleship." Song, "Love lifted me." Prayer by Dr. Coleman, California. Song by Chorus, "Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart," led by Mrs. Johnson Belle, Oklahoma. Song by Chorus, "The Lord has done so much for me," led by Prof. Johnson. "Nobody knows the trouble I see," by chorus, led by Mrs. Johnson Belle, Oklahoma. Offering \$17.03. Song by Chorus, "I am bound for the promised land," led by Mrs. Johnson Belle, Oklahoma. An offering of \$8.00 was given Sister Littlejohn.

President Wood announced the following for Monday:

10 o'clock—Board Council.

11:30 o'clock—Benefit Board.

12 o'clock—Executive Board Meeting.

1 o'clock—Foreign Mission Board.

Reassemble at 2:30.

Laymen's League at night.

Benediction by Dr. C. H. Clark, Chicago.

MONDAY—Morning Session

President J. E. Wood called the Convention to order. Rev. F. Weathers read 90th Psalm. Prayer by Rev. C. C. Conley, Texas.

Motion prevailed to appoint a Committee on Grievances. Committee as follows:

Dr. Frank E. Hall

J. P. Robinson J. H. Eason

William Johnson

Journal of Saturday read and adopted, with correction

that minutes show that a protest was received from some brethren.

Moved and adopted to refer this grievance to Committee on Grievances.

Committee on Time and Place reported. Chicago was selected as next meeting place of National Baptist Convention.

Motion adopted.

Motion prevailed to recess to 11 o'clock.

11 o'clock. Convention reassembled. Song, "Down at the cross."

President J. E. Wood presented Dr. L. Drane, Chairman of B. Y. P. U. Board, who presented Dr. S. Prince, Secretary of Board, who made report for Board.

Motion prevailed that B. Y. P. U. Board would meet with Publishing Board with Executive Board to consider both Boards. Offering for B. Y. P. U. Board \$43.50.

President Jones presented Dr. J. D. Leonard, Chairman of Benefit Board, who presented Dr. S. E. Floyd, Secretary of Board, who made report. Report adopted. Offering of \$11.25 was taken.

President J. E. Wood presented Dr. J. H. Frank, Chairman of Foreign Mission Board, who presented the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. W. Wood, who made report. Report adopted.

Offering of \$15.43 was given Rev. G. A. Austin, armless preacher.

Resolution was offered for making a Field Secretary to the National Baptist Convention.

Moved and adopted by the Convention that Committee on Investigation of Loss of Roll make their report. (See Committee on Investigation.)

Moved and adopted Dr. D. E. Over, of Colorado be Field Secretary of National Convention.

Moved and seconded that report of Committee on Lost Roll be adopted and Convention demand return of lost roll. Carried. (See Committee.)

Committees meet at 2 o'clock. Convention at 3 o'clock.

Benediction by Dr. G. Coleman, California.

Afternoon Session

Convention reassembled. Prayer by Dr. Wm. M. Grimbale, Louisiana.

Report of Financial Committee adopted.

Trustees for school elected:

G. L. Prince	T. J. Smith
G. B. Taylor	H. M. Burns
G. L. Harding	G. C. Coleman
David E. Over	J. L. Burl
E. C. Cole	E. R. Carter
E. Hall	G. S. Lytle
	J. A. Pinson

Moved and adopted that President of Convention be Chairman Ex-Officio of all Boards.

Report of Women's Work was made by Mrs. M. A. B. Fuller, Corresponding Secretary.

Moved that a Committee of Three be appointed to prepare memorial for our lamented dead. Adopted.

Committee appointed: S. S. Jones, Chas. W. Lewis and H. Allen Boyd.

Moved that Convention return a vote of thanks to St. James Church, members, pastor and citizens for kindness to us during our stay at Fort Worth.

Report of Executive Board was given by Secretary Madison. Report adopted.

Benediction by Rev. J. G. McPherson.

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the funds coming into the possession of this Convention are to be disbursed for various purposes, as necessity may demand; therefore, be it:

RESOLVED: That the Constitution of the Convention be so revised as to provide stipulated salaries for all of its compensated officers and workers, the same to be commensurate with the dignity, service rendered and responsibility imposed.

Be it further:

RESOLVED: That all monies paid out shall beg order of the Convention or the Executive Board in session.

Respectfully submitted,

W. MARCUS TAYLOR.

Endorsed by the Texas Delegation.

WHEREAS, the present Constitution of this Convention fails to meet the conditions of this great Convention; and whereas, the journal has not been published and distributed for a number of years, giving the constituency no opportunity to familiarize themselves with its provisions; therefore, be it:

RESOLVED: That a Committee of nine persons, chosen by the body, be selected to revise the Constitution and report their findings on the last day of this session of the Convention.

Respectfully,

C. H. CLARK.

WHEREAS, The great National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Unincorporated, has not provided for a representative to keep the tenets of the Convention before the denomination, and

WHEREAS, it is essential that there be such provision made and same to be filled by an able constituent of this Convention. Therefore be it:

RESOLVED: That the office of Field Secretary be created and set forth in the Constitution of the Convention.

Be it further:

RESOLVED: That such office be filled by election of such representative at this session assembled.

Respectfully submitted,

W. MARCUS TAYLOR, Texas
S. S. JONES, Oklahoma
S. R. PRINCE, Texas

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

We, your Committee on Time and Place, make the following report, namely:

(1) Time: Sept., 1923, Wednesday after the first Sunday.

(2) Place: Two places having been presented:

- Kansas City, Mo., St. Stephens Baptist Church, Dr. J. W. Hurrea, pastor.
- Chicago, Ill., Ebenezer Baptist Church, Dr. C. H. Clark, pastor.

Therefore, we submit the two cities without recommendation for your choice.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee:

DR. JOHN H. FRANK, Ky., Chmn. DR. W. J. BALLON, Fla., Sec'y
Dr. C. C. Clark, Chicago, Ill. Dr. J. H. Pattos, Texas

Dr. S. J. Dixon, Tennessee	Dr. J. W. Hulse, Missouri
Dr. G. W. Harris	W. A. Ross
B. Saunders, Ohio	E. P. Harrison
Dr. D. E. Over, Colorado	C. E. Pettitway
Dr. Lively	S. M. Martin

FINANCIAL REPORT

Money Received

Received for Home Missions	\$ 101.25
Received for Foreign Missions	535.00
Received for Evangelical Board	25.05
Received for B. Y. P. U. Board	60.05
Received for Educational Board	724.30
Received for Benefit Board	11.36
Received for Sunday School—Sunday a. m.	42.80
Received for Enrollment of Ministers	1633.39
Received for door receipts for night	109.21
Received for Sunday (11 a. m.)	138.63
Received for Sunday (8 p. m.)	17.01
Received for Mother Littlejohn	8.00
Received for Captain N. Roberts	21.26
Received for Mother Cox	19.83
Received for Rev. G. A. Austin (the no-arm man)	15.23

Total	\$3435.51
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Disbursement

To Mother Cox (donation)	\$ 10.63
To Dr. Banks, Evangelical Board	25.95
To Publishing Board (for Missions)	41.80
To Mother Littlejohn	8.00
To Home Mission Board	301.26
To Foreign Mission Board	535.00
To B. Y. P. U. Mission Board	724.30

Balance in hands of Committee	\$1273.41
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President's Assistant	\$ 5.00
Enrollment Committee	21.00
Dr. J. W. Crawford (New Orleans Reporter)	30.00
M. E. Robertson (Board visita)	28.00

Prof. Johnson (Trainer of Chorus)	45.00
Dr. S. S. Jones	87.00
Dr. J. E. Wood	58.56
Dr. Brown of Louisiana	5.40
Dr. J. P. Robinson	24.00
Secretary Madison	234.00
1. Asst. Lewis	22.50
2. Asst. Taylor	20.10
3. Asst. Evans	16.60
4. Asst. Woods	14.10
Phillips, C. H.	15.00
Hulse	27.00
Dr. Robinson (Trip to Stockholm)	90.00
Dr. J. B. Beckham	30.00
Financial Committee	42.00
Branch (Treasurer)	50.00
Habers	29.40
Dr. Wm. Johnson	75.00
Kelbell money	300.00
Dr. E. P. Jones	300.00

