

INTRODUCTION

A RESUME OF EVENTS IN THE BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF THE BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

The material in this book has been derived from the annuals of the Southern Baptist Convention and certain other sources as indicated. It is an extended index of all the actions of the Convention pertaining to the work of the Baptist Sunday School Board. It also contains extensive references to activities of the Board where such activities seem to have bearing on its various programs.

As you will observe, the material is organized by calendar years. In the left-hand columns are numerous figures which are references to programs and other aspects of the Board's work. By referring to the code at the beginning of the book, it is possible to follow a single subject all the way through.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

(References are to SBC Annuals unless otherwise noted)

1845 -- J. L. Burrows participated in the organizational meeting of the Southern
24. Baptist Convention (SBC) as a "corresponding delegate from the American Baptist Publication Society." (p. 12)

1846 -- Representatives of the American Baptist Publication Society, the American
24. and Foreign Bible Society, and the American Sunday School Union participated in the proceedings of the Convention. (p. 4)

The Convention appointed a committee of 25 men "to consider and report upon the expediency of organizing Boards of Managers, for Bible and Publication operations. The SBC later adopted the committee's report, designating the Home and Foreign Mission Boards as the Convention's agents for Bible distribution and instructing them to work through the American and Foreign Bible Society in this endeavor. The Convention adopted the committee's resolution "That this Convention does not deem it advisable to embarrass itself with any enterprise for the publication and sale of books." (p. 14)

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1847 -- Some of those who disagreed with the action of the SBC in 1846 (above) met
1. & 2. at Savannah, Ga., May 13, 1847, and formed the Southern Baptist Publication Society. The representatives attending the meeting from Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, and Virginia adopted a constitution and selected Charleston, S.C., then a leading publication center, for its headquarters. The Society was to serve Southern Baptists but was to have no organic connection with the SBC. Under the direction of a board of life managers and supported by life and annual members, the Society set forth to achieve its objective "to publish and distribute such books as are needed by the Baptist denomination in the South." (Southern Baptist Missionary Journal, June, 1847, p. 9; Religious Herald, Richmond, Va., May 20, 1847; Southern Baptist, Charleston, S.C., June 5, 1847, p. 2) Its constitution and by-laws provided for establishing a depository in Charleston, publishing books as funds were available, forming a system of agencies to collect funds, sell and distribute books. The Society was chartered in South Carolina Dec. 17, 1847, and began operations in Charleston Feb. 20, 1848. (Ibid.)

19. The Society's constitution called for securing the co-operation of conventions, associations, churches and Bible and tract societies as auxiliaries and for the formation of auxiliaries.

1848 -- The American Baptist Publication Society, which had formerly served as the
24. publishing agency of Baptists North and South, did not again seek the patronage

of the South until the Civil War. (SBC Annuals, 1846-1863)

- The Southern Baptist Publication Society issued its first booklet,
1. (2) a reproduction of Charles D. Mallery's sermon, "The Advancement of Sabbath School Instruction." (Religious Herald, June 22, 1848; Southern Baptist Missionary Journal, Aug., 1848, p. 72)
 2. The Society opened a depository in Charleston, S. C., Feb. 20, 1848. (American Baptist Almanac; 1850, p. 3)

1849 -- The SBC Committee on Bible Distribution and Colportage related the limited work done by the Domestic (Home) Mission Board in this field and pointed out the possible need of a new board to promote the circulation of the Scriptures, but determined that the time was not yet ripe for establishing a "Bible Board."

- The Committee recommended that the Domestic Mission Board maintain
1. & 19(2) ". . . as close an understanding and co-operation as possible. . . with the Board of the Southern Baptist Publication Society." The SBC adopted this recommendation and the committee's resolution "That we entertain a high sense of the importance of the Southern Baptist Publication Society; and that we hereby commend it to the fostering care of Southern and Western Baptists." (SBC Annual, 1849, pp. 40-41)

- The Southern Baptist Publication Society voted to raise \$20,000 capital for a publication fund. (American Baptist Almanac, 1850, p. 31)
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- Foreign Mission Board reported distributing several thousand tracts through its missionaries. (SBC Annual, 1849, p. 48)
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- 1850 -- Southern Baptist Publication Society (hereafter abbreviated "Publication Society") employed two colporteurs; also, published its first book, The Way of Salvation, R. B. C. Howell. (American Baptist Almanac. 1851, p. 43)
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- 1851 -- Convention, on motion of J. B. Jeter, appointed "a committee consisting of two from each state. . . to devise and recommend some more efficient plan for the circulation of the scriptures," (p. 8) SBC adopted the recommendations of this committee as offered by chairman Jeter (p. 14):
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1. The organization of a Board, whose seat of operations shall be the city of Nashville, to be styled "The Bible Board of the Southern Baptist Convention."

2. That we earnestly request the Baptists, and the friends of the Bible in the South, who are willing to contribute to its circulation through this channel, to rally to a united and generous support of the Bible Board of this Convention.

3. That a committee be appointed to prepare and

publish an address to the Baptists of the South in behalf of this plan, and that periodicals friendly to the object be respectfully requested to give it circulation.

2. Convention elected a Bible Board with W. C. Buck as Corresponding Secretary. (p. 16) Domestic Mission Board had called for such a board in its report. (p. 38-39) Following a presentation of the claims of the Southern Baptist Publication Society, the Convention voted to recommend to the churches The Baptist Psalms, a hymn book published by the Society. (p. 16) Other books had also been published by the Society.

1852 -- Publication Society's Depository reported the sale of 17,000 volumes amounting to \$15,000. Several new books published. Four colporteurs employed. (American Baptist Almanac, 1853, p. 41)

1853 -- SBC voted that the Saturday afternoon session "be devoted to the Southern Baptist Publication Society."

2. Convention adopted the recommendation of its committee on the future operations of the Bible Board that the Board consider devising some plan "by which the distribution of the Bible could be connected with that of other religious books, including those of a denominational character, by colporteurs. . . ." (p. 16) On recommendation of a Committee on Colportage, the SBC voted not "to attempt any general system" for colportage work; considered the cost prohibitive. The Committee also recommended that the Bible Board and the publication interests connected with the Convention "make such liberal arrangements with the various Associations, Boards, and Conventions, as may enable them more effectively to proceed in the great work. . ." of distributing the Scriptures. (p. 21) The Bible Board proposed in its report the establishment of a general colportage system. (pp. 68-69) It also reported that it had established a depository in Nashville (for sale of Bibles and religious books.) (p. 74)

16. Samuel Baker, Bible Board president, contributed some books to the Board "as a foundation for a library. . . ." Invited others to contribute to the library various versions of the Scriptures, expository works, histories, etc., which "would be gladly received and preserved for the use of the Convention and its Boards." (p. 74)

2. The Publication Society reported depository sales of \$21,000, and a balance of \$6,613 in its permanent fund. (American Baptist Almanac, 1854, p. 44)

1855 -- Convention adjourned early to give the time of the evening session for a meeting of the Southern Baptist Publication Society. (p. 10) A. C. Dayton succeeded W. C. Buck as corresponding secretary of the Bible Board in 1854

following the latter's resignation. (p. 16) Since 1853 the Board reported receipts of \$10,126.90.

17., 19. The Board recommended that state, associational, and local Bible societies be organized to promote the Bible cause; that the state societies be auxiliaries of the Bible Board, employ agents, and superintend their own work. (p. 16, 18)
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17., 2. Convention adopted the report of the Committee on Future Operations of the Bible Board which recommended that an agent be appointed in each state to organize Bible societies as suggested by the Bible Board; and that associational societies establish a "system of colportage" to promote the sale and distribution of Bibles, religious books, and tracts.
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2. Suggested that the Bible Board publicize its work in the Home and Foreign Journal. (pp. 60-61) Convention instructed the Bible Board in all future appointments of colporteurs to seek to "negotiate such an arrangement with our Publication societies as will combine the dissemination of their publication with the Holy Scriptures." (p. 61)

1856 -- Publication Society employed a financial secretary to assist its corresponding secretary, J. P. Tustin. (Southwestern Baptist, Ala., Mar. 26, 1857, p. 2) Tustin had succeeded E. T. Winkler in 1855.

1857 -- Edmund King, of Alabama, endowed the society with a liberal gift. (Southwestern Baptist, November 23, 1857, p. 2). The Society secured its own printing plant and became an independent publishing concern. (Ibid., April 23, 1857, p. 2)
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4. The Publication Society reported that an assignment had been given to it to prepare materials for use of Sunday schools; also to publish works adapted to the instruction of Negroes. It was to print Sunday school books as fast as means would permit. (Southwestern Baptist, Ibid.; also, Ibid., October 15, 1857, p. 1) Society reported publishing a total of 194,408 volumes containing 17,066,704 pages since it began operations in 1848. (American Baptist Almanac, 1858, p. 35) Basil Manly was president of the Society.
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2. Bible Board reported that the 1855 SBC instructions regarding a system of colporteurs, etc., were being carried out through several state Bible societies. (SBC Annual, 1857, p. 18-19) Report discussed the work in eight states. (pp. 19-21)

1.(1) Board requested the transfer of the Home and Foreign Journal to Nashville, Tenn., so that the Bible Board might get its publicity to the people more rapidly, while the paper continued to serve the interests of all three

boards. (pp. 22b-c) Convention voted not to change the location of any of its publications; ruled that each Board should have the equal right to use them. (p. 56)

11. A Convention committee reported that the Bible Board had published a pamphlet, "A Plea for the Bible Board," by secretary Dayton, and distributed it widely. (p. 60)

- 18., 21. Since the 1855 meeting of the Convention, the Bible Board reported receipts of \$33,135, of which \$4,374.04 had been turned over to the Foreign Mission Board for Bible distribution. (p. 72)

1858 -- Publication Society reported publishing 12 new works.

The Society voted to become a part of the SBC. A minority of the Society's members opposed this, but the question of consolidation continued to arise. Over expansion of its depository and the failure to collect large amounts due it forced the Society to reduce the scope of its work and to concentrate on publishing. (Southern Baptist, Feb. 25, 1860; Southwestern Baptist, June 24, 1858) Dayton was succeeded by E. P. Walton as corresponding secretary of the Bible Board. (SBC Annual, 1859, p. 17)

- 1859 -- Resolutions to abolish the Bible Board or to change its location failed to receive Convention approval. (pp. 23-24) (Behind these resolutions seems to be the apparent conflict between Landmark and anti-Landmark forces to gain control of the Board.) . . . Convention instructed the Board to continue promoting its work.
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4. Domestic and Indian (Home) Mission Board report contained a section on "Sabbath Schools." It had instructed all of its missionaries and agents "to take a lively interest in these institutions, establish and promote them wherever practicable." Reported that since the Board began its work, at least 800 different Sabbath Schools had been connected with it. These had enrolled 27,000 pupils, 2,500 teachers, and reported 743 conversions. A report cited from a local mission situation indicated that a town had been divided into districts and visiting committees initiated with good success in enlisting Sunday school pupils. (p. 61)

- 1861 -- SBC tabled a proposal to enlarge the "Child's Department" of the Home and Foreign Journal so that "the paper may supercede (sic) the Northern papers now taken, to a large extent, for the children of our Sabbath Schools." (p. 14)
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- 2., 4., 19. SBC appointed a committee to investigate and report back to the 1863 session on the possibility of a union of the Bible Board and the Southern Baptist Publication Society which would "increase the efficiency of the Bible Board. . . ." (p. 16) Bible Board declared that it was a co-laborer with the

Domestic (Home) Board "in all that pertains to colportage, the origination and supply of Sunday Schools, and the distribution of the Bible, and other books among the people. . . with the Foreign Board. . . in the translation and publication of the Bible, and the preparation and distribution of such other books as the Missionaries may think necessary to their success. . . ." (p. 23)

- 4.,2. The SBC committee on the Bible Board Report declared that since the origination of the Bible Board its work had been "expanded so as to embrace Sabbath Schools, and the circulation of suitable religious books by the labors of colporteurs." The Committee commended the work of the Board and urged its support. (pp. 67-68) Bible Board indicated that the colporteurs were helping to supply destitute fields, doing evangelistic work in needy areas, (p. 24) and were successful in organizing and fostering Sunday Schools. (p. 26) Bible Board reported receipts and disbursements for 1859-61 in excess of \$8,000. (p. 28) L. W. Allen served as corresponding secretary of the Board, 1860-61, which suspended operations when the Union army captured Nashville in Feb., 1862.

- 1863 -- On motion of Southern Seminary professor Basil Manly, Jr., the Convention appointed a committee "to inquire whether it is expedient for this Convention to attempt anything for the promotion of Sunday Schools, and if so what?" (p. 12)

- 20.,21. Convention discussed at length the report of the Committee on Sunday schools (Basil Manly, Jr., chairman) which declared that the importance of promoting Sunday school work was evident to Southern Baptists; that the Sunday school is an agency which promotes evangelism, missions, teaching and training; that the promotion of Sunday schools already being done in the states could be advanced through united efforts; that this work came within the scope of the SBC constitution; (p. 45) that rather than co-operate with other societies, ". . . the time has come for us, as a denomination, to commence this work on our own account. . . ;" (p. 46) that more can thus be done toward ". . . instituting a Sunday School in every Baptist Church. . . ." (p. 46) On recommendation of the committee, the SBC adopted the following (p. 47):

- 1.,4. 1. Resolved, That a Board be established consisting of the usual number, to be entitled the Board of Sunday Schools of the Southern Baptist Conventions.
2. Resolved, That the Board be charged with the duty of taking all measures adapted to promote the establishment, enlargement, and higher efficiency of Sunday Schools throughout our land; provided that the Board shall not establish a printing house.
3. Resolved, That a Committee of one, from each State,

be appointed to recommend a suitable location, and to nominate said Board.

4. Convention appointed Basil Manly, Jr., and two others to conduct a "Sabbath School Mass Meeting" on Sunday afternoon during the meeting of the Convention. (p. 16)

- 2.,4. Convention adopted recommendation that the Sunday School Board be located in Greenville, S. C., and elected a Board of Managers with Basil Manly, Jr., (Southern Seminary), as president; C. J. Elford, corresponding secretary; J. A. Broadus, (Southern Seminary), recording secretary; with vice-presidents from each of the 12 states including such men as J. P. Boyce, (Southern Seminary), R. B. C. Howell, I. T. Tichenor, T. C. Teasdale, W. T. Brantly, Wm. C. Crane, et al.; plus fifteen other board members and an auditor. (pp. 6, 18)

- 2.,19. The Convention adopted the recommendations of the committee appointed in 1861 to consider a union between the Bible Board and the Publication Society, thereby abolishing the Bible Board and committing "the Bible cause" to the other boards which it "authorized to use the funds contributed for general purposes in such Bible operations as are made necessary by their work." (p. 51)

- 1.&2. The Southern Baptist Publication Society ceased operations during the latter part of 1863 or early in 1864 due to war conditions, poor management, etc. Between 1847 and 1863 it had received gifts of more than \$100,000 for its work. It printed more than 80 different books and booklets, and sold in excess of 230,000 copies. (Encyclopedia of Southern Baptist, II, p. 1267)

2. Convention appointed a committee of three "to draft a system of Colportage for the consideration of this body at its next session." (SBC Annual, 1863, p. 21)

- 2.&11. Domestic and Indian (Home) Board reported in 1863 that through the generosity of the Virginia Colportage Board and through its own purchases its missionaries had distributed millions of pages of tracts and religious literature to Confederate soldiers. (p. 40)

- 1866 -- 2. Convention tabled a report on the Bible Board which called for the re-establishment of a Bible Board at Louisville, Ky. (pp. 22,88) The report of the Bible Board for 1863, which had not been presented at that session of the SBC because of the war, was received. (pp. 14, 34-38)

Various parts of the ten-page report of the "Sunday School and Publication Board" was referred to four committees whose favorable reports the Convention later adopted. (pp. 13-14) In this first report, the

4. Board stated that it had sought to avoid expense and to rely upon voluntary labor. Much was accomplished through this means, but the Board soon found it "indispensable to have a salaried officer, who could attend with greater regularity to the conduct of its affairs." On Oct. 1, 1863, it employed John A. Broadus as its corresponding secretary on a part-time basis. (p. 24)

4. The Board's effort to secure publications for use in conducting and promoting Sunday school work met with little success because of the war and the resulting shortage of books, especially those which could be adapted for use in Southern Baptist Sunday schools. In 1864 it secured and distributed 200 copies of Hints for Originating and Conducting Sunday Schools by George B. Taylor, which had been published in Virginia before the war. Report declared: ". . . nothing is so much needed for the success of the Sunday School, as instruction in the best method of conducting it."

2. The board reported that it had secured 25,000 New Testaments from the American Bible Society in 1863 for use in Southern Baptist Sunday schools. It had refused the Society's offer to donate the Testaments and determined to pay for them as soon as funds were available. (p. 24-25) These were distributed to the various states and sold by volunteer agents. (pp. 24-25)

- S. S. Board reported issuing the following publications: A Sunday School Primer, June, 1864 (20,000 copies); The Little Sunday School Hymn Book, containing 20 hymns and songs, Dec., 1863 (14,000 copies), November 1864 (10,000); Confederate Sunday School Hymn Book, C. J. Elford, compiler, 1863 (3,000), 1864 (10,000), the later contained 150 hymns and songs; The Infant Class Question Book, by L. H. Shuck, 1864 (3,000), 1866 (5,000), contains ten lessons on Old and New Testaments designed for youngest children; Little Lessons for Little People, July, 1864 (10,000), 12 lessons from Genesis for instruction of young children; The Child's Question Book on the Four Gospels, by B. Manly, Jr., Part I, Mar., 1864 (10,000) revised in Feb., 1865 (10,000), (for more advanced children); A Brief Catechism of Bible Doctrine, by J. P. Boyce, June, 1864, (2,500), Sept., 1864 (7,500), containing twenty lessons for children ten to twelve years and up; S. S. Questions on the Four Gospels, with a condensed harmony, by Basil Manly, Jr., Part I, April, 1864, (6,500); Teacher's Class Book, for one year, July, 1864, (2,000), April, 1865 (2,000); Reward Tickets (105,000). (pp. 25-26) Other works were in process of production. Board expressed the desire to publish some library books. (p. 26)

- 1.,2. Of the total number of volumes it published (119,000, excluding tickets), the Board had distributed 70,000 to Sunday schools, plus 22,000 Testaments and 200 of G. B. Taylor's Hints which it secured from other sources.

"Repeated efforts. . . to secure the printing of a book of Sunday

7. School Songs, with music. . . " had been unsuccessful. (p. 26)

2. Board encountered difficulty in distributing its materials; used the mail extensively. To promote the sale and use of its materials, the Board ". . . advertised regularly in all the denominational, and to some extent in secular papers, . . . issued a circular, containing a list with prices . . . used advertising envelopes. . . . "

4.,17. Board reported that in 1864 it had "determined to employ a General Sunday School Missionary for every State, who should seek, by public addresses and private labors, and by writing for the religious and secular papers, to stir up the churches on the subject of Sunday Schools." War times made it difficult to secure men but several served part-time in Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. (pp. 26-27)

17. The Board reported cooperation with the "Sunday School and Publishing Board" of the N.C. Baptist Convention rather than employing a General Missionary for that state. (p. 26)

4.,5. The Board of the SBC called on pastors to help promote the work of Sunday Schools. Suggested that ladies conduct Sunday Schools. Stressed the educational and religious training values of the Sunday school. (p. 28)

1.,2. Board states that its general financial policy ". . . is to make the publishing department, in the aggregate, support itself, without either profit or loss; while the outlay in the missionary department, (including donations to destitute Schools) and the expenses of officers, are to be met by contributions." (p. 28)

Total book sales amounted to \$10,614.00 up to May, 1866. Receipts from contributions and books sales totaled \$47,684.10. Expenses for printing, paper, binding, (\$33,198.96); postage, salaries, traveling expenses, etc., totaled \$39,867.05. (p. 29)

1.(2) Board began in January, 1866, to publish Kind Words for the Sunday School Children, a monthly paper, which had already reached a circulation of 5,000. (pp. 30-31) Board stressed the need for issuing other publications and republication of former works, but stated: "It is the policy of the Board not to go in debt, nor engage in any enterprises which involve risk." Called on churches to contribute to its work. (p. 31)

2. Board proposed to act as a clearing house for orders from Southern Baptist churches to the American Baptist Publication Society, the American Sunday School Union, and other publishers of materials for Sunday schools. (pp. 31-2) (Catalogue published in 1867)

The Board projected the following values of the Sunday school: It

- 20. promotes the evangelization of the lost, supplements the ministry of the
- 21. pastor, promotes home and foreign missions by helping prepare young people
- 22. to serve, promotes systematic giving, new Sunday schools open the way for
- 5. establishing new churches, promotes Bible study, teaches and trains people for Christian service. (pp. 32-33)

- 4. Convention adopted the report of the Committee on Missionary Work of Sunday Schools, which approved the S. S. Board's plan for promoting Sunday school work through an agent in every association to help establish and maintain a Sunday School in every Baptist church, and through a "State Sunday School missionary, who should visit Associations and churches all over the State, to arouse an interest in reference to Sunday Schools, get up Sunday School Conventions, send out circulars and tracts, gather the reports from the schools, and . . . act as General Superintendent. . . . "
- 19. (2) The Board was to work through state S. S. boards and missionaries where such were in operation and to appoint S. S. missionaries in states that had no organized work. (p. 80)

- 1. (1)(2), 2 Convention adopted the report of the Committee on "Selection and Publication of S. S. Books and Papers" which called for the S. S. Board to republish works previously sent out by the Board which "they may deem worthy of a permanent place in our Sunday Schools;" also, to publish new books needed for Sunday schools; and to select from the publications of others, "especially by Baptist publishing houses, such books as in their judgement would be useful in our schools, and to keep a supply at points convenient for distribution, or recommend such books through our papers." (p. 80)
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- 1. (1) SBC also adopted a recommendation that the Board continue to publish the Kind Words Sunday school paper, seek to improve it, use cuts for illustration, and keep the paper the same size. (p. 80)

- 4. Convention adopted resolutions calling for the promoting of Sunday school work among Negroes, for teaching and training Negro ministers. (pp. 85-86) The S. S. Board reported some S. S. work among Negroes.

- 4. Convention elected C. C. Bitting as corresponding secretary of the Sunday School Board. (pp. 6, 22)

- 1867 -- SBC adopted a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee "to confer with a committee already appointed by the Southern Baptist Sabbath School Union, as to the propriety of combining the operations. . . ." of the S. S. Board of the SBC and the Union. (p. 16, 17)
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NOTE: The Southern Baptist Sunday School Union was temporarily organized in 1857, and more permanently organized the following year

1., 2. under the leadership of J. R. Graves and A. C. Dayton. Resulting from the call for a Southern Baptist Sunday School Convention to meet in Nashville in 1857, the Union was from the beginning supported by and under the control of Graves, Dayton, and their followers in the Landmark Movement, and was supported by them. It never gained the support of Southern Baptists at large. Dayton, first president of the Union, in February, 1859, became its corresponding secretary. In May, 1859, the Union began to publish the Children's Friend. Within the year it also published more than 40 volumes for its Sunday school library by contract with J. R. Graves, Marks & Co. Growing indebtedness and war conditions caused the Union to cease operations in 1862. The Union, however, retained possession of the plates used in printing its Sunday school books, even though inactive. (Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists, II, 1267-68; "Proceedings and Report of the Southern Baptist Sabbath School Union," November 22-25, 1859)

1., 2., 19. Convention instructed the Sunday School Board "to open a correspondence with the Board of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Union, with reference to the expediency of uniting the two bodies, and of locating the Board of the Convention in. . . Memphis. . ." The result thereof to be reported to the SBC in 1868. (p. 24) This action followed a reconsideration of earlier action that there be no "change in the relations of the two organizations. . ." but that they "cooperate as far as possible." (p. 23)

2. Sunday School Board reported that it had decided to accept the original offer of the American Bible Society to donate the 25,000 Testaments which it had sent to the Board in 1863. (The Board had originally planned to pay for them.) Correspondence relative to the original and current transaction is printed in the report. (pp. 27-29) Also reported an arrangement with the American Bible Society to secure Bibles and Testaments for donation and sale to Sunday schools. (p. 29)

1., 2. Secretary Bitting stated that the Board ". . . has proceeded upon the cash basis in all its arrangements and contracts," and that the Board currently had no indebtedness which was unprovided for. (p. 27) He had traveled around the South and had secured funds to operate the Board.

4. Bitting stated that the "Board has aimed to lay the foundation for a permanent and extensive work, such as. . . will. . . prove adapted and competent to supply the needs and demands of the Baptist Sunday Schools throughout the field of this convention." (p. 27)

1.(1) The S. S. paper, Kind Words, now had a monthly circulation of almost 25,000. The Board declared regarding this paper: "nothing else which is in our power to do, can accomplish so much for the Sunday school work." (p. 30) The report listed the titles, editions, and number printed and distributed of each of its publications. New works were being prepared. Over five thousand copies of the Board's publications had been donated to Sunday schools. unable to pay for them.

4. The Board indicated that the lack of funds had prevented it from employing very many Sunday school Missionaries; called on Southern Baptists to support its work and to cooperate in the promotion of S. S. work throughout the South. (pp. 32-33) (Many of the Sunday schools already organized did not function during the winter months.) (p. 32)

1.,7. The S. S. Board reported that it owned the electrotype plates of the books it had published in addition to some cuts of original and selected music, and other materials. (p. 33)

2. In December, 1866, the Board published a catalogue of over 200 books of other publishers which it examined and approved for the use of Southern Baptist Sunday schools. It received and filled orders for books from Sunday school teachers and others. (pp. 32-33)

1.(1) Convention adopted the report of the "Committee on Sabbath School Publications" which declared: "That the importance of Sabbath School instruction, unquestionably originates the necessity for a Sabbath School Literature, and, designed as it is to blend moral with intellectual culture in youth, the characteristics of all Sabbath School publications, whether for the learner or the teacher, should be adapted to the nature of the work." (p. 72) In the light of this observation the committee commended the publications of the Board, especially the Sunday School paper, Kind Words. The committee emphasized the importance of keeping the sale price of publications at a minimum. (p. 72) Convention approved the publication work of the Board and pledged its cooperation. (p. 73)

1. Convention instructed the S. S. Board to have all its printing done "on the best terms possible." (p. 19)

2. SBC appointed a committee to "consider the expediency of organizing a Bible and Colportage Board. . . ." (p. 13) The Convention later recommitted the matter to the committee following its report. (p. 17)

4. Committee on the missionary work of the S. S. Board suggested adoption of the motto: "a Sunday School in every church." (p. 76)

4.,17. The Committee suggested that the Board should have "one general missionary agent in each State, to stir up the churches, organize Sunday Schools, ascertain destitute regions, find out suitable men for missionaries, and collect funds." It called for some "system of co-operation between this Board and State Sunday School organizations. . . ." (p. 77) The SBC heard this report but did not officially adopt it. (p. 22)

4. Committee on Religious Instruction of the Colored Population recommended that ministers and churches "endeavor to establish and main-

tain Sunday Schools, encourage day schools among. . ." colored people.
(p. 79)

4. On Sunday afternoon during the 1867 meeting of the Convention, "a mass meeting in behalf of Sunday Schools was held. . . ", addresses were delivered, and a collection of \$1,500 taken. (p. 20)

1868 -- Another mass meeting for Sunday schools was held during the Convention in
4. 1868. (p. 22)

- 2., 24. Convention expressed appreciation to the American Bible Society for the "liberal donations of Testaments and Bibles. . . to our Sunday School Board." (p. 27) Convention commended the action of the S. S. Board regarding its relationship to the American and Foreign Bible Society, which was in accord with the policy adopted by the Convention "not to complicate itself by any organic connection with the conflicting Bible Societies of the North, but to. . . /cooperate/ independently with all organizations, in such methods as may best promote the diffusion of the Word of God." (p. 31)

- 19.(1) SBC instructed the treasurer of the former Bible Board to transfer to the treasurer of the SBC "all moneys and assets in his hands belonging to the Convention." (p. 32)

19. C. C. Bitting presented his last report as corresponding secretary of the S. S. Board. He cited correspondence with the Southern Baptist S. S. Union regarding a merger with the Board. (pp. 33-35) (No agreement regarding consolidation had been reached.)

- 1., 2. Board reported a total circulation of 379,000 copies of Kind Words during the year, at a cost of \$228.08 above receipts. It also distributed 36,650 copies of its other publications, largely books. A total of 2,225,100 pages were issued during the year, plus more than 1,500 circulars and catalogues. (p. 36) The Board reported an indebtedness of about \$1,800 incurred during the year, 1867-68. Little was done in promotional work because of decreased receipts. (p. 37)
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15. Board reported a limited response to its effort to secure S. S. statistics in the various states: Fifteen states and the Indian Territory reported a total of 286 schools which reported 3,822 S. S. teachers, 23,731 S. S. pupils, with average attendance of 18,781, and 857 conversions. Of the total, Virginia reported 185 schools, West Virginia 33, South Carolina 25, and the others from one to nine. (These returns rather incomplete) (p. 37)
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Board reported on several arguments which had been offered for dis-

- 1.,2.,4. continuing the work of the S. S. Board. It replied to each one, emphasizing the need for "one general organization of our own for information, communication and supply." Called on Southern Baptists to support the work. (pp. 38-40)

- 1.,2.,18 SBC commended the work of the S. S. Board which it accomplished under difficult circumstances. After lengthy discussion, the SBC took the following action: "That we are satisfied. . . that the Sunday School Board of the Convention is a part of its work. That this Board, therefore, should be sustained with a warmer and a more general interest, and with a liberality more in proportion to the vast importance of its work." (p. 23) The Convention also approved the removal of the Board to Memphis, Tenn., and directed the Board to seek to liquidate its indebtedness and to recognize "the importance of conducting its affairs upon a sound financial basis." (p. 23,24)

Convention elected S. H. Ford president of the S. S. Board and T. B. Kingsbury as corresponding secretary. The Board moved its headquarters to Memphis. (p. 6, 31)

The financial report of the Board revealed sales of \$1,601.00 for books, \$2,372.01 for Kind Words, and contributions of \$2,521.98 from the states. (p. 41)

- 1869 -- The S. S. Board reported that the transfer of its headquarters from Greenville to Memphis had resulted in several difficulties. The country was in a time of financial depression. The indebtedness of the Board at the time of its removal was \$640 over its assets. The Sunday school enterprise was relatively new in the west where the Board had moved. Corresponding Secretary Kingsbury made unsuccessful attempts to raise funds for the Board's operations and resigned his office. In spite of this, the Board reported in 1869 a reduction in its indebtedness, and declared that ". . . all its operations are now self-sustaining. . . ." (p. 57) Upon the resignation of the corresponding secretary the Board assigned the duties of the office to the "depository Agent" and determined not to employ another secretary until it was able to pay a competent salary to an experienced Secretary." (p. 57)
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4. S. S. Board report stressed the missionary opportunities of Sunday school work and the need for S. S. missionaries and agents. (p. 58)

1. Board stated that its publication work during the year had been confined to producing Kind Words, which it hoped soon to issue semi-monthly. (p. 58) Lack of funds made it impossible to reprint the Sunday school books previously published in Greenville or to print copies from the book plates acquired from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Union.

(p. 59) (It appears that the S. S. Union had ceased to operate before the S. S. Board moved to Memphis. The Union's plates and cuts were turned over to the Board. There was no merger.)

- 1.,4. Convention approved the recommendations of its Committee on the S. S. Board Report which called for the appointment of another corresponding secretary; requested the Board to give attention to securing agents and missionaries to promote Sunday school work; commended the continued publication of Kind Words; directed the Board to major on the "establishing and maintenance of Schools all over the South. . ." rather than the publication of S. S. books; and that the Board seek to retire its indebtedness. (p. 31)

22. Convention adopted E. T. Winkler's resolution: "That the system of persistent contributions, in however small sums, by the membership of the Churches and Sunday Schools, on each Lord's Day, is earnestly recommended as a plan, the prosecution of which will contribute efficiently to every interest under the charge of this Convention. . . ." (p. 34)

- 1870 -- SBC adopted the following resolutions regarding the cooperative work of
1.,2.,4. the S. S. Board (p. 21):
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Resolved, That the Sunday School Board be instructed to solicit the co-operation of all the Sunday School workers within our bounds; obtain reports of their doings; and prepare, annually, a table of statistics, showing the number of schools, teachers, scholars, etc., actually engaged in this work.

Resolved, That the Board be encouraged and urged to cultivate the entire field intrusted to them by this Convention, by supplying the wants of Sunday Schools, including both teachers and scholars, and furnishing them with all the implements which are needed for successful work.

Resolved, That the Board be requested to maintain, as heretofore, fraternal relations with those of our brethren beyond our bounds who are devoted to the cause of Sunday Schools, to be always ready to reciprocate acts of Christian courtesy, and to give and receive counsel and aid so far as may be compatible with the work assigned them by this Convention.

The Convention approved the following resolutions regarding Sunday School promotion (p. 30):

4. 1. That we recommend to the Board to pay special attention to the Missionary feature in their work, and to em-

ploy as many faithful colporteurs or Sunday School Missionaries, as possible, to organize Sunday Schools, and to promote the Sunday School work among the Churches and in destitute fields.

2. That we earnestly commend this feature of the work to the prayers, the confidence and the benevolence of the Churches.