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY, NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

Cash Collected During Year at Convention

Total raised	\$3459.41
At Convention	1503.16
	<u>\$4962.67</u>

FINAL REPORT OF NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

Total Railroad Commission	20.00
Total Evangelical Board	5.00
Total B. Y. P. U. Board	5.00
Total Benefit Board	5.00
Total Foreign Mission Board	50.50
Total Training School	187.65
Total Training School	6.00

Disbursements

To Chosen:	
Training School	\$418.85
Foreign Missions Workers	208.00
Home Mission (Panama Zone)	25.12

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B. Y. P. U. Board	40.00
R. R. Commission	10.00
Mrs. Mary L. Boyd	9.50
Field Workers	25.50
Benevolent	120.61
For salaries of three Field Secretaries and Cor. Sec'y.....	378.46
For Traveling Expenses of Same	152.75
For Incidental Expenses of Same	95.47
For Printing	815.78
Office help, rent and supplies	252.00
Stamps	101.00
Miles traveled by Secretaries, 25,657 miles	

Members of Enrollment

Revs. B. P. E. Gates, Illinois	S. P. Harrison, Oklahoma
J. H. Eason, Alabama	H. C. Cashan, Texas
G. A. Long, Arkansas	Dr. Kayler, Louisiana
R. McCorkle, Mississippi	G. H. Mitchell, Missouri
A. D. Henderson, Texas	

Committee on Finance

Dr. S. R. Prince	S. B. Jones	G. F. C. Curry
V. H. Gussie	W. C. Barnes	B. H. Gallow

Ushers

Rev. G. B. Taylor, Tennessee	Rev. Chas. Williams, Ohio
Rev. R. B. Porter, Illinois	Rev. J. M. Johnson
Rev. H. H. Taylor	Rev. H. J. Fartin
Rev. E. W. Kayler	Rev. Hanna
Rev. H. W. Barret	

Committee on Divine Service

Dr. J. H. Hunt, St. James, B. C.	Dr. S. R. Prince, Mt. Pisgah
Dr. G. W. Prince, Shiloh	Dr. G. W. Day, Pilgrim Valley
Dr. Johnson, Mt. Olive	Dr. L. J. Brown, Texas Church

Committee on Revision of Constitution

Dr. E. Hall, D. D., Georgia	Dr. J. H. Frank, Kentucky
Dr. D. B. Gaines, Arkansas	Dr. L. L. Campbell, Texas
Dr. W. Johnson, Pennsylvania	Dr. J. C. Coleman, California
Dr. A. Hubbs, Louisiana	Dr. J. H. Eason, Alabama

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION MINUTES

Committee on Misplaced Roll and Records

Rev. D. P. Jones	H. P. B. Brown	Rev. J. W. Haywood
Prof. R. McCorkle		A. A. Banks

Committee on Nomination of Officers

Dr. W. H. Woods, Chairman	Rev. T. H. Evans
Rev. Wm. Grumble	Rev. Chas. Williams
Rev. G. T. Pierce	Rev. S. P. Harrison
Rev. M. E. Robinson	Rev. O. R. Shart
Rev. E. B. Evans	Rev. J. P. Porter
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RESOLUTION BY DRS. C. H. CLARK AND J. P. ROBINSON

Mr. President and Brethren of the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America,

Greeting:

The Lord has graciously protected and abundantly blessed and magnified his name in the churches throughout the United States and elsewhere abroad, for which we are glad and do glorify his name.

We feel it our duty to make a public expression of our love and desire for his wondrous love as expressed by the New Testament prophet and evangelist John in his 2nd Epistle and 1st verse: "Behold what manner of love, the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God, therefore the world knoweth us not because it knew Him not." These inspired words illumine the idea of masculine possession of the great commission possibility in Kingdom building, for which our great convention stands.

This idea is much emphasized by state, national and international gatherings, throughout the domain of Christendom; therefore, be it resolved, that it be the sense and desire of this body to have mutual and friendly relations with Missionary Baptists the world over, and that we herein express our greetings, our determination for Christian greeting to all of the brotherhood by correspondence, messengers, or any other method borne out by New Testament Scriptures, believing that the spread of the Kingdom of God required.

Respectfully submitted:

C. H. CLARK, Pastor Ebenezer Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.

J. P. ROBINSON, First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark.

THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL BENEFIT BOARD

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept., 1931.

Mr. President and Delegates:

Indeed it is a pleasure for me to be present and present this report. Beside the peculiar joy that it gives one to work for a worthy

cause. I believe that it is a blessing to represent a denomination, whose tenets and dogmas are sublime. We represent the practical side of life, nothing sentimental in the endeavors to care for aged ministers and their dependent widows and orphans, and mis-sionaries.

For indeed we get our example from the Book. In Leviticus we read "Thou shalt take care of the Levite as long as thou shalt live; for he has no inheritance among his brethren." We cannot say that our people are indifferent to the cause of God as a religious organization, but the difficulty has been, the board has been unable to find a workable plan that it could venture the good faith of the denomination upon. However we think at this time you will be presented in this report.

Much time has been lost by the illness of the Corresponding Secretary, who was suddenly taken ill last July a year ago, and is not fully restored at this time, but is able to perform the duty that is entrusted upon his office. There is no greater cause before the people of the earth today, both civic and religious, than the compensation of those who made possible our present degree of success. The countries of the world are providing old age pensions. All of the great industries are not overlooking the men and women who have given their strength and energy to bring success to their institution; they should be remembered and are being remembered by the continuing of the success of the institution which they have served and lived up.

Shall Baptist churches do less for their untiring workers who have given their best manhood days for the prospects of the Baptist Church of this department? They should be financed with a promising hope and a joyful eventide. We will make the contention that other denominations shall in no wise sleep on this great proposition, for they are piling up their huge sums in order to invite young ministers into their folds.

I am pleased to report that we are making some progress in the establishing in the home and we are pleased to help quite a few ministers, both young and old, and we have not neglected our duty of encouraging our ministers of the National Baptist Seminary. We know much more could be done but we suffer for the lack of funds published the work of this great Board for the future, we recommend the following:

That all ministers that are enrolled will become enrolled upon the books of this Board and after they have served the denomination the period of forty (40) or more years and they have reached the years

of dependency that they shall receive an allowance of \$20.00 a quarter for the first years, or \$80.00 per annum.

And upon their death, their widow and dependent orphans shall receive this amount as long as they are honorable and upright. The above amount shall be flexible in proportion to the overs or unders in the years of service. Orphans under (15) shall be pensioned at the same ratio as the aged fathers.

The church shall be permitted to carry it upon this roll by payment of \$2.50 per quarter. The great God of Heaven will not turn the rein of leadership over to any people because they are white or black, rich or poor, nor because they are lettered or unlettered.

The religion of the future will be the religion of humanity and love; the people that can love most will lead and govern the earth for the widening of our capacity for the enduring Spirit of God. Let us create a little moral for our present day minister by caring for the father whose sun is about to set. The young blood, high mellow, oncoming here, who is just buckling on the harness must be encouraged, and by the plan we lay for the present day minister. Your blood runs a brighter day for our aged minister.

Just ahead for too much of the same spirit is being distributed by other institutions and God's church will not be rebuked by secular organizations and not let them show more love to their workers. I am pleading that each minister enroll his name upon the book of the Board, give the number of years he has served the denomination and whether he has been loyal to the causes of his denomination and the Board will take up the matter with his church or churches, and they will be induced to keep up with the quarterly payment. We must put up a sincere proposition that our churches will hear. The obligation and the quarterly dues will be a sacred fund laid aside for pension alone, and if they are decrepit, we can put them in the home that we have already prepared, and if there are any of our ministers, who have broken down and desire rest, write to the Corresponding Secretary and we will send you a certificate properly signed and you will be admitted free of charges, stay until you are fully restored to health. Any of our ministers, who need to so rest, see me.

We can help you; it is certainly healthful out there now again. And we clothe our aged and retired ministers who have carried a policy for 5 years and who have been preaching the gospel for 40 years or more shall be invited to retire at the age of 75, if he so desires (no compulsion), and when he has so done, he shall be entitled to the following amount, \$15.00 per quarter or \$60.00 per annum. When they have been enrolled upon the books for a pension of 10 years.

his pension shall be \$20.00 per quarter or eighty (\$80.00) dollars per annum, and if they are leaving, widows they shall receive one half of the designated amount as in class U. and B.

Their orphans shall be placed in some one of our denominational schools, and cared for as long as they are dependent.

Our Financial Statement

Money Raised	1989.75
Money Expended on Aged Ministers	120.75
On Traveling Expenses	75.00
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Fort Worth, Texas, September 7, 1923.

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
SEMINARY REORGANIZATION:

Appointed and given authority by the Convention to carry out the provisions of a certain RESOLUTION, adopted September 3, 1922, at the Nashville meeting, directing that application be made to the Tennessee Legislature for the passage of a Special Act, enabling the reorganization of the Nat. Bapt. Theological Seminary and Training Corporation, so as to give to the Convention full power in the election and control of the Trustee Board, holding the management of the property of the corporation, desires to make the following report:

The Committee was organized with David E. Over as chairman, who was directed to immediately negotiate an agreement with the Trustee Board of the Seminary to transfer all property holdings of the present Corporation to the proposed new Corporation when such Corporation had been fully provided for and organized; and then to proceed with the matter of the initiation of the "Special Act" so as to provide the legal means for the reorganization, in which service Mr. John B. Keeble was to be retained at the fee of \$1000.00, which service was to also include the legal work of reorganization and transfer.

The chairman secured the following agreement from the Board of Trustees, signed by each of its members:

We, the surviving members of the Corporation known as The National Baptist Theological and Training Seminary, in consideration of the facts set out in the resolution adopted this day by the National Baptist Convention, and the perfection of the plans therein outlined, hereby bind ourselves to con-

vey to the corporation contemplated in said resolution, the property of the Seminary of which we are the corporate members, and to surrender the old charter at the proper time; and we bind ourselves to the Convention, pending this arrangement, to hold said property and administer the same as trustees for the National Baptist Convention.

WITNESS OUR HANDS at Nashville, this 8th day of September, 1922.

(Signed)

C. B. TAYLOR, Chairman
J. L. HARDING, Secretary
J. C. FIELDS
H. M. BURNS
A. M. PORTER

At the close of the Convention the chairmen took up with Mr. John B. Keeble of Nashville, the legal steps necessary for the accomplishment of the aims of the Convention as contemplated in the said resolution and secured with him the following agreement:

- (1) To prepare a competent Act, present it and follow it through the Legislature to its final passage.
- (2) To prepare a charter for the organization of the new corporation, and the proper corporate minutes for the adoption of the charter by the new corporation.
- (3) To organize the new corporation, and prepare all necessary minutes for the old corporation for the transfer of the property of the old corporation.
- (4) To execute all deeds and transfers to the new corporation.
- (5) The fee for this legal service to be \$1000.00.

This agreement was concluded on the 12th of September, but the chairman, anxious to incur no unnecessary expense, wrote from Denver, September 15th:

Mr. John B. Keeble,
Keeble and Seay,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

It is my purpose to return to Nashville in a few weeks, at a time convenient to you, but before so doing, I shall be pleased to receive a letter from you, giving your opinion as to whether this matter could not be satisfactorily adjusted under the special "Act of 1915," to which you referred as we were leaving your office.

This law was much discussed in the Convention and it is the belief of many that it is wholly adequate. If upon examination such should prove to be the case, it would possibly save the expense of another trip to your city and also materially reduce the cost of the entire transaction.

Very respectfully yours,

Mr. Keeble replied as follows on October 4th:

David E. Over, D. D.,
2540 Emerson Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 15th, I find on my desk on my return to the city.

I had not overlooked the "Act of 1915." In my judgment, it is subject to the same criticism that the Act of 1897 is subject to in reference to churches and denominations. I reached the conclusion long ago, that there was just one question about that, as there was in regard to the charter of the publishing boards.

I know of no other way to solve the problem without controversy, than the one I outlined.

Yours truly,

The first meeting of your committee, during the meeting of the Convention, was held with the chairman and a number of the members of the Educational Board, and it was agreed that the Board would finance the legal expenses incurred by the committee. Acting upon this agreement, the chairman on a subsequent trip to Nashville, in conference with Mr. Keeble, worked out the final procedure by which the whole matter should be consummated. After his return to Denver, under date of October 2nd, Mr. Keeble wrote as follows:

Dr. David E. Over,
2540 Emerson Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to our conversation in reference to my being employed to procure the passage of an Act of the Legislature for the proper incorporation of a Theological Seminary under the

auspices and control of The National Baptist Convention:

In order that there may be no misunderstanding in case anything should happen to either of us, I thought it best to write you a letter.

I proposed, and as I understood you accepted, the proposition that I should undertake to prepare an Act and follow it through the Legislature which meets here in January, providing for the incorporation of such an institution, upon the condition that it should be under the control, as far as the election of trustees and members of the corporation was concerned, of the National Baptist Convention. A charter is to be prepared for the organization of the new corporation under this Act, and proper corporate minutes for the adoption of the charter by the new corporation and the organization of the new corporation, and all necessary minutes for the old corporation for the transfer of the property of the old corporation to the new corporation, and when this is done, the deeds are to be executed and the property transferred to the new corporation. For this work I was to be paid \$1,000.00. If for any reason the entire program is not carried out, then I shall be paid a reasonable fee for such work as I have done in the premises.

Yours truly,

The chairman replied to the above letter, under date of November 3rd, as follows:

Mr. John B. Keeble,
Keeble and Seay,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of a few days ago reached me and I am answering to say that you are quite correct in your understanding that it is the intent of the Committee to have you proceed with the matter of seeking to have the enactment passed as advised.

It is also our understanding that you will also render all other legal services necessary to the organization of the new corporation and the transfer from the old when the statute will permit you to take such a course. The fee of \$1,000.00 to cover the entire service.

I neglected, however, to get a clear understanding as to what part, if any, you will desire that we pay in advance. If you will kindly inform me on this item, I shall be greatly obliged

and will endeavor to be ready to favor you with a check by December first.

Hoping to hear from you by return and thanking you for your disposition to serve our Convention in this matter, I am
Respectfully,

Mr. Keeble's reply informed the chairman that a remittance of \$500.00 would be sufficient. A few days later he received word from the chairman of the Educational Board, letters dated November 30 and 20th, that owing to trouble in raising a mortgage for the seminary property it would not be possible for the Board to assist the committee till some time later.

There was left to the committee only one recourse, and that, to attempt to raise at least the \$500.00 payment by direct appeal to the brethren. As a consequence the chairman sent out several hundred letters directing them to the men who appeared the most greatly interested. The result was a rather generous aggregation of splendid promises, but the net cash results were less than \$100.00. The 31st of December had passed and the Legislature met early in January. Judge Keeble had informed that it was wisdom to offer the bill in the early days of the session. A number of the brethren had made promises which indicated they would be able to assist after the holidays, the President of the Convention having written the request that all monies available be sent to Dr. Harding to be paid directly on the bonus for the school loan. On January 23rd, the chairman informed Mr. Keeble that the difficulties incident to securing the loan and saving the property had made it most difficult to secure funds for the committee's work and expressed the fear that the time had passed in which to offer the bill to the Legislature.

On January 26th, Mr. Keeble wrote as follows:

Dr. David E. Over,
2540 Emerson Street,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 23rd arrived. It is not too late to do what we had discussed.

If you will agree to be responsible for the fee and see that it is raised, I will prepare the bill and present it to the Legislature. You can wire me on receipt of this letter what you wish me to do.