- 1.,4. T. C. Teasdale was employed by the S. S. Board as corresponding secretary in September, 1869. (p. 30) Board reported that an arrangement had been made whereby it now had one page in the Home and Foreign Journal devoted to its interests through which it was communicating with the churches. (p. 33) The Board indicated that it had purchased the Child's Delight, a Sunday school paper which had been published by Samuel Boykin in Macon, Ga., and thereby increased the monthly circulation of Kind Words to 60,000.
- 1.,7. The contents of the latter includes "original music." (p. 33) Plans were projected for increasing the size or publishing the paper weekly as soon as the need demanded it and number of subscriptions made it possible. (p. 33)

- 1.,2. Board reported that arrangements had been made with the Southwestern Publishing Company (under direction of J. R. Graves) by which the company assumes all financial responsibility for publishing Sunday school books for the Board and allows the Board ten per cent for the use of its printing plates. Over 45,000 volumes had been published by this arrangement up to April, 1870. SBC adopted the report of the Committee on Publications which approved this arrangement for the publication of books and also the merger of the Child's Delight with Kind Words. (p. 38) Convention instructed the Board to "put forth every possible effort to furnish our Sunday Schools with a healthy, religious literature; with publications sound in theology, and free from allusions painful to our people." (p. 38) (The latter seems to reflect the reservation on the part of many Southern leaders regarding the use of S. S. literature produced by Baptists in the North and by other publication societies.)

The Convention instructed the S. S. Board to give a more detailed financial statement in its next report. (p. 39)

Convention devoted its Saturday evening session to a mass meeting in the interests of the Sunday School Board. (p. 23) A collection of \$1,160 was taken at a later session of the body for the work of the S. S. Board. (p. 30)

24. The SBC Committee on Northern and Southern Co-operation received Convention approval for its recommendation that the policy adopted regarding the relation of the Sunday School Board to Southern Baptist and non-Southern Baptist bodies [See above; also p. 21, 1870, SBC Annual] should be applied to all Convention boards; and "that the Convention and its Boards should be maintained in their integrity. No measures which endanger their existence or diminish their efficiency, are to be tolerated. All the energies of Southern Baptists should be directed to their support and the increase of their usefulness." (p. 36)

19.(1) The S.S. Board received \$251.45 from the SBC treasurer as its share of the general funds. (1871, p. 20)

1871 -- I. T. Tichenor became president of the Sunday School Board. (p. 6) SBC
19., 17. appointed a committee to "consider the means of securing more harmonious
24. and efficient co-operation by the Boards of this Convention with State Boards, and with general societies of the Baptist denomination devoted to the promotion of Foreign and Home Missions, of Publications, and of Ministerial Education." (p. 19)

4. Convention endorsed the promotion of S.S. work through S.S. missionaries as currently sponsored by the S.S. Board, ". . . to awaken and arouse our churches to the use of Sunday Schools, instruct them in the proper relation of the Sunday School to the Church, organize Sunday Schools, and make such suggestions of ways, means and appliances, as may best contribute to make these schools efficient and permanent." (p. 27) Called on Southern Baptists to support this work.

2. Convention approved its special committee's recommendation that the claim of Mrs. William Cooper (for unpaid wages due her husband while employed as an agent of the S.S. Board when it was in Greenville) was just and should be paid by the Board "as soon as practicable." (p. 30)

1.(1) "Kind Words, the Child's Delight," now issued semi-monthly, with an improved format and better illustrations, was self-supporting. On recommendation of its Committee on the Publication Department of the S.S. Board, the Convention instructed the Board to issue this publication weekly ". . . as soon as its increased circulation will justify it. . . ." (p. 33) Committee suggested a circulation goal of 100,000 within three months.

1.(2) Regarding general publications, the SBC adopted the statement: "This Convention desires neither to establish a general publication department of its own, nor to identify itself with any such interest now existing, but wishes its Sunday School Board to confine itself strictly to Sunday School work. . . ." (pp. 33-34)

1. Convention adopted a resolution that the above action "is not construed as intended to prevent the Board from issuing any of the books for which they now have plates, or for which the means are provided to procure plates: and it is also understood that no inference is intended with the publication of the periodical literature of the Board." (p. 34)

4. S. S. Board reported that one of its objects was to promote the organization of new Sunday Schools and to increase the efficiency of those already established. It had conducted "Sunday-school Institutes," sponsored lectures on Sunday school work, counseled and encouraged teachers and superintendents, and sought to enlist the interest and support of the people. (Appendix C, p. 2)

- 1., 4. S. S. Board reported that it had operated through two departments: (1) Publication, (2) Mission, (S.S. promotion). It reported to the Convention on the basis of these two programs. (p. 7ff.)

1. (1) Publication Department reported circulation of over 3,500,000 pages of Kind Words, the Child's Delight during the year. It also stated (Appendix C, p. 4):

To meet the wants of both teachers and scholars, and save the necessity of introducing expensive lesson papers in our schools, we have been publishing in "Kind Words," for the last five months, a series of "Uniform Lessons." These Lessons are well received; and those who have adopted them are quite contented to dispense with other and more expensive aids in their work. We commend the "Uniform Lessons" to the kind consideration of all our Sunday-school workers.

1. (2) Board published a new S.S. song book, Kind Words in Melody, with 59 tunes and 121 hymns, selling for 25 cents. (Appendix C, p. 4-5)
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2. Distributed 612,000 pages of S.S. library books, and 1,032,306 pages of S.S. Question Books and Primers. A new series of books (ten) to be published soon. (Appendix C, pp. 5-7)

- 4., 17. Board gave a detailed report of its Mission Department's activities in promoting S. S. work through S.S. Missionaries in the various states. Some men were employed jointly with state conventions. These workers reported a total of 762 sermons preached, 447 addresses, 207 conversions, 45 Sunday Schools organized, 750 Bibles and Testaments distributed, 5,684,306 pages of S. S. books, periodicals, and tracts circulated.

1. Board reported purchase of The Children of the West, a S.S. paper published in Louisiana, thus leaving the SBC Territory without a rival to Kind Words except "Northern Periodicals." (Appendix C, p. 17)

2. Gross receipts of the Board for the year 1870-71 were \$18,807.09. The Board defended its financial affairs against criticisms that had been made. Book Sales amounted to \$3,080.45; periodical sales, \$6,905.35; contributions to the Board, \$7,850.26. (Appendix C, 18-23)

T. C. Teasdale resigned as Corresponding Secretary of the S. S. Board September 15. Samuel Boykin, editor of Kind Words, was elected as acting Corresponding Secretary. (1872, p. 69)

- 1872 -- S. S. Board reported that it had begun to publish Kind Words weekly in
1.(1) October, 1871. Circulation for 1871-72, was almost a million copies. About 25,000 copies were given to destitute Sunday schools. (p. 70)

- 4.,15. Board presented an extensive report on the S. S. work of each Southern state, including S. S. and church statistics. (pp. 70-76) A statistical summary (incomplete) indicated that there were 4,333 Sunday Schools with a total enrolment of 217,200. (p. 76)

The Board reported on the response received from a questionnaire sent out to several hundred Baptist leaders in the Southern states to ascertain the opinion of the denomination regarding the S. S. Board, S. S. promotion, etc. From the information thus gathered and from extensive study the Board formulated the following future plans of the Board which the SBC adopted (pp. 25, 78-79):

THE PLAN OF THE BOARD

The future plans of the Board will, of course, be shaped by the action of the Convention; but, while this should be the case, it will not be amiss to foreshadow such methods, as the Board deems it advisable to pursue:

4. (1) To induce each State to organize for its own Sunday-school work, by the formation of a State Sunday-School Convention, with auxiliary Conventions, which shall aim to establish and maintain in each Church a Sunday-school and to encourage (the holding of) Sunday-School Institutes for enlightening the popular mind on all Sunday-school subjects.
4. (2) To secure the services of some man of acknowledged ability, as "General Agent" or "Missionary Secretary," whose whole time shall be given to carrying out this plan, and infusing zeal and activity in all the Sunday-school operations of the South.
4. (3) The preparation and distribution among the different
15. State Boards for general circulation of a uniform set of full and complete circulars for conveying information, obtaining

statistics, and securing a well defined system in the Sunday-school work. Among these shall be instructions for holding and organizing Conventions and Institutes, and conducting Sunday-schools.

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22. (4) Put in operation throughout Southern Churches and Sunday-schools, some general and uniform plan of systematic contribution for the purposes of the Southern Baptist Convention and its Boards.

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17., 19. (5) As far as possible, (under the sanction of the Southern Baptist Convention,) co-operating with the different State Boards, and with the Domestic Mission Board, in sustaining State Agents or Sunday-School Evangelists, who, as Missionary agents, preach the Gospel, establish Sunday-schools and build up the Sunday-school cause. This Board does not see why two agencies of the same Convention, in fields so nearly similar, should not, at times, work in accord.

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1. (1) (6) The Board proposes to continue the publication of Kind Words, as a Sunday-school paper, and through it and Lesson Papers will seek to assist the Sunday-schools in establishing the uniform system of Lessons, and will endeavor to render all needed assistance to both Teachers and Scholars. It will seek to induce all our denominational papers to publish weekly expositions of the Lesson series for the benefit of Sunday-School Teachers and Superintendents.

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2. (7) The Board suggests the appointment of a Committee, to be termed "The Examination Committee," whose duty shall be to examine and recommend suitable Libraries for Southern Sunday-schools, and steps will be taken by the Board to secure ample supplies for this field.

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5. (8) It will be thus seen that the Sunday-School Board suggests a mode of supplying the Baptist Denomination with a suitable literature, and so benefit the Teachers and Officers as to improve the Sunday-schools generally, and elevate the standard and augment the efforts of Sunday-school teaching; it proposes to encourage the spirit of benevolence until such a system of contribution is attained as shall provide funds for carrying on the Sunday-school work everywhere within the bounds of the Convention; nor does it propose to relax effort until every Baptist Church is the home of a Sunday school, and all the members engaged in the blessed work of bringing the children to Jesus and training them for his service.

4. SBC adopted the recommendation "that the Convention take immediate measures for liquidating the remaining liabilities of the Sunday School

Board, and that thereafter contributions from the Sunday Schools be mainly relied on to sustain the Sunday School work." (p. 25)

- 1.(2) The Convention referred to the S. S. Board for its consideration the request by J. R. Graves that the book plates previously given to the Board by the Southern Baptist S. S. Union be returned to the Union. (pp. 28, 35)

19. SBC instructed its treasurer to divide the funds in hand equally among the three boards for Bible distribution. (p. 39)

- 1873 -- S. S. Board reported that after four men had been elected and all declined the corresponding secretaryship of the Board, it had ceased its efforts to secure one; Boykin continued to serve as secretary pro tem. (pp. 68-69)

- 17.,4. Board stated that its "general plan of operations. . . has been to co-operate with the State Boards in order to promote unity of feeling and effort. . ." in the promotion of S. S. work. (p. 69)

- 17.,4. SBC approved the "Plan for Sunday School Organization" offered by the S. S. Board. (pp. 35, 71-72) The plan called for acceptance of Sunday school work as a "recognized department" in all denominational organizations: the local church, association, state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. The emphasis was on "strictly denominational Sunday School work." It enunciated the following principle for S. S. promotion (p. 71):

This principle being accepted, the Sunday School work can not be separated from our existing denominational organizations; not only so, but it will have a prominence and support given to it, in the regular routine and legitimate proceedings of our religious bodies, to as great an extent as any other department of Christian duty or labor.

The above plan made the following suggestions for conducting S. S. work in the local church, association, state convention and SBC (pp. 71-72):

4. 1. The Individual Church. Let it be a department of church work, bearing a relation to the church similar to the prayer-meeting itself. Let it be provided for, pecuniarily and otherwise, by the church, being under the control and management of the church, its officers to be chosen from the members of the church, and its statistics and progress to be reported annually to the District Association, as fully and faithfully as any other part of church work or duty.
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2. In the District Association. Let the Sunday School work be a department of associational work, occupying a legitimate place in the regular sessions, without change of officers; standing committee on this work to be appointed by the Association, whose missionaries or other agents shall be recognized as employed by, and required to report to the Association.

The Sunday School work thus becomes a bona fide part of the Associational operations--work additional to, not work separate from, that of the body.

The Association should consider and mature plans for the advancement of the Sunday School work within its bounds, and for its support. The work might be committed to three or four of the best men in the Association, including the clerk. The Association should urge upon all the churches the organization and sustenance of Sunday Schools, the collection of statistics, the making of reports regularly, and the support of the State Sunday School Board and its appointees. The statistics should be tabulated by the officers of the Association, and reported annually to the State Sunday School Board, according to a regular form.

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3. In the State Convention. Let the Sunday School work be a distinct department in the State denominational work. Let the Convention have distinct executive committees for education, missions, and Sunday Schools. Let the Sunday School committee be well located, and let it provide for the State Sunday School work by the appointment of a General Sunday School Superintendent, who shall supervise the work in the entire State, and, coming in direct relation with the churches and Associations, encourage collections of funds and statistics, awaken greater interest and secure higher efficiency in the Sunday School work. As the instrument or agent of the Sunday School Board, he holds and wields the power furnished him in each Association, and endeavors to bring it to bear upon the individual churches for effecting the desired results.

All this places the work in hands having no other State interests to serve, and gives it a regular place in State work, secures for it denominational recognition, enables it to claim denominational patronage and support, and removes from it the idea that it is the work of a few Sunday School men.

Thus the Sunday school work is placed in the natural channel of Baptist ideas and work; becomes a regular and legitimate part of our existing organizations; avoids all extra expense of time, trouble, money, and outside

organization; becomes gradually infused throughout the whole denomination; continues to grow and perpetuate itself, and can no more become extinct than the denomination itself.

Then the relation of the work to the Southern Baptist Convention would be just the same as that of the Foreign or Domestic Mission work, and, like the latter, would be represented through the State Conventions.

Between the State Conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention, there would be no conflict. They would be co-laborers; the State Convention, by its committee, or Sunday School Board, providing for the support of the work in the State, electing the Superintendent and missionaries, and fixing their salaries, and also securing funds for the missions of the Southern Baptist Convention; the Southern Baptist Convention, through its Board, commissioning the superintendents, receiving their reports, aiding the work in the States, and supplying destitution unprovided for by the States.

The Southern Baptist Convention thus becomes an important helper in the State work, whether in the Sunday School work or in the regular mission work; and its necessity is just the same in regard to Sunday School work and to Missionary work; it secures combination and uniformity, and, in many ways, economy; effects vastly larger results; and enables us to learn and record the actual condition, strength, contributions and statistics of our entire denomination.

This can not be done without that co-operation which manifests itself through regular and systematic reports.

4.,15. SBC approved a recommendation that churches be asked to use a Sunday school statistical form drafted by the National Sunday School Convention and approved by the S. S. Board. (pp. 35, 73) The Board presented a seven-page informational and statistical report on the status of Sunday school work in the southern states. (pp. 76-83)

After much discussion and amendments at several sessions of the 1873 Convention, the body adopted the following resolution merging the S. S. Board with the Domestic Board to be called the "Domestic and Indian Mission, and Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention." (p. 29):

Resolved, That the Sunday School Board of this Convention be consolidated with the Domestic and Indian Mission Board, with the understanding that the latter Board, if it deems best, employ an Assistant Secretary and make arrangements to secure the continued publication of the "Kind Words," and the stereotyped books of the Sunday School Board, in the interest of the denomination, but without pecuniary liability on the part of this Convention or its Boards for said publication.