Yours very truly,

The chairman wired Mr. Keeble to proceed; and on April 4th the following letter was received:

Dr. D. E. Over,
2540 Emerson Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

The Legislature passed the bill authorizing the incorporation of your seminary so as to preserve the rights of your Convention, and I am prepared, at any time you desire me to do it, to take up the question of the reorganization and transfer of the property.

I trust you are meeting success in raising the fee we have agreed upon.

Yours truly,

At the meeting of the Executive Board, in conjunction with the Sunday School Congress at Indianapolis, it developed that the total amount necessary to save the property from foreclosure had not been raised, and the Educational Board, consequently, was not yet in position to assist the committee financially. The letters sent out by the chairman had netted the following:

Rev. G. E. Daniels, Calvert, Texas	\$10.00
Rev. Ernest Hall, Atlanta, Ga.	10.00
Rev. John H. Frank, Louisville, Ky.	15.00
Rev. Robert Mitchell, Lexington, Ky.	10.00
Rev. G. L. Prince, St. Joseph, Mo.	10.00
Rev. J. E. Wood, Danville, Ky.	10.00
Rev. J. H. Eason, Birmingham, Ala.	10.00

Total.....\$75.00

The 26th of June the chairman wrote Mr. Keeble as follows:

Mr. John B. Keeble,
Keeble and Seay,
Nashville, Tenn.

My Dear Mr. Keeble:

You may be assured that it has taken considerable courage for me to persuade myself to write you just now. And the reason for my hesitation need not be explained to you—I have simply failed to keep with you my promise.

While I do not desire to unload the blame on any other man, the simple fact is that by some misfortune or mishandling of affairs the property of the seminary was saved from foreclose-

ure with extreme difficulty, by the united effort of those who were willing, at our meeting just closed in Indianapolis a few days ago.

However, we are now assured that the crisis has been passed, and now the way should be opened for me to get a little money. I am not unmindful of the fact that I have made myself responsible for this obligation and I shall bear it until the money is gotten. I believe that between this and our meeting in Fort Worth in September the most of it will be forthcoming.

In answer, dated June 29th, the following was received:

Dr. David E. Over,
 Zion Baptist Church,
 Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 26th, and appreciate the situation you had to deal with.

I am today in receipt of a letter from Dr. E. P. Jones, suggesting that I accept \$400.00 in payment for my services, and I have written him a copy of the letter which I enclose. Do not give yourself any annoyance or worry about the situation.

Yours truly,
(Copy Inclosed)

Dr. Edward P. Jones, President,
 National Baptist Convention, U. S. A.,
 4348 Vincennes, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 25th inst., received. I appreciate the situation you are in, and will accept \$400.00 in full payment for the services I have rendered to date. In case I have to do anything further in the matter, I think we ought to discuss the question of additional compensation—that is, if I am ever called on to reorganize the corporation. But we will agree upon that.

This, of course, is accepted upon the basis of prompt payment.
 Yours truly,

The chairman has had no information from the President as to whether this amount has been paid. He went as far as he has gone in the matter under the explicit understanding that the committee was given by the Convention full authority to act. It is hoped that the committee was not mistaken in its conclusion that the matter was in its hands entirely until the whole was reported at this meeting.

In conclusion the Committee has two recommendations to make, in the persuasion that the Convention is of the same mind relative to placing the Seminary under its control by the power to elect from time to time the Board of Trustees or management.

- (1) That this meeting make provision for taking care of whatever financial obligations the Convention is under to Mr. Keeble.
- (2) That your committee be instructed to direct Mr. Keeble to proceed with necessary steps in carrying out the reorganization and transfers.
- (3) That a Board of Trustees, chosen by the Educational Board, and ratified by the Convention, be chosen at this meeting, pending the proposed reorganization under the new statute.

The long controversy concerning the ownership and management of the Seminary will then have been closed.

Respectfully,

Committee:

DAVID E. OVER, Chairman
 J. T. HUGHES
 C. P. MADISON
 ROBERT MITCHELL
 E. R. CARTER
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 W. GRIMBLE
 REV. KNOWLES

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Brother President, Fellow Officers, Worthby Messengers, Distinguished Visitors, Ladies and Gentlemen:

In humble obedience to the evident will of this grand body as expressed in your vote at our last session, it is with pardonable pride, and becoming felicity, that I come at this time, to render to you an accounting for the trust reposed in me at your hands. The seriousness of the hour is superinduced to my mind, by the comparison outstanding in the retrospective, introspective and prospective contemplations which engage my soul at this moment. In the former, I reflect with sincere regrets and negation, upon our most excellent beginning as a convention. I can see now fading like the crimson lines of the horizon under the touch of Somnus the goddess of slumber, dear old New Salem in Chicago throwing wide her doors to receive the servants of the King who dared to strike the shackles of

ecclesiastical servitude from the denomination in which the Christ lived, suffered and died. I can see too, that stalwart giant and big hearted pastor, Dr. Haywood, whom to know was to love, throwing the strength of his mammoth influence on the side of those who believe that the hour had struck when Baptists of color, should demonstrate to the world that the Negro race is not a liability on the shoulders of other races in America. I can see the sainted John Thomas lining up with our Convention and lending it the strength of his magnanimous personality and nation-wide influence, and swearing by all that is good and true, to stand by this Convention to the last ditch.

I can see also, the nefarious activities of those who had aimed the javelins of hell itself at the breast of the grandest Roman among us in the person of the lamented Dr. R. H. Boyd. I can see him working quietly among us with tear dimmed eyes, counseling us to be patient and pray. I can see too, the very uniforms and maces of that gang of policemen, whom the enemy of the kingdom had induced to come into the Convention for the express purpose of thwarting the will of the majority. I can see lastly of the retrospect, but not least by any means, our own Dr. Edward P. Jones pushing his way to the platform, seizing the gavel from the hand of the enemy, and marshalling our men to the front. Then as I feature the introspect in this eventful connection, I see my own shortcomings as a member and an officer of the body, and fear that I am unworthy of the mammoth confidence which you repose in me. I fear I have not done my best. I fear too, that I, despite my purpose never to do so, have allowed myself to be turned aside from the straight path of ethical procedure by my friends at times. I fear too, that I have not thrown the strength of my influence as fully on the side of ethical propriety as I should have, and because these reflections persist, I am made to see the failures which we have encountered in our efforts to carry on as a convention. Now to the prospect. Brethren, there remaineth much land to be possessed if we would maintain the dignity of a real convention. We have not lived up to our God-given opportunities. The spirit of the Christ has not been as evident as the cause demands at all times. We began under most favorable, nay, flattering auspices. We had the lion's share of the great Baptist family. We have started brilliantly. Our great Publishing Plant and Educational Nestor stand over there in Nashville as living monuments to the genius of our leadership. But brethren, gainsay it as you please, our grand old ship is in a very bad way. We seem to have lost both chart and compass insofar as management is concerned. Brethren, we have no program. At least no tangible one. We seem to be trusting ourselves to the merciless waves of an uncharted sea. It is time

to take soundings. It is time to megaphone for help from above. Our Convention should return to its moorings and get a little more of Christ and less of self into its machinery. We are now being looked upon as a set of scheming selfish politicians, whose only ambition is to perpetuate ourselves AND OUR FRIENDS IN OFFICE. No self respecting, Christian minister can afford to be classed thusly. God's men want a clear conscience. He must cast his activities in the mold of the spirit. He must be sincere in his dealings both with God and man. I must therefore, after thanking you one and all for the evident confidence which you have manifested in me, which confidence you have made quite obvious in the repeated honors which you have lavished upon me, respectfully ask to be relieved of further official connection with our Convention. This position does not either presuppose or intimate that I have the slightest intention of deserting the ship. Indeed I shall die loyal to the proud tenets which inspire within this group. But I feel that I owe it to my conscience to sound this alarm, and since I have reason for believing that the conditions to which I have called attention will not be remedied by present methods of procedure, and since I am absolutely powerless to remedy them myself, I incline to the opinion that since I cannot render my very best service to the denomination under the conditions here complained of, I should not burden my brethren who have continued to honor me, by rendering service in a slipshod way. For illustration, let us look around for a moment. Where is Dr. Bolden of Norfolk? Dr. Brooks of New Orleans? Dr. Austin of Pittsburgh? Dr. Collins of Houma? Dr. Harper of Youngstown? Where are hundreds of strong men who once sat in the counsels of this body? Gone, gone, gone. Not to the other side, but gone from us. Now since there is no effect which is not traceable to some associate cause, this Convention should find the cause and remedy it. I believe with all my heart, that the cause lies at the door of those who have been placed in the lead. I dare not charge it all to any one man. But it is chargeable to the leadership of the Convention. We are living in an age of thinkers. Men will no longer tax their congregations for the purpose of being financed for an annual trip in the name of the National Baptist Convention. As we grow older, we get further and further from rabble procedure in the name of a Convention. Men who have succeeded in their own personal affairs singlehanded and alone, will not longer support a Convention which cannot raise sufficient finance to meet its obligations. Our Convention has no intelligent conception of either its assets or liabilities. Our Executive Board is a monstrous misnomer. Our finance is handled in such an unbusiness-like manner as to bring down the

condemnation of our laymen upon the head of every pastor among us. To be frank, we need some changes. Let's have them. I am ready to strike the blow for freedom and progress. We need now a set of trained Baptist leaders trusted and true, who because of their records in the states from which they hail, can command the confidence and respect of our constituency. Baptist statesmen are the need of the hour. We have passed the day of big speeches and fruitless activities. In closing my brethren, I desire to remind you that you only paid me \$25 on a \$100 debt year before last, and \$50 last year. You are therefore indebted to me in the sum of \$75 for year before last, \$50 for last year and \$100 for this year, making a total of \$225 to date. I desire to donate the \$25 and the \$75 to the Educational Board, and ask you to pay to me, the \$100 due for this year. I therefore ask that this body so direct its Executive Board. Trusting that you my brethren, will accept this report in the same kindly spirit in which I have submitted it, and pledging you under God, to stand by the Convention to the last day of my life, and assuring you that I have only offered my resignation or declined to be a candidate for office unless some changes are made, I beg that you ever regard me as the faithful servant of the Convention and its God.

The Functionings of my Office for the Year

The largest activities of your Corresponding Secretary have been to plant the grand old flag of our Convention on the ramparts of the enemy throughout the country. This we have accomplished in a splendid manner.

For instance, when I first went north as a pastor, the unincorporated Convention constituted an occasion for laughter and ridicule wherever mentioned. Not because the people were our enemies, but because the territory had not been cultivated by our methods of operation. It is quite different today. Last year we only brought three persons from Pennsylvania, this year we bring 27.

Our Convention has appealed to such learned men as Drs. Pinson and Adams, the "Keystone" state, and I delight to honor them both, and to number them among our splendid delegation and my best friends.

We had only three persons at our Congress last year, we had twenty-five this year. Only two churches used our literature two years ago, 17 use it now. We were afraid to even speak of our leaders there two years ago. Henry Allen has been to Pittsburgh as guest of the City Ministers' Conference, and indeed they made a fuss over him. Even inviting him to return this fall.

We had only one pastor in and around Pittsburgh two years ago. We have eleven today. We were referred to as "the Rump Convention" two years ago. Brethren refer to us as the Jones or Boyd Convention today. Indeed things have changed.

We worshipped in a dilapidated hall away from the body of Colored People two years ago, and had a membership too small to give us \$1.00 as salary. We own the best church campus of any Negro congregation in the city of Pittsburgh, and preach to a large and popular following in our own all steel house of worship.

Miles traveled in the interest of the Convention, 3012.

Addresses delivered in this connection, 54.

Sermons preached, 12.

Money collected for literature, etc., \$87.23.

Pastors won to our Convention, 9.

Sunday schools, 16.

Subscribers to our Paper, 7.

Mass meetings held, 4.

Letters written, 502.

Board meetings attended, 2.

States worked in: Pa., Ohio, Ill., Ky., Tenn., La., Tex., Va., W. Va., and Mich. (10).

Money loaned on our Seminary, \$10.

Yours in His dear name,

WM. JOHNSON.

Retiring Corresponding Secretary

Mr. President and Brethren of the National Baptist Convention:

One year ago I was elected to represent this body in the World's Baptist Alliance at Stockholm, Sweden, beginning July 21-27, 1923. According to your wishes we took our journey June 30th, 1923. Arriving in New York on or about the 26th of June, we sailed according to program, arriving in Southampton time enough to reach Stockholm on the day appointed for the opening of the World's Baptist Alliance, July 21st.

Our stay in the city of Stockholm was the most pleasant of our lives. The World's Baptist Alliance gave us the first insight of the day of Pentecost. The fact that we found fifty or more countries represented with their Christian activities, speaking thirty-two different tongues; strange to say that we understood when these tongues were speaking; they were talking of the kingdom of Jesus Christ. Some of them gave evidence of being persecuted for the word of God and the testimony which they gave and believed. Some of these brethren were just out of prison. It could be seen that they had

been in prison for many days because they were worn, tired and just out long enough to attend this meeting. Money was taken to defray expenses to their homes.

The Lott Carey Convention promised to begin missionary work among the Roumenians. There are still other fields where the Catholics are planting their Priest-ridden doctrine in the hearts of the people.

The Colored Baptists of America should hurry to give the doctrine to these people of the earth. I must confess that there were obstacles laid in the way to keep out all other Colored Baptist organizations, and the Executive Board was notified not to allow any colored organizations to be represented unless they came with credentials from Dr. L. K. Williams. I found no communication had passed between this Convention and the World's Baptist Alliance and when I received the credentials from the President of this Convention the Alliance was in session, and I was on the floor of the Alliance when the letter came. I had already entered and paid the representation fee for this Convention and had my badge on when Drs. Carter and Hall arrived. There was some hesitancy, but I was informed by the Secretary that our name would go in the record. However, I know we three were received as messengers and were given the courtesies of the meeting.

It would be well for us to interest this Convention in that phase of work—the Alliance is the Lookout Mountain of Christian activities throughout the Baptist World. We therefore, would do well to keep our eyes open upon the enemies of our work. I saw a spirit un-Christian enacted in the Executive Committee. Our President and Secretary of this Convention should begin immediately to correspond with Secretary Shakespeare in London, England, of the World's Baptist Alliance, get the literature which will place them in position to keep abreast with the Baptist world. This is just as necessary as for us to operate our National Convention and other Christian activities.

In the hall of fame was found pictures of many schools, churches, missions—home and foreign. It would take several days to pass and see all the work being done by Baptists throughout the world, especially missions and schools. The people of Stockholm received us with open arms. Every hotel was open to the messengers—white and colored—no discrimination. It was the only meeting I have visited of mixed races where you could see we were all one in Christ Jesus.

The colored messengers were especially favored in that they were given prominent places in both hotels and homes. Many of the

leaders extended us invitations to visit their country, preach the gospel and sing. They were warm in the extending of these invitations to us.

Respectfully yours,

J. P. ROBINSON, D. D.

To the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Union:

We, your Committee on Investigation of the Loss of the Convention Roll, beg leave to submit the following report. To wit—

We found that the Convention Roll in the hands of the Enrollment Committee, appointed by President E. P. Jones, composed of Drs. B. F. E. Gayles, III.; G. A. Long, Ark.; Prof. R. McCorkle, Miss.; E. D. Evans, Ark.; and ——— was lost under the following testimony, submitted to your Committee and signed by each—1st Rev. J. C. Moffett, of Waxahachie, Texas, 119 Prieson St., stated that he was in the Enrollment Committee Room on Thursday night about 11:30 p. m., Sept. 6, 1923, when he saw Rev. G. A. Long snatch the Convention roll from the Enrollment Secretary, R. McCorkle and went out of the Committee room with the same in his possession after having placed it in his hip pocket.