1874 -- The SBC Domestic Board reported the following objectives pursued by its department of Sunday School work (pp. 49-50):

- 4. 1. The general adoption, by the denomination, of the plan of Sunday School organization, recommended by the Mobile Convention. [I.e., the 1873 Convention]
- 1. 2. To co-operate with, and assist, the State Board in promoting and sustaining the Sunday School work in their respective States.
- 15., 17. 3. To procure the organization of a Sunday School in every Baptist Church, and diffuse needed information in regard to the management of schools, the best methods of teaching, and the proper books and papers to be used.
- 4. 4. To organize and sustain Sunday Schools in destitute regions and among the Indians of the West, by assisting weak schools and churches, by grants of papers, Bibles, Testaments, and funds, when possible.
- 4. 5. To secure, among the churches and schools, regular and systematic collections for the Sunday School and Mission cause.
- 22. 6. For the special benefit of the schools, to publish the books and catechisms, (of which we have the stereotype plates,) and Kind Words, with its valuable lessons on the uniform series.
- 4. 7. To obtain full and correct statistics of the denomination, through regular reports from the Churches and Associations.
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1., 4. Domestic Board stated that a balance of \$3,399.98 remained from the indebtedness of the Memphis (S.S.) Board, but assets of the Board more than covered its liabilities. The S.S. Department reported sales of \$10,769.78 from Kind Words; total receipts of \$11,918.33; total expenses of \$10,804.60. (pp. 48, 60)

1. (1) Kind Words had an average monthly circulation of 115,187; a total of 1,267,060 copies were issued between May 1, 1873 and April 1, 1874, in addition to 120,284 copies of Lesson Papers. These two publications were being used in "most of the states" and in other countries (Canada, British Provinces, et al.) Samuel Boykin continued as editor of these materials. (pp. 47, 60)

15. Board's report includes a S.S. statistical table. (p. 52)

1. (1) SBC authorized the Domestic Board to continue publishing Kind Words but instructed it "not to create additional debt against the Convention." Boykin was to "be retained as Editor, if practicable." (p. 23, 69)

4. Convention instructed the Home Mission Board (previously called Domestic Board) to seek to extinguish "the debts incurred by the Sunday School Board, appropriating for that end all funds received for Sunday School purposes, and all other available funds." The SBC further resolved "That. . . the proper work of the Home Mission Board is the selection and support of missionaries to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and incidentally to organize and maintain Sunday Schools, and all other evangelical work, and that the Home Mission Board be, and hereby is, relieved of all responsibility for Sunday School work as a special part of its duty." (pp. 25, 73)

1875 -- Convention endorsed the publication of a "Southern Baptist Review" as proposed by the Southern Baptist Publication Society, Memphis, Tenn. (organized by J. R. Graves in 1870). (p. 20)

1.(1) SBC authorized the continuation of Kind Words by the Home Board and instructed it to liquidate the debt to the printer "as early as possible." (pp. 22, 76-77)

1876 -- SBC Committee on Kind Words reported subscriptions of 15,000 to the weekly issue, 24,000 to the semi-monthly, and 4,000 to the monthly--a total monthly circulation of 112,000 copies; plus a weekly circulation of 10,000 Lesson Papers. This committee stated concerning Kind Words: "As an instructor in our Sabbath schools, by its weekly lessons; as a guide for the young in the principles and polity of our denomination, and as an agent in arousing a missionary spirit, and in giving information concerning the missionary operations of the Convention,
. . . . the paper has been and may still be the means of securing liberal donations to the two Boards of the Convention for missionary purposes." (p. 20)

1.(1) Convention approved the arrangement made by the Home Board with J. W. Burke & Co., Macon, Ga., by which the firm would bear all expenses of the publication and pay an annual royalty of \$800 (to be applied to retirement of the debt of \$4,774 owed to the firm) in return for receiving all receipts for subscriptions. Boykin was to continue as editor and the Board would retain control of the publication. (p. 20) The Home Board reported that the indebtedness carried over from the S.S. Board had all been paid except about \$300. (p. 47)

1877 -- Committee on Kind Words reported that by the arrangement made in 1876, the paper had been published without cost to the Home Board and had reduced its indebtedness by \$800. The report stated that the Sunday School lessons in these publications "are so prepared as to be adapted to pupils of all grades." (p. 14-15)

4. Foreign Missionaries reported successful Sunday school work in Nigeria and Italy. (pp. 40, 46) Home Missionaries also reported organizing Sunday schools.

1878 -- Convention suggested that the older states contribute regularly to the work
4.,17. of the Home Board in establishing churches, Sunday schools, etc., in the Southwest. (p. 36)

1.(1) Committee on Kind Words reported that these S.S. materials were reaching 150,000 families. Predicted that they would be ". . .in a few years, a source of revenue to the Convention." (p. 37)

15. Convention adopted resolution by M. J. Breaker which instructed the Home Board to appoint by October a committee of three in each state ". . . to gather statistics on . . . the amount of contributions during the year, 1878, for state, District and City Missions, including Sunday-school work; the number of conversions. . . the amount of money raised to aid young men pursuing such studies." (p. 39) These state Committees were to send their reports to the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Board by April, 1879, and he was to compile a report for the Convention in May. (Ibid.)

1879 -- SBC Committee on the Home Board declared that this Board ". . .will always
15. be our most effective agent in collecting, collating, publishing and placing in enduring form the statistics of all our Associations, district and State Societies and Conventions." (p. 32) Home Board reported a very
15. incomplete statistical report due to the failure of many state committees to function. (p. 48)

21. Committee on Special Offerings to the Foreign Mission Board recommended that churches and Sunday schools major on undesignated gifts to foreign missions rather than designating their offerings to particular objects. (p. 36)

1880 -- Convention adopted this statement regarding Kind Words: "Its doctrines
1.(1) are in accord with the principles of Baptist faith, and, especially since
5. the adoption of the International Series of Sunday-school lessons, it is important that this paper be circulated among our churches and Sunday-schools It is a powerful coadjutor in training the young of our denomination in the missionary plans and projects of the Convention." (p. 17)

4.,17. SBC instructed the Home Board to ". . . pay special attention to Sun-
19. day-school work, co-operating, where it seems best, with State Conventions and several associations in employing State Sunday-school missionaries." (p. 21, 26) This action followed defeat of a move to consolidate the Home and Foreign Boards. (p. 26)

1881 -- Kind Words and Lesson Papers monthly circulation now almost 200,000. The
1.(1) five-year publishing contract with J. W. Burke & Co. had yielded \$4,000 in royalties toward debt retirement. The contract was renewed for another five years with this company on the basis of an annual royalty of \$1,000. (pp. 23, 61)

1.(1) SBC authorized Burke & Co. ". . . to publish a graded series of Kind Words if this can be done without involving the Convention in financial obligation. . ." and called on Southern Baptists to support such an enterprise, if initiated. (p. 29)

1882 -- Convention appointed a committee of one from each state on Sunday School
4. Work. (p. 18) Chairman Joshua Levering later reported that his committee
17., 19. had ". . . no suggestions to offer, as this Convention has no distinct Sunday School Board, but that work is already undertaken, as far as practicable by them, by the missionaries employed by its other Boards, and by organizations in many of the States represented in this body." (p. 30) At its own request the committee was then discharged. (p. 30)

1.(1) Kind Words was now published in weekly, semi-monthly, monthly, and quarterly editions by the Home Board; Lesson Leaflets and Child's Gem also published. Combined circulation was about 2,000,000 annually. Three S. S. catechisms were also published through Burke and Co. (p. 35) International S. S. lessons now used as basis for lessons prepared for Kind Words. (p. 44)

4. SBC authorized removal of the Home Board from Marion, Ala., to Atlanta, Ga., (p. 29) and elected I. T. Tichenor as Corresponding Secretary of the Board. (p. 36)

15. SBC commended Convention secretary, Lansing Burrows' "Statistical Report" as "perhaps the most valuable contribution which has been made to the history of Southern Baptists in many years, and as a work of reference to discover our resources and to organize our forces, it seems to be almost absolutely essential." The Convention authorized its publication in the 1882 Minutes and requested Burrows to continue compiling such information each year. (p. 20) Burrows printed on the cover of the Convention Annual a request for all associational clerks to send him a copy of their minutes for 1882; also for educational institutions to send their catalogs. Burrows' six-page statistical report includes contributions for Foreign and Home Missions for a ten-year period, 1873-1882; information on state conventions; statistical report on state mission work; Benevolent contributions by states; statistics by states; information on Baptist colleges. (pp. 79-84)

1883 -- Committee on Kind Words commended this publication as a valuable means for
1.(1) the Board to educate young people in "the spirit of missions." Called on
5., 21. Southern Baptists to support this publication as a means ". . . for reaching and training the young of our denomination, and at the same time create a valuable source of revenue to the funds of this Convention." (pp. 22-23) Editor Boykin projected plans for publishing ". . . a missionary edition of Kind Words, for the benefit of those Sunday-schools which do not want the lessons printed in their Sunday-school paper." (p. 22)

15. SBC called on clerks of state conventions and district associations to co-operate with the secretaries of the SBC in compiling statistical tables to be printed in the Convention annual. (pp. 28-29) Statistical Tables in 1883 SBC Annual include statistics by associations, by states, and general statistics. (pp. 41-54) Statistics became an annual feature of the SBC Annual.
- 1884 -- Kind Words was now nearing an annual royalty of \$1,000. Old indebtedness now retired.
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- 1885 -- SBC instructed the Home Board to develop a plan for enlarging and improving the scope of its Sunday school publications to meet the growing needs and demands of Sunday schools in the South and to compete with the publications of Northern publishing houses which many Southern schools were currently using. (p. 25) Called for S.S. materials ". . . adapted to all stages of mental and moral development--a graded series reaching from our infant classes to mature age." (p. 25)
2. SBC commended the Bible work of the American Baptist Publication Society and recommended its support by the churches. (p. 35)
- 1886 -- Convention authorized the Home Board to move the publication of Kind Words and other S.S. publications from Macon to Atlanta, for closer supervision. Boykin to be retained as editor. (p. 18)
- 1.(1) SBC approved the five-year contract made by the Home Board with H. H. Cabaniss, a Baptist printer of Atlanta, for the publication of the several editions of Kind Words; also to begin publishing in October, 1886, "a full grade of Quarterlies three in number, and a Magazine for Teachers." The very best qualified writers were to be employed in the production of these materials. Cabaniss was to pay all publication and merchandising cost, plus an annual royalty of \$1,000 to the Board. Contract effective June 1, 1886, when Burke & Co. contract expired. (pp. 18-19, XII)
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- 1887 -- SBC commended the new graded series of S.S. literature and teacher's magazine first issued in January, 1887, and the continued publication of Kind Words. Convention resolved to request ". . . all Baptists, whether ministers or laymen, to exert their influence to induce our Sunday-schools to adopt our Sunday-school publications." (p. 27; p. XXXIX)
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- 1888 -- Convention instructed its Boards to ". . . continue to print tracts, leaflets and circulars in amounts as large as they can use advantageously, and distribute them through all suitable agencies, including Vice-Presidents, Moderators of Associations, pastors and clerks of churches, and officers of missionary societies, so as to give them the widest circulation." (p. 14)
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1.(1) SBC instructed the Home Board "to push the circulation of these S.S. periodicals more vigorously." (p. 34) Home Board reported that Basil Manly was editor of "The Teacher," (S.S. publication). Referred to the various S.S. publications as the "Kind Words Series." (p. VII)

1889 -- Convention resolved, on motion of Joshua Levering, that the part of the Home Board's report relating to S.S. literature and all other reports, resolutions, etc., pertaining to such publications be referred to a special committee with instructions to report as early as possible. (p. 9)

1.(1) Home Board suggested the need for modifying the International series of lessons followed in Kind Words Series or making an addition to them which would more thoroughly acquaint Baptist youth with the principles and practices of the denomination.

1. (1) On recommendation of the above committee, the SBC voted to make no change in its current S.S. literature production. (p. 23-24)

4. Home Board gave financial assistance to the "Texas Baptist Sunday School Convention" in its work of S.S. promotion and distribution of Bibles, Testaments, and tracts in needy areas.

Convention expressed gratitude to the American Baptist Publication Society for its "liberal grants to churches and other religious bodies. . ." in the South during the last 20 years. (p. 26)

1890 -- Convention referred to a committee of one from each state the resolutions of J. M. Frost calling for the establishment of a Board of Publication. (p. 9-10)

1., 4. The special committee appointed to consider the Frost resolutions brought a majority and minority report to the Convention. The body rejected the latter offered by J. B. Gambrell and W. S. Penick, which called for a committee to study the matter and report back next year. SBC adopted the majority report and appointed a (standing) Sunday-school Committee with the following responsibilities (p. 23):

1., 4., 15. 3. That said committee be entrusted with our Sunday-school interests and requested to gather statistical information as to the condition of our Sunday-schools, and to see what can be done toward increasing their number and efficiency, and by annual report to bring the whole Sunday-school work fully before the sessions of the Convention--always in co-operation, however, with existing Sunday-school or Colportage Boards.

1. 4. That the committee be requested to canvass the whole subject of catechetical instruction in its relation to Sunday-schools and make some recommendations concerning it to the Convention in its session of 1891.

1. 5. That said committee be entrusted with the management of our Sunday-school publications, now published in Atlanta as the Kind Words Series, and be authorized to do, what, in their judgment, may seem wise, to improve the series and increase its circulation, consistent with the present contract, and to this end the Home Board is instructed to transfer to the committee the said literature and contract under which it is now published.

1. (1) The S.S. Committee was authorized, upon expiration of the printing contract of Kind Words in June, 1891, to arrange for a new contract (subject to ratification by SBC) for no longer than three years and which would not impose any financial responsibility upon the Convention. Expenses of the committee were to be paid out of the \$1,000 royalty from Kind Words. (p. 24) The Convention elected Arthur Poter, chairman, with Louisville, Ky., as headquarters for the committee. (p. 4)

2., 13. On motion of T. T. Eaton, the SBC instructed the Sunday-school Committee "to examine books for Sunday-school libraries, and to approve . . . /books/ suitable for our Sunday-schools. . . ." (p. 27-28)

Home Board gave a two-page report on its S.S. publication work since 1873. (pp. VI. -- VIII)

FORMATIVE YEARS

Frost--Bell Administration, 1891--1916

1891 -- The Report of the S. S. Committee, with its suggestion that a S. S. Board be organized, was referred by the SBC to a special committee of one from each state, with J. M. Frost as chairman. (pp. 9-11, 12) Convention adopted the following report of the latter committee which provided for the establishment of the S. S. Board and defined its responsibilities (pp. 22-23):

1. (1) 1. From papers presented we find that the Kind Word's Series, on the basis of the present circulation can be issued at a cost of less than twenty (20) thousand dollars per annum, while the income is over thirty (30) thousand dollars. We therefore cannot recommend the ratification of the bid which the Sunday-school Committee has presented with its report and which offers to the Convention one half of the profits. We think a better arrangement can be made as presently will be indicated.

1. (1), 4. 2. We recommend the adoption of this suggestion to create a new Board, to be called the Sunday-school Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, to have a Corresponding Secretary, and to be nominated from year to year as the other two Boards are.

1. (1) 3. That said Board be entrusted with the Convention's Sunday-school series, and be authorized to use their best efforts to improve the series and to increase the circulation, but shall not engage in any other publication work, except as hereinafter provided.

4., 15. 4. That the Board be entrusted with the Sunday-school interests in our territory, and be requested to gather statistical information as to the condition of our Sunday-schools, to see what can be done toward increasing their number and efficiency, and by annual report to bring the whole Sunday-school work fully before the sessions of the Convention.

1. (1) 5. Thinking it best to discontinue the leasing system, so as to eliminate all personal interests from the business, we recommend that the Board be instructed to make the best arrangement possible for having the series brought out at the lowest cost under a printing contract.

6. That the Board continue the work begun by the

13. Sunday-school Committee of making a list of such books as may be wisely recommended to the Sunday-schools.

1.(2),24. 7. We recommend that the Board carry out the following arrangement, as suggested by the Sunday-school Committee along with its report:

As to the matter of catechetical instruction referred to the committee we found that Dr. John A. Broadus had been applied to by the American Baptist Publication Society to prepare such catechisms as were proposed, viz.: Advanced, Intermediate and Primary. He declined to do so unless the work could be done for the Society and for the committee jointly. Conferring with him and with the Society, it was agreed to suggest to the Convention that Dr. Broadus be employed to prepare an Intermediate catechism first, for the sum of \$500, to be paid jointly by the committee and the Society, \$250 each, the copyright belonging to both, and each to publish at a uniform price; and each, in publishing, should place its own imprint first.

It is further proposed that Dr. Broadus prepare the Primary catechism for \$200 when called for, upon and under the same conditions. It was deemed best to make no arrangement for the Advanced catechism for the present.

1.(1).4.,17 8. The Board in its work will aid mission Sunday-schools by contributions of literature and money; doing this, however, through State organizations, and using for this purpose the net proceeds of the business, together with all contributions therefor, provided that, while the Secretary may, when necessary, raise funds for the promotion of the Sunday-school interests committed to the Board, no system of State or sub-agencies shall be organized.

1.(1) 9. That the Board be located at Nashville, Tennessee, and to be composed of fifteen brethren as named by the Committee on Nominations.

1.(1) 10. That the selection of a Corresponding Secretary be left to the Board.

1.(1) 11. That the Sunday-school Committee be instructed to perfect the necessary arrangement for the issue of the third quarter's series of the Sunday-school literature, and after making such arrangement, the committee be authorized to close its affairs by handing over to the Board, as provided for above, all its assets, books, papers, etc.

1.,4. The concluding paragraph of the above report reflects two divergent views prevailing among Southern Baptists regarding the production and use of S. S. literature and the conduct of the S. S. work:

"It is therefore, recommended that the fullest freedom of choice be accorded to every one as to what literature he will use or support, and that no brother be disparaged in the slightest degree on account of what he may do in the exercise of his right as Christ's freeman. But we would earnestly urge all brethren to give to this Board a fair consideration, and in no case to obstruct it in the great work assigned it by this Convention." (p. 23)

15. SBC Secretary Lansing Burrows reported preparation and distribution of a pamphlet for associational clerks which contained "Model Tables for the use of Clerks." (p. LII)

- 1., 4. The new S. S. Board first elected Lansing Burrows to be its Corresponding Secretary, but he declined the call. J. M. Frost of Richmond, Va., was later elected and began his work July 1, 1891. Frost also served as editor of the Convention Teacher. Samuel Boykin, editor of Kind Words since 1870, was employed by the Board as editor of all other publications. Boykin thus formed a link between the old Sunday School Board (1863-73), S. S. publication work under the Home Board (1873-90), the S. S. Committee (1890-91), and the new S. S. Board. (Annual, 1892, pp. LV, LVI) Boykin continued as Editor until his death in 1899.