Signed:

REV. J. C. MOFFETT,

In the presence of the Committee.

2nd—

Prof. R. McCorkle, Mound Bayou, Miss., P. O. Box 323, made the following statement to the Committee:

I here state I am the Recording Secretary of the National Convention of the Enrollment Committee, appointed by E. P. Jones on Wednesday, September 6, 1923.

Thursday night, Sept. 6, the Convention by motion ordered that I turn over the roll to the Convention Secretary, Dr. C. P. Madison, and I attempted to obey the order of the Convention when a controversy came up over the procedure, with some contending that it should not be turned over, others that it should. Whereupon, Secretary Madison said that we will go in the room and settle this affair. When we entered the Enrollment Committee room, other members of the Committee followed, namely: Rev. E. D. Evans, Ark.; Rev. G. A. Long and others who were not members of the Committee, among whom were Dr. W. M. Johnson and others. Secretary C. P. Madison and I agreed that we would copy the roll so each of us might have a copy of the same. Upon this agreement, others stated they would remain to see that it was correctly made. Secretary Madison thereupon said that he had been elected by the Conven-

tion and did not need any boxes to stand over him, and walked out of the Committee room, leaving the report in my hand. Almost immediately Rev. G. A. Long, Little Rock, Ark., came over, snatched the roll from me on the table. Though I protested and asked for a return of the roll, Dr. Long refused to do so and went out of the Committee room with the roll still in his possession to the best of my knowledge.

Signed:

R. McCORKLE.

Dr. Wm. Johnson, 514 Jordan Way, Pittsburgh, Pa., made the following statement to the Committee:

I saw Rev. Dr. G. A. Long, when he snatched the Convention roll from the Enrollment Secretary, Prof. R. McCorkle. I followed and demanded he return the same. He refused to do so and dropped the roll out of one of the windows out to the sidewalk. I learned from an Arkansas messenger that parties were stationed on the outside to secrete the roll. Rev. G. W. Alexander of Chicago, told me he was responsible for the confiscation of the roll.

Signed in the presence of the Committee,

DR. W. M. JOHNSON.

Dr. C. P. Madison, Norfolk, Va., made the following statement to the Committee:

I at no time had the Convention roll in my possession when I was refused the privilege of copy of same under watchful eyes. I left the Committee room with our Convention roll in the hand of the Secretary of the Enrollment Committee, Prof. R. McCorkle.

Signed:

C. P. MADISON

On the above testimony given to your Committee we are of the opinion in our finding that there was a conspiracy well organized to destroy or otherwise dispose of the National Baptist roll for reasons not known to your Committee.

In submitting this report we beg leave to call your attention to the statement to the Convention when in session Friday afternoon by the Rev. Lovelace of Little Rock, Ark., whose statement to the Committee could not be had because he was called home. But to refresh your memory we report his words to it: "I was standing on the outside of the church, Thursday night, about eleven o'clock when I saw someone's hand out the window and a small roll of paper dropped down beside me. Three women, one of whom was dressed in black, stooped, picked up the roll of paper and placed it under her clothing in such a way that it could not be seen. Within the next

few minutes I saw my friend and brother, Rev. G. A. Long, come out the side door, rush to these women and asked one in black for the roll. He placed the same in a hand bag and went down the street. I, at this time, did not know nor suspect this to be the Convention roll for I had no knowledge that the same had been lost.

We, your Committee, having written Dr. Lovelace, ask that his reply be made a part of this Committee's report when forwarded to our Convention Secretary within the next few days.

We, also, wish to call the Convention's attention to the acknowledgment on the part of Dr. G. W. Alexander of Chicago, Ill., before the Convention that he was responsible and not Dr. G. A. Long for the roll.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. H. B. N. BROWN, La., Chairman

DR. A. A. BANKS, Texas

PROF. R. McCORKLE, Miss.

DR. L. W. HAYWOOD

DR. DANIEL P. JONES, Secretary

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST LAYMEN'S LEAGUE Prof. R. McCorkle, President

Indianapolis, Ind., June 13, 1923.

According to program, the National League assembled in the Mt. Paran Baptist Church, Dr. B. F. Ferrell, pastor. The League started the day's work by singing, "Bless be the tie that binds." Prof. R. McCorkle, of Mound Bayou, Miss., read Psalm 40:1-4, which was followed by the League singing "Nearer my God to Thee," after which Prof. S. H. Simpson of Galveston, Texas offered a fervent prayer. The song "Down at the cross" followed the invocation. Then Prof. McCorkle, President of the League, came forward and delivered a short but very pointed talk to the delegates, urging them to bend every effort to make this session the greatest in the history of the organization.

Among the persons present at the opening session were: Bro. E. L. Harrell of Lily Grove League, Ensley, Ala.; Brother S. E. Wright, West Point League, Galveston, Texas; Mrs. M. J. McMullen, First Baptist League, Little Rock, Ark.; Rev. J. H. West, Gretna, Fla.; Brother Robert Donaldson, Mt. Paran League, Indianapolis, Ind.; Brother James Courtney, New Bethel League, Indianapolis, Ind.; Prof. S. H. Simpson, Mt. Olive League, Galveston, Texas; Miss Etie Blumstein, First Baptist League, Orange, Texas; Brothers Owen Russ and E. H. Blaney, Antioch League, Cincinnati, Ohio;

Brother Arthur Dutton, Adlloch League, Cincinnati, Ohio; J. H. Bolden, Mt. Paran, Indianapolis; Brother R. McCorkle, Liberty League, Mound Bayou, Miss.; Dr. L. Drane, Friendship League, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. J. F. Hughes, Long Street League, Columbus, Ohio; Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Alexander, Morning Star League, Chicago, Ill.; and Brother H. B. P. Johnson, Second Baptist League, Nashville, Tenn. The following were among those who represented through mail: Brother G. W. Williams, St. James League, Fort Worth, Texas; St. John League, Beaumont, Texas; Brother C. B. Hossemer, New Orleans, La.; Brother N. Horn, Beaumont, Texas and others.

Much interest was manifested in the "get acquainted" period, at which time each of the representatives was given an opportunity to make him or herself known to the League, and to tell of the work being done in his home league.

The following committees were appointed: Enrollment, E. L. Harwell, Miss Eutie Bluestine, E. H. Blaney, S. E. Wright and Oren Russ; On Literature, S. H. Simpson, H. B. P. Johnson, Mrs. M. J. McMullen, On Resolutions, James Courtney, J. H. Bolden, Mrs. G. W. Alexander.

The Vice President, Brother S. H. Simpson then introduced Superintendent E. M. Watson of the West Point Baptist Sunday School, Galveston, Texas. Superintendent Watson spoke briefly of the wonderful work being done by the League of his church, telling of how heartily his pastor, Dr. Calhoun, cooperated with the Laymen of his church to bring about the wonderful success of the West Point League.

There being no further business the League closed its session for the day by singing "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow." Benediction by the President.

PROF. R. MCCORKLE, President
MISS EUTIE BLUESTINE,
Acting Recording Secretary.

Second Day's Session

Friday, June —. The Second Day's session of the National League opened in the Mt. Paran Baptist Church, with President McCorkle presiding. Song, "Savior more than life to me," was followed by prayer, offered by Brother Simpson. Scripture, Proverbs 6th, followed by singing "Leaping on His everlasting arms."

After brief remarks by the President, Dr. L. Drane of Chicago was introduced to the League. Dr. Drane spoke at length on the benefit to be derived by the church and pastor from a well organized Laymen's League. He told of how the League of his church had

proven one of the most valuable of all the auxiliaries. He closed by urging that all laymen make an honest effort to work in close harmony and cooperation with the pastor in his plans for the advancement of the work of the Master's kingdom.

Dr. J. F. Hughes of Columbus, Ohio was next presented. He spoke of the work of the Long Street League of which he is pastor. He urged that laymen everywhere avail themselves of the wonderful opportunities now afforded them to do greater work for the advancement of the work of the Master.

Mrs. G. W. Alexander, wife of the pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church, was introduced and she made a very stirring talk on the "Necessity of More and Better Leagues Throughout the Country." Mrs. Alexander is an ardent supporter of the Laymen's League Movement.

Dr. Williams, pastor of the Southern Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Dr. L. Watson of Louisville, Ky., were introduced and each spoke very encouragingly of the bright future for the work of the Laymen's League.

The League then heard the reports of the various officers and committees, after which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: R. McCorkle, President, Mound Bayou, Miss.; S. H. Simpson, Vice President, Galveston, Texas; G. W. Williams, Recording Secretary, Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs. M. J. McMullen, Assistant Secretary, Little Rock, Ark.; H. B. P. Johnson, Corresponding Secretary, Nashville, Tenn.; E. H. Blaney, Treasurer, Cincinnati, Ohio; E. L. Harwell, National Organizer, Ensley, Ala. In addition to the above, the following were made District Missionaries: Brother Arthur Dutton, Ohio; E. M. Watson, Texas; Miss Eutie Bluestine, Texas; J. H. Harwell, Sumrall, Miss.; Mrs. H. C. Johnson, Muskogee, Okla.; Mrs. F. E. Morten, Pittsburgh, Pa.; James Orear, Chicago, Ill.; and Ephram D. Tyler, Shreveport, La.

The amount of cash collected from all sources was \$53.25, which was disbursed as follows: To stationery, \$8.25; donated to National S. S. Congress, \$10.00; to Theological Seminary, \$10.00; to National League President, \$7.00; to Corresponding Secretary, \$7.00; to Vice President, \$4.00; to Treasurer, \$4.00; to National Organizer, \$3.00. Total \$53.25.

The League closed by singing "Bless be the tie that binds." Benediction was offered by Brother H. B. P. Johnson.

PROF. R. MCCORKLE, President
MRS. M. J. McMULLEN,

Assistant Recording Secretary.

N. B. A special executive meeting was held during the sitting of

the National Baptist Convention, at Fort Worth, Texas, at which time plans were laid for the launching of a Laymen's League Magazine. G. W. Williams, S. H. Simpson, R. McCorkle and H. B. P. Johnson were named as a committee to see that the magazine is launched. The Friendship Baptist Church Laymen's League of Chicago, sent as a special representative to this meeting, Brother James Orear, who made a glowing report of the wonderful work being done by his League. Rev. McPherson, known as "Black Billy Sunday," delivered a stirring address to the League and citizens of Fort Worth on Monday night, September 10th, thus bringing to a close one of the greatest meetings in the history of Negro Baptists.

PROF. R. McCORKLE, President

PROF. G. W. WILLIAMS, Recording Secy

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

To the President, Officers and Members of the National Baptist Convention:

In the life of each and every one of us, there comes a moment, when the time, the place and the occasion form such a homogeneous conjuncture, that a flood of emotions bursts in upon our souls, moving us to such ecstatic joys and rapturous pleasures, that in the moment of our exhilaration, we are wont to exclaim, as did the disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration, "It is good for us to be here."

Such is the feeling that overwhelms me at this moment, while standing here between the sacred walls of this magnificent structure, dedicated to the honor and glory of him who hung upon the cross, that you and I might have a right to the tree of life.

As I look out upon your faces, I recognize some among you who have come from the far west where the placid waters of the Pacific play hide and seek through the Golden Gates of California; again I see some among you who have made your way from the extreme east, even from the State where Crispus Attucks, dusky son of Ham, poured out upon the streets of Boston, the first blood that was offered upon the altar of American liberty. From the Canadian borders on the north and from the everglades on the south, you are here to do business for our King and race.

I thank God, that although I was put into the harness near the close of the fiscal year, I am permitted to come before you today accounting for my stewardship as Secretary of the Educational Board of our great National Baptist Convention.

In attempting to perform the duties of this office, I am not unmindful of the fact that I am making a feeble effort to "Carry On" the work so nobly begun by the late C. J. W. Boyd, whose name will and must forever be synonymous with the development of the educational work of our National Baptist Convention, which stands out as the most self-reliant, the most solvent, and the most powerful organization of Negro Baptists on the face of the earth.

It is just a few short years ago, while looking for some one to be associated with Dr. G. L. Prince, who heads our Educational Board, that the eyes of Negro Baptists fell upon a young man, tall in stature, pleasing in personality, profound in thought, convincing in argument, and because of his proven veracity, loved and honored by his brethren. By reason of his unwavering loyalty to the principles of our Convention he was made the standard bearer of its Educational Board.

As he ascended the hill of opportunity, his eyes swept over a vast valley, whose surface was strewn with the dried bones of thirty odd years of disappointments over which flitted the translucent spirit of a dying hope which ever and anon lifted its head only to sink again amid the rattling bones of lost confidence, shattered faith, and broken promises. Suddenly, out from the mysterious somewhere came a still small voice saying, "Boyd, can these dry bones live again?" and the man answered, "Lord, God Thou knowest." And as the spirit of altruism began to food his soul, he went rushing hither and thither like a mighty wind through the valley, transfusing faith, reviving hope, kindling ambition, stimulating self reliance, and awakening enthusiasm in the hearts and minds of his brethren, until a noise was heard—mighty and far reaching—like unto the rattling of bones coming unto bone and sinew unto sinew, as renewed confidence came unto the hearts of Negro Baptists, who, arousing themselves from their somnambulist spell, rubbed the mist of doubt from their eyes, looked toward the hills of Tennessee and there on the banks of the peaceful Cumberland river, beheld standing in all its majestic glory, a real Theological and Training Seminary, whose voice can be heard throughout all Christendom saying "Ho, all ye that hunger and thirst for knowledge! Come hither and drink deeply of the Pyrean Spring which has here been opened in answer to the prayers of the fathers who, growing tired of waiting and watching for the advent of this Institution, have long since folded their tents and quietly marched away to join their sires in the land of eternal rest.

Then alas! Just as it seemed that our work was about to be crowned with success, the icy hand of death fell suddenly upon the

shoulders of the lamented C. J. W. Boyd, who, answering the final summons, laid down his burden and waded across the Jordan to join his loved ones awaiting him "On the other shore."

In his lifetime, I am happy to say that he adhered to the things he believed conducive to the best interests of the people and stood unequivocally for the principles that form the bone and sinew of our great National Baptist Convention. It was not while moving back and forth like a shuttlecock across the country; it was not while sitting through the long midnight hours, pondering, dreaming and planning how best to lay the burden of Christian education upon the hearts of his brethren; nor was it while upon the floor of the Convention, forensically engaged in an effort to win the hearts of his co-laborers to his way of thinking that his character so fully revealed itself, but it was in that dread hour, as he gazed out and saw the evening shades begin to appear, then, turning to Dr. Pritchard, in a parting breath he said, "Tell the boys to carry the work on."

I am reminded of the fact that General Wolf, when he lay dying on the plains of Abraham, said "I die in peace because the English army has won"; General Montcalm said "I die happy, because I shall not live to see the surrender of Quebec"; Captain Lawrence, when mortally wounded on his boat, the Chesapeake, said "Boys, don't give up the ship." But these words, noble though they be, fall into insignificance, when compared to the dying words of C. J. W. Boyd—Soldier of the cross, follower of the lamb, whose last message to his brethren was: "Tell the boys to carry the work on." That, my brethren, was a challenge hurled to you and to me from the lips of a dying man. Are we equal to the emergency? Are we capable of carrying on this work of Christian Education? These, my friends, are questions for you and me to answer.

Yonder in Nashville stands the National Theological and Training Seminary, for which a generation of Negro Baptists have hoped, longed and prayed, but they died ere they had realized their earnest hopes and fondest dreams.

For the past six years we have been going about the country, boasting of our great Seminary, but the fact remains, that very little has been done to reduce to any appreciable degree, the amount that was due on this property when Dr. C. J. W. Boyd was laid in his grave. I ask, is this carrying the work on?