5. Representatives from 33 states and territories, D.C., and Canada convened in Chicago and formed the Baptist Young People's Union of America, the object of which was to be "the unification of Baptist young people, their increased spirituality, their stimulation in Christian service, their edification in Scripture knowledge, their instruction in Baptist history and doctrine, and their enlistment in missionary activity through existing denominational organizations." (E. E. Chivers, "Baptist Young People's Union of America," A. H. Newman, editor, A Century of Baptist Achievement, 1901, pp. 283-84)

- 1892 -- S. S. Board reported the following periodicals: The Teacher, a monthly containing lesson expositions, teaching helps for various age groups, articles on the Bible, missions, S. S. instruction, etc.; The Primary, Intermediate, and Advanced Quarterlies, (graded S. S. lessons); Kind Words, Sunday school paper published in weekly, semi-monthly, and monthly editions, containing reading matter for young people, but excluding the S. S. lessons previously included (one page was used by the W.M.U. for promoting missionary interest among children); Lesson Leaflets, single sheets with lesson exposition, issued weekly; The Child's Gem, a weekly paper for children containing stories, illustrations, notes on the S. S. lessons; Lesson Cards, weekly lessons prepared for the "infant department" children; Bible Lesson Pictures, a picture in color for each lesson prepared for use by the "infant department" superintendent, with suggested lesson outlines. (pp. LVI, LVII)
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2. S. S. Board reported that it furnished to those ordering periodicals S. S. supplies such as reward cards, collection envelopes, question books, record books, catechisms, etc. (p. LVII)

1.(1) SBC adopted the report of its Committee on S. S. Board Periodicals which commended these publications, calling attention to the value of their missionary emphases, and their potential "for the instruction and development of the children" in the South. Also endorsed the Board's publication of a new S. S. catechism prepared by Dr. John A. Broadus. (p. 21) The Board had 5,000 copies of the catechism printed by Baptist Book Concern of Louisville, Ky., "without cost to the Board," which would sell for five cents per copy. (p. LX)

1.(1) S. S. Board reported that it had secured a printing contract with Barbee and Smith of Nashville for the publication of the literature for 1893 by which the Board paid the firm for the cost of printing and mailing the literature; all receipts for sales came to the Board. Thus all profits accrued to the Board rather than the printing firm. Barbee and Smith also provided the Board with an office for its secretary and a room for handling materials without cost. (LVII)

1.(1) At the time of its first report of the SBC in May, 1892, the Board reported a gross income of \$19,272.59 for the five months, Dec., 1891, through April, 1892, of which \$1,196 came from literature for the third and fourth quarters of 1891 published by temporary arrangement with another printer. Part of the Board's expenses were for 11 months while its income covered only five months. Even though the Board had had to borrow operating expenses prior to December, it reported at the end of April, 1892, all debts paid and assets of \$4,081.63, a cash balance of \$1,065.78. (pp. LXI - LXVI) The SBC commended the Board's financial success.

21. Board predicted that its income for the year would cover all expenses and would "yield a handsome fund for missionary purposes." (p. LXII)

1.(1) Secretary Frost commended the assistance of editors of Baptist
19. denominational papers who had donated advertising space to the S.S. Board. (p. LXI)

4.,21. Board reported that, although unsolicited, several contributions had been received for a missionary fund to aid S. S. work in destitute areas. Also stated that it had donated literature to Sunday schools which could not pay for them. (LXII)

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17.,21 Frost's report stated: "It is manifest that the Sunday-school Board, through the power of its periodicals, may become a great factor in our denominational machinery second indeed to no other force in its influence upon our denominational life. It becomes a missionary power on home fields and foreign fields through its missionary literature." (p. LXIV) Stressed the potential of the Board's periodicals for stimulating increased gifts to missions, volunteers for missions, missionary education, etc. (Ibid.)
- 4.,5. SBC Committee on the Spheres of Work of the S. S. Board commended the work of the S. S. Board and called on Southern Baptists to give it their earnest co-operation. The Committee pointed out the value of the Sunday school as a "developer of Christian activity" among adults as well as children. "The development and extension of this work means, to a great extent, the future development and extension of our churches." Pointed out that adults and children needed to be "trained in God's word and work." (p. 22)
- SBC adopted the report of the above committee which stated: ". . . the work of the Board is not simply in supplying Sunday-school literature to pay a revenue. It is to awaken, develop, organize and strengthen our churches in the great work of teaching God's truth to young and old. It is this literature which must bring prominently and constantly before the minds of the young the missionary spirit of the gospel." (p. 22)
13. SBC instructed the S. S. Board to select and recommend books suitable for purchase by S. S. libraries. (p. 22) Board reported that other duties in launching its work had kept it from preparing a book list as instructed by the 1891 Convention. (p. LX)
- 4.,15. Board's report contains a S. S. statistical table by states and a report on the condition of S. S. work in several states. (p. LIX)
- 4.,17. Convention instructed the S. S. Board to "attempt to supply, as far as possible, the needed help in the establishment and maintenance of Sunday-schools in churches that have no schools." (p. 37)
- 1893 -- T. P. Bell, formerly Assistant Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, 1.,4. succeeded Frost as Secretary of the S. S. Board May 1, 1893, following the latter's resignation at the end of 1892 to become pastor of the First Baptist Church of Nashville. (p. LXXVIII)
- 19.,21. S. S. Board helped to publish and distribute materials to Sunday schools for the promotion of the Centennial of Modern Missions (1892) and to help raise funds for the Centennial Missionary Fund. Co-operated with the Mission Boards, W.M.U., and Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms. (pp. 19-20)

1.(1) S. S. Board earned a gross annual income of \$43,000 a net increase of 34% over the preceeding year. Profits of the business paid all operational expenses, enabled the Board to donate \$1,000 worth of literature to needy schools and to contribute over \$3,000 to the cause of missions within the bounds of the Convention. Board's assets now almost \$8,000. (pp. 39, LXXVII) The Board declared: "It lies in the power of the denomination to make this business yield an income of one hundred thousand dollars per annum, and so become a far mightier factor in our denominational enterprizes. . . inside of ten years." (p. 42)

1.(1) Convention commended the quality of the S. S. Board's literature and called on Southern Baptists to purchase their materials from the Board, "especially since by so doing they will put it within the power of the Board to greatly enlarge its work and usefulness." (p. 40)

4., 19. Committee on the Board's report emphasized the importance of the Board's work of S. S. promotion, especially since approximately one-half of Southern Baptist churches had no Sunday school. (p. 40) Board's report stressed its potential as an educational force "for the upbuilding of our denominational interests." (p. LXXX)

5. The above committee asserted the potential of the Sunday school for teaching and training the youth of the South for future work as ministers, missionaries, Christian stewards, etc. (p. 40)

21. Convention endorsed the Board's plans for inaugurating a Children's Day in Sunday School for missionary educational purposes. (pp. 41, LXXXI)

1.(1) Board reported that a doctrinal error inadvertently made in one of its publications had been corrected, and that many letters had been received regarding it, thus showing the "sensitiveness of the doctrinal conscience" of the people. Board concluded that the occurrence showed the need for the Convention to maintain "its literature under its own control." (p. LXXX) The Sunday School Leader, a four-page quarterly published "in the general interest of Sunday-school work. . ." was added to the publications of the Board. (p. LXXIX)

On motion of Henry McDonald, the Convention appointed a committee "to report on the best methods for the development of the young people of our churches." (p. 15) The SBC later adopted this committee's report as follows (pp. 44-45):

5. 1. That already many of the churches have inaugurated movements to secure the increased spirituality of our Baptist young people; their stimulation in Christian service; their edification in Scripture knowledge; their instruction in

in Baptist doctrine and history; and their enlistment in all forms of missionary activities through existing denominational organizations.

5. 2. That wherever in the judgment of the local church a society specially for the training of its young people would be helpful and expedient, we recommend that such societies be constituted as are strictly Baptist and denominational and be under the sole authority of the local church without inter-denominational affiliation.

- 5.,1(1) 3. In order that such literature as may be needed in attaining the ends had in view in these movements may be easily available to the churches, that the Sunday-school Board be requested to provide the literature suitable for the purposes above mentioned and place the same where it may be needed.

1894 -- S. S. Board reported annual gross income of \$48,539.16, which was an increase of \$5,460.45 over the preceeding year; a cash balance of \$3,468.17; accounts receivable, \$4,911.92; accounts payable, only \$204.30. (p. LXVII)
1.(1) SBC commended the business operations of the Board, calling on Southern Baptist to patronize the Board's publications. (pp. 19-20)

2. Merchandise sold by the Board included song books, records, class books, envelopes, Bibles, etc. (p. LXXIII)

- 4.,17. Board reported a different policy followed in making contributions to state work: used surplus funds "with a view to encouraging and developing distinctively Sunday-school work. To such States as had inaugurated such a work and were pressing it we gladly gave aid, when applied to. In several states where no such work was being done we have, by the offer of assistance, induced brethren to begin it." (p. LXVIII) Board gave financial assistance to promote S. S. work in nine states and also helped to put a S. S. evangelist in the field in co-operation with the Colored Baptist Convention of Tennessee. Donations by the Board totalled \$2,620.83 in cash and \$1,181.47 in literature and Bibles, the latter going to destitute schools and to encourage new schools. (p. LXVIII f.)
21. Reported receiving several contributions from churches for use in Bible distribution. States that the Board does not solicit gifts. (p. LXIX)

21. SBC commended the Board for devoting space in its S. S. publications to missionary education and promotion. Approved the joint decision of the Home, Foreign, and S. S. Boards for the latter to take charge of Missionary Day in the Sunday schools, with the other Boards and the W. M. U. co-operating. Committee on the S. S. Board's report predicted that the day would soon come when the missionary feature of the Board's work would be "regarded as essential and not incidental" (pp. 21-22)

5., 1(1) Upon instructions by the 1893 Convention, the Board began in January, 1894, to publish a monthly paper, the Young People's Leader, edited by I. J. Van Ness. (p. LXXII) The Board indicated that this work "forced us to give. . . much study" to the Young People's movement. It then made suggestions to the Convention regarding the promotion of the movement among Southern Baptist churches, making provision for young people and ". . . training them in our own belief and work." Suggested that the SBC appoint a committee to study the matter and report to the 1894 Convention. (pp. LXXII)

SBC adopted the following resolutions of its committee on Young People's Societies appointed at the suggestion of the S. S. Board (pp. 36-37):

5. WHEREAS, There is at this time a widespread movement in the direction of the organization of Christian young people into societies for various kinds of study and work; and

WHEREAS, This movement, so far as concerns the young people of our churches, gives promise of great good if wisely directed; therefore

5. Resolved, 1. That the Convention call the attention of the churches to this movement suggesting to them the advisability of taking the direction thereof each within itself.

5. Resolved, 2. That we recommend to the churches the organization, where practicable, of young people's societies, unions, or whatever they may be called, or at least the holding of young people's meetings, in which the young people shall be aided in the study of the Bible, our denominational history and doctrines, and of the work being carried on by us as a denomination; and in which they shall be stimulated to effort in the development of Christian character and activity.

5., 19.(2) Resolved, 3. We recommend that these societies, unions, or meetings, as the case may be, shall be strictly denominational, and shall be under the control and direction of the local churches and that any contributions they shall make shall be for the objects fostered by the churches and shall pass through the church-treasury.

5., 19. Resolved, 4. That all questions concerning the form these organizations shall take, and their combining into Associational, State, or more general organizations, ought to be determined entirely by the local church to which they belong, and which, under God, has the right to direct their actions, according to his word.

5., 19. Resolved, 5. That we earnestly commend to the churches the special training of the young people with regard to the specific work of this Convention as carried on by its three Boards, Foreign, Home and Sunday-school.

5., 1(1) Resolved, 6. That we recommend to all Young People's Societies and the churches generally the Young People's Leader, published by the Sunday-school Board of this Convention at Nashville, Tennessee, as peculiarly adapted to aid them in their study and work.

5., 1(1) Resolved, 7. That we suggest to the Sunday-school Board the preparation for distribution of such literature as shall be suitable for use in the organization and conduct of Young Peoples Societies such literature to be in accord with the above recommendations.

Lansing Burrows,

I. J. Van Ness,	A. E. Baten,
E. Y. Mullins,	E. J. Forester,
W. H. Whitsitt,	W. C. Bledsoe.

SBC authorized the S. S. Board to appropriate \$1,000 to the Foreign Mission Board "for use of Bible schools in Foreign lands." (p. 34)

1895 -- The Board established a "Reserve Fund" with \$1,000 of its cash balance; adopted a policy ". . . to lay aside a part of its present and future profits. . ." for this purpose, (p. LXXVII); approved by the Convention. (p. 26)

17., 4. Board reported contributing \$3,375.00 "through State organizations" for the promotion of Sunday school work, "in accordance with the directions given at Birmingham in 1891." Made grants of literature and Bibles to needy Sunday schools amounting to \$1,541.83. Also gave \$1,000 to the Foreign Mission Board for Bible schools on foreign fields. (p. LXXVIII)

21., 19. One page of Kind Words still devoted to mission emphasis. W.M.U. prepared materials for Missionary Day in the Sunday schools; S. S. Board distributed them; at least \$5,800 collected on this special day. Board commended W.M.U. for its co-operation in Missionary Day; its promotion of the Board's publications, particularly Kind Words and Young People's Leader which contained materials on missions; and its editorial assistance on these publications. (p. LXXXI)

5., 1. (1) Board reported continued publication of a twelve-page monthly, The Young People's Leader, which was considered as "the nucleus of a larger literature for our young people, should such be demanded." Recommended that the Convention appoint a committee to consider Young People's work and report to the Convention during this 1895 session (LXXXII)

1. (1), 5. SBC endorsed its committee's suggestion that the S.S. Board continue publishing the Young People's Leader and that the Board be left ". . . free to exercise its best judgment. . ." regarding the enlargement of its publication work. (p. 27)

5., 1. (1) SBC again endorsed the young people's movement, recommended that churches retain control of the societies, keep them in touch with the denominational program, and that the S.S. Board supply needed literature. (p. 28)

1(1). SBC referred to a committee resolutions calling on the S.S. Board to devise some means for giving more attention to the "inculcation of Baptist doctrines and history" through the Sunday school curriculum or in other ways. (p. 30) The committee was appointed but failed to function. (1896, p. 18)

1896 -- SBC committee on "Methods of Work and Mission Journals" declared that the great need of Southern Baptists was for training for ". . . churches and members have multiplied far more rapidly than trained leaders." Pointed out need for better methods of work. Stated that progress could not be made "without enlarging the conceptions of our people, and that means training." SBC adopted suggestions then offered by the above committee which included the following (pp. 17-18):

5. 1. That great stress be put upon the training of Baptist young people in practical Christian work, in the Sunday-schools, and especially in young people's unions in all the churches, organized and conducted with a view to developing a future membership intelligent, active, and tactful.

10. 2. That through the colleges, ministers institutes, and all other means, suitable to the varying conditions of our people, and with persistent effort we seek to reach the pastors, and especially the future pastors of the churches, and help them to a better equipment for their work. Not another young man called of God to preach should fail of preparation.

10. 3. We suggest that all our schools, male, female, and mixed, be made centers of intelligent Christian activity, and that young men, not ministers, and young laides should be trained to practical leadership in their churches.

21. Convention commended the work of the S.S. Board as an educational force in the dissemination of information concerning missions and other phases of the work of Southern Baptists. (p. 22) Board's report declared that its periodicals had their greatest value as an educational force to promote "the Convention's purpose and work." (p. LXXX)

5. SBC recognized the Baptist Young People's Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, formed in Atlanta, Ga., Nov., 1895, with headquarters in Birmingham, Ala., (Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists, vol. 1,

p. 134) and expressed hope for its success. Acknowledged existence of a divergence of views regarding general organizations; emphasized local church control. Aim of young people's work was the "preparation of the young members for the work of Christ in the churches." (p. 44)

1. (1), 5. Board changed the Young People's Leader from a monthly to a weekly. (p. LXXIX)

25. T. P. Bell resigned as Corresponding Secretary of the S.S. Board to become owner and editor of the Christian Index of Georgia, March, 1896. The Board elected J. M. Frost to succeed him. Frost had served as President of the Board, 1893-96, while pastor of First Baptist church, Nashville, Tenn. (p. LXXII) E. E. Folk became president of the S. S. Board.