Those beautiful buildings yonder in Nashville, are rapidly deteriorating in value, simply because of lack of funds with which to make the needed repairs. The foundations are being undermined, because we have not the funds with which to put in the necessary drainage. The inside walls are crumbling because of lack of funds

with which to calcimine; our creditors are constantly dunning our local trustees, simply because we have failed to put into their hands the money with which to meet our numerous and very pressing obligations.

Four years ago, you voted to throw open the doors of that institution. There are those among you who have visited that school and beheld with your own eyes, a student body made up of boys and girls, men and women, who came from Illinois, Florida, Mississippi, Iowa, Missouri, Texas, Alabama and other states. Looking over this assembly today, I see men among you who have had your divinity degree conferred upon you by that institution. But what of that school today? Alas for us! After three years we were forced to close its doors, simply because we could not pay teachers and satisfy creditors at the same time. Our case was very much like that of the narrow gauged engine that carried a big mogul whistle. The boiler on this little engine was so tiny that it could not furnish enough steam to run the engine and blow the whistle at the same time. The result was that when this locomotive was pulling a heavy train, if the engineer desired to blow the whistle, he would have to stop the engine because the boiler could not furnish steam enough for running the engine and blowing the whistle at the same time. That was exactly the fix your board found itself in with regards to our school. We desired to keep the doors of that school open, but we had not the means with which to pay creditors and teachers at the same time. Hence the school was reluctantly closed and what is worse it must remain closed until we can prove ourselves capable of furnishing steam to blow the whistle and run the engine at the same time.

But, my brethren, while this is a fact, it ought to make every self respecting Baptist hang his head in shame. Think of it! Four million Negro Baptists in America! Conservatively estimated, at least one million and five hundred thousand of these are affiliated with the unincorporated Convention of America. If these constituents would contribute only ten cents per capita, it would mean an annual income of a hundred and fifty thousand dollars for our Educational Board. With this amount we would not only be able to employ the very best teachers and secure the best possible equipment for our Seminary, but we would be able to give substantial assistance to the numerous schools being run by our denomination in the various States in the Union.

Year after year, a few brethren, who really have the work of Christian education resting heavily upon their hearts, come to this Convention and lay down their hundred, fifty, twenty-five, their ten, or

their five dollars for the benefit of our school. This shows to what extent they are interested in this work. But such sacrifices, though they may and do give temporary relief, cannot be expected to furnish sufficient means to liquidate the debt now pending against this institution.

Four million Negro Baptists in America, with twenty thousand ordained ministers, twenty-four thousand churches and about twenty thousand Sunday schools, and still we have been more than six years trying to pay off the insignificant sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

Brethren, with this vast throng of constituents, we should easily be one of the strongest denominations, financially upon the face of the earth; and it is nothing short of criminality on our part, if we fail to utilize the resources at our command.

When we note the lethargic manner in which Baptists of the entire country respond to the appeals for means to support our Seminary, we are forced to conclude that the pastors generally, have not laid this matter fully upon the hearts of their people.

Enlightenment precedes enlistment. If then, our people have not been enlisted in the work of education, it is only due to the fact that they have not been properly enlightened. And, if the people have not been enlightened, it is no fault of theirs, but it is the fault of those of us who have the information at hand and fail to impart it to our constituents.

My brethren, it behooves us to awake from our lethargic and inexcusable indifference, to so saturate our four million constituents with a fundamental knowledge of the absolute necessity of Negro ownership and control of Negro institutions that they will gladly give of their means for the proper maintenance of the schools now being operated by our denomination throughout the country.

It is not very much to our credit that in this day and time, when our race is operating insurance companies with more than two million dollars worth of assets; owning seventy-two banks, doing a hundred million dollars worth of business annually, and yet, practically all of our schools for higher education are owned and controlled by corporations from which our racial group is entirely excluded.

There are about one hundred and twenty-four schools being operated for the benefit of Negro Baptists. These schools have a valuation of about six million, five hundred and fifty-three thousand dollars, including their endowment funds. Fifteen of these schools are owned by one northern corporation and are valued at about three million dollars, according to the Negro year book.

The estimated wealth of the ten million Negroes of America is

one billion, five hundred million dollars. Negro Baptists constitute 40 per cent of America's black population. At this ratio, Negro Baptists own about 40 per cent or six hundred million dollars of the American Negro's wealth. Of this vast amount we have invested forty million dollars in Negro Baptist Church property and about three and a half millions in school property.

A very vital question here is, "Can three million dollars invested in educational plants, furnish sufficient brain power to stabilize the forty million invested in religious institutions?"

Northern Baptists, with upwards of a million and five hundred thousand constituents, have invested a hundred and twenty million dollars in church property and a hundred and fourteen million dollars in schools. Southern Baptists have invested about ninety-five million in church property and thirty-eight million in schools, but Negro Baptists with four million constituents have invested forty million in churches and about four million in schools. In other words, when northern Baptists spend one dollar for churches, they spend ninety-five cents for schools; when southern Baptists spend a dollar for a church, they spend forty-five cents for a school; but when Negro Baptists spend one dollar for a church, they spend only ten cents for a school.

These figures, my brethren, speak for themselves. And, I am sure that you will agree with me, that it does not require the vision of a prophet to see the impending doom that awaits us unless we take renewed interest in the educational work of our denomination.

As we go down from this place to begin the work of a new fiscal year, may we not start out with a determination to go up to the next place of meeting, showing to the world that we are determined to make a new record for Negro Baptists in the way of supporting our Educational Institutions?

I now hand to you a brief statement showing the money raised and spent through my office from June 15, to the present time.

Receipts

National Baptist Laymen's League (at S. S. Congress, Indianapolis)	\$ 10.00
Chicago Women's Baptist Congress, Chicago, Ill.	18.00
Morning Star Baptist Church, Dr. G. W. Alexander, pastor, Chicago, Ill.	25.00
Friendship, Dr. L. Drane, pastor, Chicago, Ill.	2.50
Union Baptist Church, Dr. J. A. Royal, pastor, Chicago, Ill.	15.85
Ebenezer Baptist Church, Dr. C. H. Clark, pastor, Chicago, Ill.	12.00
Chicago Ministers and Deacons' Union	26.00

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Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Dr. E. P. Jones, pastor, Evanston, Ill.	17.50
National Association of Negro Musicians (Chicago Session).	33.00
Drs. Taylor, Harding and Burns (in Trustee Board meeting, Nashville)	30.00
Shiloh Baptist Church, Muskogee, Okla., Dr. Woods, pastor.	2.00
Morning Star Baptist Church, Dr. J. T. Wess, pastor, Muskogee, Okla.	3.35
Mrs. H. C. Johnson, Muskogee, Okla (personal donation)....	50.00
A white friend (personal donation)	100.00
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Dr. J. W. Carter, pastor, Denison, Texas	4.00
North Texas Baptist Association, Dr. S. R. Prince, Moderator, (Sherman, Texas)	2.00
Zion Rest Association, Dr. W. C. Barnes, Moderator, (Fort Worth, Texas)	5.00
Rev. Mack Allen, California, (through Chairman G. L. Prince)	27.50
Prof. S. A. Downey, Brookshire, Texas (personal contribution)	5.00
By tag selling contest (Fort Worth)	68.93

Total collected through Secretary's efforts	\$ 414.56
Received from National Baptist Convention (Ft. Worth)...	724.34
Received from Women's Auxillary, N. B. C. (Fort Worth)...	803.50

Total collected from June 15 to close of Convention, Sept. 10.\$1942.36

Disbursements

To stamps, stenographer, printing, railroad fare, etc.	\$110.75
To Secretary's salary (3 months)	450.00
To Dr. E. P. Jones for stamps and telegrams	113.00
To Chairman G. L. Prince for office expense, railroad fare, etc., while Educational Board was without a Corresponding Secretary	184.75
To Dr. M. E. Robinson, Houston, Texas, for money borrowed from him by Educational Board at Indianapolis, Ind.	10.00
Total amount paid out	\$858.50

Balance on hand at close of Convention\$1083.80

Respectfully submitted by

Your humble servant,

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