24. S.S. Board reported declining the proposition from American Baptist Publication Society "looking to the unification of publishing interests" and "greater harmony in the publication of Sunday-school literature." Board stated that such an alliance was "neither desirable nor feasible," but that it had sought "greater harmony" in publication work "in every policy we have adopted and in every method of conducting our business and work." (p. LXXIII)

1. Board gave a detailed report on its printing arrangements for the last five years; all printing done on contract basis with Nashville firm. Board offered to "take steps looking to the establishment of a press and plant. . . without involving the Convention in any serious risk of indebtedness," whenever the Convention gave "instruction or permission;" or, if the SBC should deem this unwise at present, yet desire a change in the current printing arrangement, Board pledged to carry out its instructions. (p. LXXV) SBC adopted recommendation that "the printing arrangements be left to the discretion of the Board." Also commended the Board's conduct of its business which had grown from an annual gross income of less than \$20,000 to almost \$60,000. (p. 43)

Board called attention of the Convention to its "Home Department" in S.S. work, an effort to enlist in home Bible study and training those who do not or cannot attend the meeting of the S.S. (p. LXXVIII)

1897 -- S.S. Board reported that arrangements had been made for its printing to be done by three firms, resulting in lower production costs and thus justifying a reduction in prices of periodicals. (p. LXXXVI). SBC approved such a reduction, if it could be done without detriment to the interests of the Board. (p. 21)

25. SBC approved the Board's purchase of property at 167 North Cherry Street as headquarters for the Board's operations, and authorized transfer of the property (held by Secretary Frost as trustee) to the S.S. Board, recently incorporated. (p. 20) Board now handling and mailing all literature orders (previously mailed out by printer). (p. LXXXVI)

17. Board indicated a change in its policy: appropriations to be largely in the form of gifts of literature, Bibles, books and tracts rather than in cash, and to be made directly to the State Boards or under their supervision. (p. LXXXVII) During its first six years the Board gave to S.S. missions in the states \$17,277.78 in cash, plus literature, Bibles, etc., valued at \$8,707.90; also appropriated over \$16,000.00 in cash to the Foreign and Home Boards and other denominational interests. (p. LXXXVI)
24. SBC commended the S.S. Board for assisting the National Baptist Convention (Negro) in establishing their publication board in Nashville and initiating their own S.S. publications in 1897. (pp. 20, LXXXIXf.)
2. Bibles and Testaments printed for the Board, bearing its imprint, were offered for sale by the Board; a portion of these were donated for distribution to destitute families through State Boards. SBC commended this action and called on Southern Baptists "to contribute money for the distribution of Bibles among those . . . unable to purchase them." (p. 20)
- 4., 5.
19. W.M.U. co-operated with the S.S. Board in the production of the "Young People's Scripture Union," or Daily Bible Readings in connection with Sunday school lessons; in the promotion of Missionary Day in S.S., mission page of Kind Words, promotion of the S.S. Home Department's work. S.S. Board paid \$200 to the W.M.U. for expenses involved in the above activities. (Board paid same annual amount in previous years of co-operative work.) (p. XCII)
15. SBC resolved that J. Lansing Burrows continue as statistical secretary and that the S.S. Board co-operate with him in the work of "gathering and systematizing the statistics of the Convention and related bodies." (p. 24)
- 1898 -- Statistical secretary Burrows reported preparation of a list of Southern Baptist pastors with addresses to be included with the statistical tables in the Convention annual. S.S. Board offered to pay additional cost involved. (pp. 17-18) SBC approved this procedure and authorized Burrows, "in connection with the Sunday-school Board, to carry out . . . more extended statistical plans . . . including a supplementary list of preachers engaged in active denominational work, and possibly a list of schools." Also authorized the S.S. Board to pay the additional expense incurred. (p. 38)
1. (2) S.S. Board reported that without Convention instruction it had published its first book, The Story of Yates the Missionary, by setting aside \$500 from its business as the "Matthew T. Yates Publishing Fund," and adding to it proceeds from sales at one dollar per copy. Stated that this was done "in full confidence that it would be pleasing to the Convention." Board then requested that the Convention authorize it to publish books as a regular part of its work, using such funds as it was able to appropriate from its business, and contributions from individuals toward a book publishing

endowment fund. (p. LXXXIV) Convention adopted recommendation of its committee on the Board's work that the S. S. Board "be allowed liberty in the publishing of books as a part of its work" using appropriations and contributions as suggested by the Board. Endorsed publication of the above book. Committee stated that it recognized "the far-reaching significance of this recommendation," but in view of the Board's previous management of its affairs, "we feel perfectly safe in consigning to the Board this enlargement of its work." (p. 24)

1.(2) SBC approved the Board's publication of the "Convention Almanac," a
15. 48-page pamphlet containing an ordinary calendar, and much information about the denomination and its work. (p. 24, LXXXIII)

1(1), 4. Special materials were published for work of the Home Department which was growing in popularity in the churches. (p. LXXXIII)

22. Board continued to sponsor and prepare materials for Missionary Day and also Children's Day in S.S. Contributions received from the latter were designated for the Board's Bible Fund. (p. LXXXIII)

1.-21. S.S. Board reported that development of its plans and methods of work had been a growing process. For convenience it had set out its work into five divisions: (1) Home Department, (2) Missionary Department, promoting education in missions, (3) Book and Tract Department, making appropriations in literature and other materials, (4) Bible Department, making appropriations and receiving contributions for the work of distributing the Scriptures, (5) Periodical Department, basic to all the others in the literature produced and income received from its sale.

SBC endorsed the following statement of future policy drawn up by the S.S. Board (p. 24; LXXXIX):

4. "1. That the Board keep constantly in view as its chief work the increase and improvement of Sunday-schools among Southern Baptists, and the general dissemination among us of enlightened views upon the Sunday-school question.

4.,17. "2. That in the future, as in the past, the Board continue to do its work through existing State organizations as is done by the Foreign and Home Boards.

4.,17.,21 "3. That the Board make appropriations as may seem wise to distinctively Sunday-school mission work.

4.21. "4. That the Board continue and enlarge the Bible work, and take means to bring its claims to the notice of all Southern Baptist churches.

4.,17.,21.,11. "5. That appropriations, except for the support of Sunday-School Missionaries approved by the Board, be made in general in Bibles, books and tracts and other such literature, and not in money.

25. "6. That the Reserve Fund be maintained and be increased as rapidly as may be consistent with the due prosecution of the work committed to the hands of the Board."

1.-21. Convention committee acknowledged that "it is difficult . . . to mark out a future policy for a work which is all the while unfolding." (p. 24)

25. SBC commended the Board for increasing its invested reserve fund to \$10,000. (p. 24)

1.(1) Convention commended the doctrinal soundness of the Board's publications and recommended that "all possible vigilance and care be given in this direction" (p. 25)

1899 -- SBC approved the formation and work of the Board's Book and Tract Department and endorsed its Book Endowment Plan. (p. 22-23) Board reported the publication of a booklet, A Great Trio (lectures by Jeter, Fuller, and Yates) and the forthcoming publication of the Baptist Why and Why Not (made possible by a \$500 book endowment received in January, 1899 from B. E. Garvey and called the Eva Garvey Publishing Fund.) (pp. XCIIf.) Also published a number of tracts. Distributed gratuitously books and tracts valued at \$4,490.82.

25. Board reported receipts of \$67,173.30 for the year. SBC commended the Board's work and endorsed the Board's increase of its reserve fund to \$19,000. (pp. 22-23)

17. Board reported that to date it had contributed \$20,219.55 in cash to Sunday School missions through state boards. Gifts of Bibles, books, tracts, and periodicals amounted to \$24,207.32. (p. XC)

Upon request of Secretary J. M. Frost, the SBC appointed a committee to "make a thorough examination of the business affairs of our Sunday-school Board and report to the next meeting of the Convention." (p. 30)

1900 -- Committee appointed by SBC in 1899 to examine the affairs of the S.S. Board reported making a thorough examination and commended all phases of the Board's operations. Convention referred this committee's recommendations to the committee on the Board's work. (pp. 17-18) Upon endorsement by the latter committee, the SBC adopted these recommendations calling for an increase in the size of the bond of the Board's treasurer, an enlargement of the Kind Words S.S. paper, and that as soon as possible, the Board erect a "larger and more modern building . . . where we can do our own printing and be of more general service to our denomination." (p. 26)

1.(1) S. S. Board reported the death of Samuel Boykin, November 3, 1899, and the election of I. J. Van Ness to succeed him as Editorial Secretary of the Board, January 1, 1900. Van Ness came to the Board from Atlanta, Ga., where he had been joint editor of the Christian Index. (p. 145)

- 4., 17. Convention endorsed the Board's plans to employ a field secretary for the promotion of S.S. work throughout the territory of the Convention, "who will work in hearty co-operation with the organized State forces." (p. 26)
19. S.S. Board co-operated with the other two Boards in preparations for the Observance of the Year 1900 and served as agent for distributing materials for the occasion. (p. 20)
25. Board's reserve fund now up to \$30,000. (p. 146) Gross receipts for the Convention year totaled \$71,602.42. (p. 146)
25. Board received a \$1,000 annuity gift for its "uses and purposes." This, together with the \$500 Book Endowment gift received in 1899, was placed in "a permanent fund which the Board will hold with jealous care to subserve the highest and largest purposes." (pp. 146-47)
- 1.(2), 2. Board reported publishing Kerfoot's Parliamentary Law, Sept., 1899. Baptist Why and Why Not, just issued, had already sold 1,200 copies in a pre-publication sale. Several editions of The Story of Yates the Missionary issued since 1898. Board declared that the publication of literature, books, and tracts was an effective means of helping the Convention to achieve its purpose of "eliciting, combining, and directing" the resources of the Convention in propagating the gospel. (p. 149) Board pledged itself "to make the imprint a guarantee of merit, and to issue only such books as are in every way worthy of the Southern Baptist Convention." (p. 149)
- 1., 11. S.S. Board declared that its "work . . . is educational--education in the doctrine of missions This is true of all its publications, whether books or tracts or periodicals" (p. 151)
- 21.
- Secretary Frøst reported that the Board had grown in favor with Southern Baptists to the extent that 80% of the Sunday schools in the South now secured their literature from the Board. Called on the remaining 20% who were getting their literature elsewhere, to purchase their materials from the Board. (p. 152f.)
- 1.(1), 5. Board began publishing the B. Y. P. U. Quarterly for the use of young people's unions at the request of the Baptist Young People's Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention; Volume I, No. 1, fourth quarter, 1900. (B.Y.P.U. Quarterly, Oct.--Dec., 1900, p. 1; SBC Annual, 1901, p. 173) Discontinued the Young People's Leader.
- 1901 -- S.S. Board gave ten-year summary of its work. Appropriations from its earnings to denominational work totaled \$184,681.11. Annual receipts had grown from \$19,574.83 to \$78,380.97. (p. 168)
- 1., 21.

- 4., 17. Board employed B.W. Spilman of North Carolina as Field Secretary of the Board, to begin his work June 1; anticipated his move to Nashville. Report stated: "He will be in the field not to collect money. . .but for distinctively Sunday school endeavor for the promotion of its cause in whatever way may be open to him and in accordance with the wishes and co-operation of the brethren." Board also employed Dock Pegues as S.S. Missionary in Texas "with instruction to help forward all denominational interests as he might be able, but to give special attention to the furtherance of the Sunday school cause," (done in co-operation with the Texas Baptist Board as an experiment.) (p. 169)
15. Board paid expenses of Convention Secretary Burrows in gathering denominational statistics. He secured minutes of all but 12 of the 737 associations for 1900. (p. 169)
19. (1) S.S. Board contributed seventy volumes to the Southern Seminary library. (p. 170)
1. (2), 4. Board reported Baptist Why and Why Not in fifth edition. Published a booklet "History and Methods of Sunday School Work," by M. L. Brittain; Board declared its purpose "to provide some other publications in the near future looking to better methods in Sunday school teaching and equipment and better management." (p. 170) Also recently issued a new book, The Young Professor; a Story of Bible Inspiration, by E.B. Hatcher. (Second book published under the Eva Garvey Publishing Fund of the Board.) (p. 171)
11. The Baptist Mission Rooms, created and operated by Maryland Baptists for the publication of Tracts, pamphlets and other materials for missions, was "generously transferred to the Home Mission Board and the Sunday School Board jointly." Remained in Baltimore, but now under control and direction of the Boards, and renamed Mission Literature Department of the SBC. (p. 171) SBC endorsed this arrangement. (p. 33)
- 17., 19., 21. Board reported a continued increase in funds received for the distribution of Bibles since the SBC authorized such contributions in 1897. For the past Convention year, received almost \$3,000; but appropriated Bibles, N.T., and other Scripture portions valued at \$5,016.31, for gratuitous distribution through the colporteurs and missionaries of State, Home and Foreign Boards. (p. 172)
19. (1) Appropriation of S.S. Board to expenses of W.M.U. was raised from \$200 to \$400 per year. (p. 175)
1. (2) Convention authorized the Board to enlarge its book and tract publication work. Board reported that the volumes already published had "more than paid for themselves." (p. 19)
19. (1) SBC rejected the proposal for employing a "Committee on Co-operation" which would work with and through south-wide and state boards and agencies to help co-ordinate the work of Southern Baptists; proposal called for S.S. Board to pay \$3,000 annually to help finance the committee's work. (p. 33-34)
- 1902 -- SBC committee on S.S. Board report declared the reserve fund of the Board, "as
25. an emergency resource and as an income producing account, to be a policy of wisdom and sound business discretion which will more and more commend

itself to thoughtful Baptists." (p. 32) Board's reserve now stands at \$50,000. A Building Fund contained \$12,000. (p. 187) Board projected the need for a new building in near future. (p. 186)

1.(2),2. S.S. Board gave a report on its first three books published: number copies printed, number sold, appropriated, and remaining in stock. (p. 182)

2.,17 Board stated that its policy of appropriation of books, Bibles, literature and tracts through State Boards "with some slight changes, could easily become the basis of a system of colportage, which worked in connection with State Boards, would open a field of almost boundless capacity for doing good. It would be self-sustaining, and would give emphasis to every other department of the Board's work, and at the same time advance every other interest fostered by the denomination." Indicated that this question must be left for the future. (p. 183)

11. Mission Literature Department of SBC, under joint control of Home and S.S. Boards, was being managed by Miss Annie Armstrong of the W.M.U. (p. 183)

19. Total receipts of the Board for the year were up by almost \$11,000. Appropriations to denominational work totaled \$15,886.31, including \$5,200 received by the Board from Children's Day and Missionary Day offerings. (p. 177)

1.(1),4.,. Board added to its S.S. publications the Bible Class Quarterly "for senior grade work," (adult); first issued at beginning of 1902.

1.(1),21. Board to publish a quarterly lesson missions in its S.S. periodicals (p. 179)

4.,19, (1) At the invitation of Southern Seminary, the Board began to finance an annual lecture course in the institution on Sunday school work. The first series, delivered by W. E. Hatcher in Feb., 1902, on "The Pastor and the Sunday School," was published in book form by the Board. (p. 179)

4.,17. SBC commended the S.S. field work of the Board through its field secretary B.W. Spilman. Board declared its intention "to expend its energies more and more in this kind of work." Declared the need for improved methods of work, the promotion of S.S. work throughout the Convention: "Five, or even ten thousand dollars expended by this Board annually for this work would not be extravagant if wisely placed." (p. 180)

19.,25. Board reported that the major part of the contributions received for Bible work came from Children's Day in S.S., held annually in June. S.S. Board appropriated \$600 in cash to the Foreign Board for its Bible work. Most of the 27,353 Bibles appropriated for the home field were financed from Bible Fund receipts. (p. 181)

17., 19. SBC appointed the secretaries of its three Boards and the Secretaries of the state Boards as a Committee on Co-operation ". . . to confer, devise methods for their common work, and make such suggestions as they may deem wise for the more thorough co-operation of our people in the great work of preaching the gospel throughout the whole world." (pp. 33-34)

5. Convention committee on Young People's work reported that nearly every state in the Convention had an active State organization. City, District, and local Baptist Young People's Unions "are designed to develop the younger members of the churches spiritually, socially, and intellectually. As a rule weekly Meetings are held of a spiritual and worshipful character." Courses of study planned and promoted through the B.Y.P.U. of America and B.Y.P.U., Auxiliary to the S.B.C. included Bible study, Missions, Christian literature, history and doctrine, and other subjects. S.S. Board was providing the B.Y.P.U. Quarterly for devotional work in the weekly meetings; B.Y.P.U.A. was publishing the Baptist Union covering all departments of work and containing "educational courses." (p. 40) This is the first report on Young People's Work presented to the Convention since 1896.

1903 -- S.S. Board reported purchasing a building at 710 Church Street with
25. \$60,000 cash to provide for its growing business. Used building fund plus part of reserve fund. Rented out the building purchased in 1897. (p. 174) SBC approved its committee's recommendation that in view of the Board's wise management of its affairs, it be given "the broadest liberty" in such arrangements.

1.(2), 4. Board published two study books, "Normal Studies for Sunday School Workers:" volume 1, The Sunday School: History and Methods, Organization Management, Teachers and Teaching (92 pp.) by B. W. Spilman; volume 2, An Elementary Study of the Bible by Books; A Year's Course of Weekly Lessons for Normal Classes, Young People's Meetings, Bible Classes and Individual Students (134 pp.) by H. C. Moore. (p. 175) Published second series of S.S. lectures delivered at Southern Seminary: "Pastoral Leadership of Sunday School Forces." Board declared its purpose to continue "to publish only such books as deserve publication, whether they pay or not in money returns." (p. 175) The Convention authorized the Board to "enlarge this feature of its work as opportunity may offer." (p. 19)

4., 17. Convention commended the Board's action in employing two additional field workers, L. P. Leavell, with temporary headquarters at Jackson, Miss., to work in western Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and eastern Texas; R. M. Inlow with headquarters in Nevada, Mo., to work in states west of the Mississippi River. Board stated that its field secretaries were doing much to emphasize the Home Department, stimulate others to organize new schools and improve those already in operation: "they give instruction for better equipment, better methods in teaching, and for better organization and management of schools; they form Normal Classes with regular courses of study. . . and give diplomas. . . as . . . course is completed." (pp. 19, 176-77)

19. (2) Under continued management of Annie Armstrong, the Mission Literature Department maintained the work begun 17 years earlier (by the Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms): "the sale at low prices of mission leaflets on Southern Baptist Convention work, and that of all other denominations." Reported that the work was self-sustaining." (p. 183)

25. SBC instructed the S.S. Board to grant Secretary Frost a vacation "needed to restore his health and to pay his expenses." (p. 20)

19. SBC authorized its three Boards to consider "the propriety of locating a secretary west of the Mississippi River, to be supported jointly by the Boards and to represent all the interests of the Convention." (p. 37)

1904 -- S.S. Board's receipts passed hundred thousand mark for first time, not including \$5,323.76 received for its Bible Fund. SBC called on churches to observe "Bible Day" in June and contribute to Board's Bible work. (p. 33)

25. Appropriations of the Board to denominational causes totaled \$21,096.46 for the Convention year. (p. 182)

19(1) Board stated that its printing was done under contract, at "first from necessity, but now from preference." Following a careful study, Board declared its decision to continue printing its materials by contract for the present, but that the Board "by no means commits itself to this policy for all the future." (p. 180)

1. (1) Board announced the publication of a new weekly S.S. paper called Baptist Boys and Girls, first issued in Jan., 1904. (p. 183)

1. (2) New Publications for the year included two catechisms on the Bible by M. D. Jeffries; a booklet on Spiritual Farming by J. F. Love; and the Seminary lectures, The Twentieth Century Sunday School, by S. H. Greene.

1. (2), 7. The Board announced plans to publish a "Hymn and Praise Book" in answer to a growing demand for a new hymnal, even though the publication would be expensive. (p. 185)

4., 17. Board reported that it had originally considered appointing men in each state conjointly with State Boards to promote S.S. work, but had instead adopted the policy of appointing its own field workers, fewer in number, "but under its own direction and supervision." Stated further that "possibly both methods may be operated as the Board's ability increases." (p. 186)

19. Acting on the Convention's instructions of 1903, the three SBC Boards employed M. P. Hunt as their representative west of the Mississippi "to increase a Convention sentiment in missionary operations among our people in the great West. . . ." (p. 187)

19. SBC committee on the management and general policy of the S.S. Board stated that the Board, while organized primarily to promote S.S. work, has so "directed, widened, and developed its policy, that now there is not an interest fostered by the Convention that has not been aided and encouraged by . . . assistance from the Board;" (p. 32)
- S.S. Board reported that about 1,000 people had taken its teacher-training course, but only a few had taken the examination and requested the diploma. Stated its purpose to "inaugurate or adopt all needed practical and effective methods for extending this branch of the work." (p. 188) Home Department work continued to grow. (p. 189)
4. SBC commended the field work of the S.S. Board and emphasized the importance of its teacher training program. (p. 33)
11. Convention committee suggested that the S.S. Board prepare a "series of evangelistic tracts especially adapted to the use of Sunday School Teachers. . . ." (p. 35)
- 1905 -- S.S. Board proposed to increase its reserve fund to \$50,000 and "hold it
25. intact and invested for the future protection or enlargement of the Board's interests." (p. 203)
25. SBC approved the Board's action in selling its original property and dividing the proceeds between the Building Fund and a permanent Bible Fund, giving \$5,115 to each. The latter was invested with only the interest to be used for Bible work.
- 1.(1),4. Began publication of the Superintendent's Quarterly, a 56-page periodical designed for the S.S. superintendent. S.S. Quarterlies now include "Doctrinal Lessons. . . for use on each review Sunday." Also included selections from the Catechism by Broadus. Report stated: ". . . these features have been experiments along the line of supplemental work, and show that something can be done in connection with the regular International Lessons to make the Sunday School a training school for doctrines and missions and general Bible knowledge, while maintaining the regular lessons" (p. 206)
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- 1(2),2. Three new books issued by the Board: The Doctrines of Our Faith,
4.,5. by E. C. Dargan (230 pp., sells for 50¢), to be used in the teacher-training course and in B.Y.P.U. Classes; The Pastor and Teacher Training, by A. H. McKinney; and The Baptist Hymn and Praise Book (436 pp., 577 hymns, 85¢ per copy), compiled by Lansing Burroughs in conjunction with a committee of denominational leaders, already selling in its second printing. Board consider the latter "the very crown of its book-publication. . . ." (p. 207)
15. Board report includes S.S. statistical table for first time in several years.

4. Board stated that S.S. promotion was still its major job. Pointed to the pastor as the key to improvement of the S.S. situation in the church. (p. 209) Board increased its field force to five by employing Harvey Beauchamp, Little Rock, Ark., and W. E. Brittain, Waco, Texas. This work plus that of one S.S. missionary and the Board's part of the Western Secretary's salary cost the Board nearly \$12,000 annually; paid out of its earnings. (p. 209)

4., 5., 19. S.S. Board offered to give special assistance to young people's work through its field secretaries. Suggested that its own Normal (teacher-training) Course and the B.Y.P.U. Study Course could be jointly promoted and mutually helpful to both S.S. and B.Y.P.U. work. Declared: "Such a conjunction of forces, not formal, but pliable and mutually helpful, would give immense advantage to B.Y.P.U. work and Sunday school work. . . . we have a common and pressing need for emphasizing denominational teaching of denominational doctrines. . . . There is need for the Baptist faith, the Baptist spirit, the Baptist life, the Baptist sentiment and the Baptist mission. . . . there is need of it with our young people if we are to make of them Christians and church members of highest order." (p. 210)

1.(1), 5. Board continues to publish the B.Y.P.U. Quarterly. The periodical had not paid its way financially but had served a distinct need in promoting young people's work. Reported a call for a second B.Y.P.U. periodical for help in Junior work. (p. 211)

19. S.S. Board commended the contribution to its work made by the W.M.U., and in turn continued to contribute annually \$400 toward the expenses incurred by the W.M.U. (pp. 213, 215)

1906 -- SBC commended the success of the S.S. Board's teacher-training program implemented through its field workers as a means of "directing the religious educational activities of our churches." (p. 10) Board reported that its field secretaries promoted S.S. work by contact with the local pastor and teacher, by working with students in denominational schools, by conducting S.S. Institutes, and by promoting individual and group study of the "Convention Normal Courses," which now included nine courses of study. (p. 220)

1.(2), 2. Board published The Moral Dignity of Baptism, by Secretary Frost. Report states that all the books owned and published by the Board "are on a paying basis." (p. 220)

4., 17. The Board enlarged its field work policy to include financial assistance to State Boards with State S.S. Secretaries. Thus contributed from its earnings \$200 or more to each of the following states: N.C., S.C., Ga., Miss., Ky., and Okla. The Board outlined the following principles regarding enlargement of its policy of appropriations to the State Boards:

- (1) Make the policy large enough to comprehend all the states so as to deal with each on the same basis;
- (2) give a sum sufficient to be a real help and yet restricted to what the Board may be able to do for all the States while taking care of its other lines of work;
- (3) instead of making promises in advance as creating obligations upon its business, pay such sum for this work as its finances may justify and its opportunities may call for;
- (4) require that the men appointed shall be really Sunday School men and do distinctive Sunday School work.

4., 19 SBC approved the arrangement made between the Southern Seminary and the S.S. Board for the employment of a professor of Sunday School Pedagogy at the institution. The Board was to pay half his salary for five years. Board expressed the hope that by the end of this period the Convention would endow this new work. B. H. DeMent became the first professor of S.S. Pedagogy. (pp. 10-11, 222)

5., 19 Referring to the co-operative relationship between itself and the Southern Seminary, the S.S. Board declared that the Seminary was training the pastors and the Board was "training the membership in the churches." (p. 222)

5. S.S. Board reported a growing sentiment among Southern Baptists to commit B.Y.P.U. work to the Board, but stated that it had no recommendation to make regarding such a transfer. Expressed desire to serve the B.Y.P.U. of the South or Baptist young people generally in every possible way, as it had from the beginning of this movement. Board's Field Secretaries were now assisting in B.Y.P.U. Conventions, and in Summer Schools or Encampments operated in several states, and helped promote young people's work in general. Stated that some State Boards had already employed men to promote B.Y.P.U. work. Called attention to the close relation between S.S. and B.Y.P.U. in the common work of "teaching and training for service." (pp. 223-24)

11., 19 S.S. Board reported acting in conjunction with the Home Board on a provision made in the transfer of the Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms to the Convention (renamed Christian Literature Department) for the return of the department to the Maryland Union. The Boards thus transferred the department back to the Maryland Baptist Union. (p. 225)

25. S.S. Board reported the following invested funds bearing interest: Reserve Fund, \$50,000; Building Fund, \$10,000; Permanent Bible Fund, \$7,000; Seminary Guarantee Fund, \$6,000 (to help finance the Seminary Chair of S.S. Pedagogy). Annual contributions to Bible Fund through Children's Day still received. No offering from Missionary Day in S.S. is now reported by the Board. (p. 217)

1907 -- SBC agreed to publish the proceedings of the B.Y.P.U. of the South held
5. in connection with the meeting of the Convention. (p. 19) (See pages 305-311 for Minutes of B.Y.P.U.) SBC commended the S.S. Board's publication of B.Y.P.U. literature and promotion of B.Y.P.U. work. Approved the Board's desire to be used in "training the saved for service." (p. 30) Convention approved the request of the B.Y.P.U. of the South (resolution passed at B.Y.P.U. Convention two days earlier) "that arrangements be made by the Sunday School Board to have one Field Secretary to give his time to the development of the B.Y.P.U. in our churches." (p. 30)

2., 25. Receipts from Children's Day for the Board's Bible Fund decreased to \$3,200 for past Convention year. SBC called on churches to make offerings to this work.

3. Regarding the establishing of a Baptist Assembly grounds in Blue Ridge Mountains in Western North Carolina by the Baptist State Convention of N.C., the SBC adopted a resolution to "endorse the movement without assuming any financial responsibility." (p. 33)

25. E. E. Folk, who succeeded J. M. Frost as President of the Sunday School Board in 1896, continues to serve. (p. 3)

17., 19(1) From its gross income of \$161,439.07 the S.S. Board appropriated \$2,000 each to the Home Foreign Boards, \$1,600 to State Boards, \$400 to the W.M.U., \$10,933.12 to its field work program, and other amounts to its various permanent funds and other denominational interests, making a total of \$41,743.04 appropriated to the work of Southern Baptists from Board earnings. Board report contains a sixteen year summary of the receipts and disbursements from its business including the following: Grand total receipts, \$1,305,073.16 (including \$32,135.73 received as contributions to its Bible Fund); gifts to benevolence and missions, \$222,434.62 investments from business earnings, \$186,367.51. This record was highly commended by the Convention. (pp. 29-30, 217-18)

1.(1), 21 Board announced launching a "comprehensive scheme of missionary instruction and information through our periodicals." Foreign Mission Day (January) and Home Mission Day (October) in S.S. to be emphasized. Missionary biography to be included. Convention Series of periodicals to be a source of "definite missionary instruction and constant missionary inspiration." (p. 220) The "Teacher" and Quarterlies now include, in addition to the regular lessons, material for a "full-graded Supplemental Course. . . . includes denominational doctrine. memorizing Scripture, and special missionary lessons. . . ." (p. 220)

11. S. S. Board reported publishing several new tracts including "The Place of Baptists in History," by E.W. Stevens, "The Contribution of Sunday School Pedagogy to Spiritual Equipment," by B. H. Dement, and others. (p. 220)

- 1.(2) Announced forthcoming publication of The B.Y.P.U. Manual, by L. P. Leavell, a "helpful manual of instruction for all who are interested in the organized work among our young people." (p. 220)
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19. The Board reported close co-operation with the B.Y.P.U. of the South which had moved its headquarters to Louisville, Ky., in 1906. Board's field secretaries continued to promote S.S. and B.Y.P.U. work. Announced change in B.Y.P.U. Quarterly curriculum: Discontinued use of subjects for weekly meetings prepared at B.Y.P.U.A. headquarters and substituted its own list of subjects "designed to meet the actual needs of our constituency who look to us for help and direction." (p. 226-27) Prepared subjects in four categories: (1) Devotional, (2) Bible Study, (3) Doctrinal, (4) Missionary; one weekly meeting in each month devoted to each, with a temperance meeting on fifth Sundays. (p. 227) Board considered the B.Y.P.U. as a "comprehensive and practical scheme for the training of our young people in our doctrines and church work and Christian character." (p. 227)
- 11., 19 S.S. Board reported that the Mission Literature Department transferred back to the Maryland Baptist Union by the S.S. and Home Boards had been in turn transferred to the W.M.U. (Had been managed by the W.M.U. for many years.) Board pledged its continued co-operation in this work. (p. 228)
- SBC requested the S.S. Board to publish an address to the Convention by B. W. Spilman on "Baptists in Sunday School History." (p. 13) Published as a tract. (1908, p. 253)
- 1908 -- SBC again instructed its secretaries to publish the minutes of the B.Y.P.U. of the South in the SBC Annual. (p. 27) This procedure was followed through 1913.
5. J. Frank Norris presented the report of the committee on the work of the S. S. Board. Upon recommendation of this committee the SBC authorized the Board, in co-operation with the B.Y.P.U. of the South, to proceed with its proposal to improve and expand B.Y.P.U. Study Courses: to include training in the Bible, in Christian doctrine and history, church life and evangelism, and in other denominational interests. (pp. 31, 255) Also approved (1) the Board's proposal to enlarge the B.Y.P.U. Quarterly from 32 to 48 pages, (2) its plan to begin publishing a Junior B.Y.P.U. Quarterly in October, 1908, for younger members of the B.Y.P.U., and (3) its action in assigning field secretary L. P. Leavell to give a large part of his time to the promotion of young people's work. Board offered to do more in this area if authorized by the Convention. (p. 31; 255)
- 11., 12. S. S. lectures at Southern Seminary sponsored by the Board included one on "Sunday School Architecture," by Marion Lawrance. (p. 254)
- 10., 11. New tracts of the Board included "The Business of a Church of Christ," by Fred D. Hale. (p. 253)

1.(2) Six new books published by the Board since the 1907 Convention included a book of sermons, one on missions, two biographical works, one on the Lord's Supper, and the B.Y.P.U. Manual. (p. 253)

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11., 1(1) Board's report stressed the importance of its book and tract publication work, but then stated: "The Board is primarily a Sunday School Board, appointed by the Convention for this purpose--not a Publication Board, with a Sunday school department . . . under the supervision and control of the Convention, the Board is entrusted with the publication business of the Baptists of the South in the interest of their Sunday school cause. . . its chief issue is periodical literature for use in Sunday schools." (p. 253)

1.(1) The Board announced plans to revise the grading and to rename its periodicals according to more advanced S.S. methods. "Primary Quarterly" to be renamed "Junior Quarterly" since used by the latter age group and a new "Child's Quarterly" to be issued in January, 1909, for Beginner-Primary age children. With the current publications: "Bible Class Quarterly" for adults, "Advanced Quarterly" for young people, and "Intermediate Quarterly" for intermediates, this would provide ". . . a fully graded series meeting all possible needs." (p. 252)

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21. S.S. Board summarized its policy of appropriation as ". . . using its business profit to aid directly, (1) in doing the Sunday school work of the Convention, (2) in assisting the State boards in their Sunday school work, (3) in aiding the Seminary and other institutions of learning, (4) in supporting our own Teacher Training System, and (5) generally in helping all our denominational enterprises." (p. 252) Appropriations during past Convention year included \$2,000 each to Home and Foreign Boards and \$2,600 to State Boards. All appropriations totaled over \$46,000. (p. 249)

19.(1) SBC commended the S.S. Board for its gift of \$20,500 (the Board's largest single gift to date) to the W.M.U. to purchase property for its Louisville Training School "whose stipulated function is to train women for service on the home field. . . foreign field, in Sunday school work, and in all the lines of church activity." Board stated that the property reverts to the S. S. Board ". . . if it ceases to be used for the stipulated purpose. . . ." (pp. 30, 250-51)

4., 17. S.S. Board reported three types of S. S. promotional men: (1) S. S. Colporteur Missionary working under the State Board, (2) State S. S. Secretary under the State Board (nine states have them), (3) Teacher Trainer, like the S.S. Board's field secretaries. Board anticipated the day when all states would have a S. S. Secretary. (pp. 258f)

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19 SBC adopted a resolution requesting the Home, Sunday School, and State Boards to inaugurate ". . . conjointly a tract campaign which shall be comprehensive and forceful in operation, continuous in effort, and discriminating in the material used" in order to confront Baptists with their responsibilities "in society, in government, and in the individual life." (p. 37)
- 1909 -- SBC commended the Board management of its affairs. For the first time, receipts exceeded \$200,000 (totaled \$205,362.17). Cash gifts to Convention
5. causes exceeded \$50,000. Commended the Board's gift of \$5,000 to the endowment of Southern Seminary, and its plan to co-operate with the Sunday schools of the South in raising \$60,000 to endow "Chair of Sunday School Pedagogy in the Seminary." (p. 10) The Board pledged to give \$1,000 for each \$2,000 raised by Sunday schools. (p. 245) The Board praised the denominational papers for their contribution to the success of its work.
19.(1),25 (p. 241)
- 4.,23. Convention committee commended the Board for employing laymen for four of its six field secretaries. These included three new employees, E. E. Lee, Tex.; Arthur Flake, Miss.; C. E. Crossland, Ala. (p. 249) Also employed as part-time primary worker, Miss A. L. Williams, Birmingham, Ala.
- 4.,17. S.S. Board reported that nearly all the State Boards had S.S. field men and that it "aims to co-operate with the several state Boards, making such contributions as we can and having our own Field Secretaries co-operate with the several States." Contributions to S.S. work of State Boards for past year totaled \$3,550. (pp. 243-44)
- 19.(1),21. S.S. Board's gift of \$2,500 to the Fireign Board went to the Chinese Publication Society to aid in the publication of a Chinese translation of the Bible. The Home Board used its gift of \$2,500 to build a chapel in the Canal Zone. (p. 244) S.S. Board continues to pay \$400 annually toward the expenses of the W.M.U. (p. 242)
- 1.(2),4. Board published in 1909 as a "First Standard Course" a study book entitled The Convention Normal Manual, one volume with three parts: "Sunday School History and Method," by B. W. Spilman; "The Pupil and His Needs," by L. P. Leavell; "The Books of the Bible," by Hight C. Moore. (p. 245)
- 1.(2),5. Board published Training in Church Membership, by I. J. Van Ness, as a text-book in the B.Y.P.U. Study Course. (p. 245)
- 1.(1),4. Name of Primary Quarterly (S.S.) changed to Junior Quarterly in July, 1908, since it was used mostly by the latter age group. In December, began publication of a Children's Quarterly for Beginner-Primary ages. (p. 247)

1. (1) Board reported publication of "Supplemental Lessons" in its S.S. quarterlies along with the regular International S.S. Lessons. Also issued the former in pamphlet form, graded for use with the different age levels. Stated that the supplemental lessons teach (1) Bible facts, (2) geography and history, (3) Scripture memorization, (4) hymn memorization, (5) denominational doctrines and missionary operations, and (6) a general outline of our doctrines.

5. S.S. Board emphasized the close relation of the S.S. and B.Y.P.U. to the local church. Called attention to the B.Y.P.U. as "an effective church method for training of its members. . . ." Enlarged the B.Y.P.U. Quarterly; began publication of the Junior B.Y.P.U. Quarterly which rapidly attained wide circulation. (p. 250) L. P. Leavell now giving most of his time to B.Y.P.U. promotion. New field secretary E.E. Lee of Texas to promote B.Y.P.U. work west of the Mississippi. Reported that the S.S. Board and the Executive Committee of the B.Y.P.U. of the South had appointed a "joint Education Committee" to be responsible for "outlining. . . courses of study and otherwise directing B.Y.P.U. education. It. . . has outlined for the future courses of study in doctrine, in the Bible, in home missions, in foreign missions and in current church life." Board commended the Convention for its acting ". . . wisely and none too soon in taking charge and directing the training of its own young people." (p. 251)

5.19.(1) The B.Y.P.U. of the South voted to employ a full-time corresponding Secretary. (p. 333) Thomas J. Watts was elected. He served in this capacity and as a representative of Southern Seminary. S.S. Board gave some assistance to the B.Y.P.U. in paying Watts' expenses. (1910, p. 298)

1910 -- SBC approved report of Layman's Movement which requested that State, Home, 23. Foreign, and Sunday school agencies co-operate with it in promoting "one, great Laymen's Convention in each State as early as practicable the coming year." (p. 5) SBC suggested that the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Movement "seek the counsel and co-operation of the pastors, State Boards, and representatives of the Home, Foreign, and Sunday School Boards." (p. 53)

5., 19.(2) Convention received the report of the Education Committee of the B.Y. P.U., followed by addresses: W.W. Hamilton, "The Southern Baptist Young People's Union; its Purpose;" I. J. Van Ness, "B.Y.P.U. Education Specialized;" E. E. Lee, "The Systematic Bible Reader's Course;" Arthur Flake, "The Standard of Excellence;" and practical addresses on methods of work by four others. On motion of A.J. Barton, the SBC then elected the officers of the B.Y.P.U. of the South: W.W. Hamilton, President; W.D. Moorer, W. R. Owens, and R. H. Coleman, Vice Presidents; Thomas J. Watts, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; B. A. Dawes, W. W. Landrum, J. R. Sampey, R. E. Reed, M. P. Hunt, J. N. Prestridge, E. S. Alderman, L. W. Doolan, A. P. Bagby as an Executive Committee, authorized to fill vacancies and to select Vice Presidents for each State. (p. 11-12) (No explanation is given for such action relative to an organization which has no organic connection with the SBC.)

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SBC Committee on Young People's work declared that the indifference encountered by the movement was the result of a misconception of its purpose and confusion as to the need for such an organization. Stated that the B.Y.P.U. is not a Young People's prayer meeting as such, nor a social club. "The pre-eminent work. . . is to train Baptist young people to be more efficient deacons, more efficient laymen, and well equipped leaders in our churches." (p. 29) S.S. Board co-operated with the movement in conducting B.Y.P.U. assemblies and institutes, publishing literature and distributing promotional materials. SBC approved the Committee's report which requested that the S.S. Board consider providing special B.Y.P.U. field work for the states east of the Mississippi as it had done for the western states through E.E. Lee. Also called for closer co-operation between the Southern B.Y.P.U. and the SBC. Quoted from W.W. Hamilton's address to the Convention as follows: "For my part I should be glad to see the officers and organization of the B.Y.P.U. as closely connected with the Convention, and as much controlled by the Convention, as are the Foreign, Home, or Sunday School Boards, or as is the local Union connected with the church This will help in placing young people's organization in the South in its right relation to its own church, and to the denomination, and will decide in advance questions of outside alliance with other organizations." (p. 29)

2.19.24.

SBC adopted the following resolutions offered by T. P. Bell who called attention to the withdrawal of American Baptist Publication Society's branch houses from the South and to the qualifications of the S. S. Board to supply the needs of the churches (p. 50):

1. The Board be authorized and urged to enter, at as early date as possible, on the work of supplying the brethren of our churches with books, tracts, hymn and song books, and indeed all supplies for churches, Sunday schools, missionary societies, Young People's Unions, such as are suitable and desirable.

2. That in the prosecution of this work it enter into the closest possible cooperation, consistent with wise business management, with Baptist book houses in the various States, especially those under control of organized Baptist bodies.

3. That the Board be authorized to seek from the churches, Sunday schools, and other organizations cooperating with this Convention, gifts for its distinctively missionary operations in the matter of colportage, tract distribution, etc.

2.

S.S. Board reported publishing for free distribution a sales catalog listing its books, other publishers' books, Bibles, S.S. supplies and equipment, etc. (p. 280) Sales of such materials for the past year showed considerable increase. (p. 278) Total periodical and merchandise sales amounted to \$234,836.46.

- 19.(1), 21 S.S. Board appropriated \$5,000 each to the Home and Foreign Boards from its earnings. (Twice the amount in previous years.) Cash appropriations totaled almost \$52,000 plus appropriations in literature, etc., valued at \$9,000. (p. 279)
- 19., 21. Home Mission Board reported that the S.S. Board had given the services of B. W. Spilman to conduct a S.S. training institute for four days in Cuba to assist in promoting S.S. work in this mission field without cost to the Home Board. (p. 21)
11. Board reported distribution of large quantities of tracts; some were sold, others sent to denominational agencies for free distribution. (p. 280)
- 1.(1) S.S. Board began publication of the Home Department Magazine in 1910, designed for use of the S.S. Home Department in enlisting in Bible study those who cannot attend S.S. Name of the Bible Class Quarterly was changed to Adult Bible Class Quarterly. (p. 281)
- 1.(2) New books published: The Heart of the Old Testament by J. R. Sampey; Our Church Life; Serving God on God's Plan by J. M. Frost; Baptist Principles--Letters from a Father to His Son, E.E. Folk; and a revised edition of The B.Y.P.U. Manual. About 30 books were published since 1898. Projected plans for the publication of a set of Bible commentaries. (p. 283)
4. Teacher-training program progressing. The Normal Course now includes eight books. Almost 7,000 enrolled to date. Total of 1,674 diplomas awarded. Seals offered for completion of other books and for completion of the course. (p. 288)
4. Board report emphasized the importance of grading in S.S.; distinguished between (1) grading the school into classes according to the age of the pupil, and (2) grading the lesson both in text and treatment to the needs of each grade. Stressed that the latter not be confused with other. (p. 289)
4. Convention adopted, with slight modifications, a paper prepared by J. M. Frost on the use of International Sunday School lessons. Following a brief historical sketch of the development and use of uniform lessons for about forty years, attention is called to growing opposition to the use of the "recent promulgated Graded Lesson System of Lessons," which "... so names and arranges the lesson as to teach doctrine which is unscriptural" (pp. 24-25) For many years a representative of the SBC had served on the Lesson Committee of the International S.S. Association (1st John A. Broadus, then John R. Sampey) which planned the Uniform lesson series, but the Graded Lesson series was created by others than the Committee. The SBC adopted the resolutions suggested by Frost which commended the Lesson Committee for its contribution to unifying "the Christian world in the study of the Scriptures;" expressed the Convention's protest against the

"Graded Lesson System as now promulgated" and urged its immediate alteration "to eliminate the objectional features. . . . , " (1910, p. 24-25), specifically (1) the selection of these lessons by parties not officially connected with the Lesson Committee without permitting unlimited revision by the Committee, (2) the minimizing of the redemptive element in the lessons, (3) the introduction of lessons not strictly biblical. (1911, p. 10) SBC appointed a committee of nine to convey its protest to the International Association and "to use all possible means of securing a satisfactory modification of the present Graded System" and to report to the SBC in 1911; requested John R. Sampey, present SBC member on International Lesson Committee to assist the above committee; (1910, p. 24-25) also

Resolved, Fourth, that the committee be requested to consider the present Graded System of the International Association as to whether it can be so modified and adapted as to meet the purposes of our people; but, if found necessary, to consider the propriety of preparing a series of Graded Lessons embodying suitable scriptural text for the use of our Sunday School Board and adapted to the needs of our Sunday school. We wish to emphasize the point that the objection herein urged is against the Graded series of the International Association recently promulgated, and that this action does not contemplate withdrawal of cooperation with the International Association.

The final resolution adopted by the Convention on the above matter declared that the purpose of the S.S., "as a church school, is to teach the Scripture, as the Word of God. . . and as alone able to make us wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus; that this is imperative for . . . execution of the . . . programme from our Lord. . . to disciple the nations, to baptize believers. . . and to teach them. . . ." (p. 26)

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S.S. Board declared in its report: "The whole work of the Board be said to center in this: the training of a better church membership, a better training with individual men and women. . . better training in the organic life of the individual church, better training of the denomination taken in the aggregate." (p. 290)

1911 --

The Committee on Graded S.S. Lessons appointed in 1910 made a detailed 4-page report of its activities. A thorough investigation had substantiated the protest made by the Convention and revealed that other denominations had made similar protests to the International S.S. Association. Stated that since the SBC made its protest, the International Lesson Committee had adopted the following policy: "(1) To assume hereafter full final authority and responsibility for all lesson schemes, both uniform and graded. . . (2) to give full prominence to the redemptive element in the lessons; (3) and to give a direct biblical foundation for all lessons, all extra-biblical subjects to be a parallel or optional course. . . ."

The SBC committee declared that it considered the above policy to be in accord with the 1910 resolutions of the Convention; that it had examined the revised International Graded Lessons and believed that they could now be published by the S.S. Board "without offense to our people from the doctrinal or biblical standpoint." (pp. 11-12) Convention adopted the Committee's recommendation that the S.S. Board issue the revised International Graded Lessons, preparing the lessons "in such form as they may deem wise, as a practical experiment in ascertaining their value and to test the demand for such lessons." (p. 13) Committee observed that the uniform lessons were best suited to the majority of Baptist Sunday schools since few were graded closely enough to use the closely graded literature. Anticipated the possible creation of an independent graded series at a later time. The Committee declared: "We recognize as the ideal system of graded lessons for the constituency of the Southern Baptist Convention, one that would give to our young people a comprehensive and connected knowledge of the Bible as a whole, and which would emphasize our fundamental doctrines and the spirit of our denominational life, thus making our Sunday schools the most effective agencies for training in Bible religion." (p. 11) The Committee concluded from the experiences of the past year that the Convention should not only give attention to the lessons offered for Southern Baptist Sunday schools, but should keep this matter under denominational control. SBC approved the Committee's recommendation for the appointment of a "permanent lesson committee of five members to serve in connection with the Corresponding Secretary and Editorial Secretary of our Baptist Sunday School Board, and the representative on the International Lesson Committee, this Lesson Committee to be nominated annually to the Convention by the Sunday School Board and elected by the Convention. . . ." with duties similar to the lesson committee appointed in 1910. (p. 12)

5. Convention received the report of the B.Y.P.U. of the South and reelected its officers and Executive Board. (p. 15) Report included statistics by states showing the number of unions and enrolment: Total of 1,963 unions and 60,700 members reported. Emphasized the two-year "Systematic Bible Readers' Course," "Study Courses," the "Standard of Excellence," quoted as prepared by the S. S. Board. (pp. 291-98) At the request of the B.Y.P.U. the S.S. Board published How Southern Baptists Work Together, by Lansing Burrows, as the fifth B.Y.P.U. study course book; others are: The B.Y.P.U. Manual, Training in Church Membership, The Heart of the Old Testament, and The Doctrines of our Faith. (p. 283f.) E.E. Lee continues to give full-time to B.Y.P.U. promotion west of the Mississippi; the other field secretaries give part-time to its promotion in other areas. (p. 280) SBC commended the co-operative relationship of the S.S. Board with the B.Y.P.U. (p. 9)

- 4., 5., 17. S.S. Board reported employing additional field secretary: P. E. Burroughs, Nashville; also reported two "elementary workers," Miss A. L. Williams, Birmingham, and Miss Margaret Frost, Nashville. (p. 280) The Board spent \$27,270.39 on S.S. and B.Y.P.U. promotion through its field work program and contributed \$6,250 to State Boards for similar work. Total cash gifts to denominational work exceeded \$60,000. (p. 274)
25. Report of the Board contains 20-year tabular statement of total receipts, and the disbursement of its earnings by years. Total net assets now \$275,425.31. (p. 275)
- 1.(1), 21. SBC committee on the Board commended the periodicals of the Board and declared that "the frequent emphasis of special doctrines and of missions in special lessons tends greatly to the development of the great cause among our people." (p. 7)
4. SBC Committee declared that the teacher-training program of the S.S. Board through its field workers, etc., was "revolutionizing Sunday school ideals and methods in our country." Over 3,500 diplomas awarded to date. (p. 8)
- 1.(2), 2.7. To date the Board has circulated almost 90,000 copies of The Hymn and Praise Book first published by the Board in 1904. (p. 8)
- 1., 2. S.S. Board considered the special instruction given by the SBC in 1910 relative to its publishing work as an "approval of what the Board is already doing and also an instruction for enlargement in this sphere of its operation." Board pledged to do the latter as opportunity permitted. Interpreted the 1910 instruction as neither requiring or authorizing the creation of a printing plant. Stated that both the Board and the Convention had on several occasions "declared it unwise to undertake the precarious business of running a printing house or a general book store." (p. 283) The Board concluded: "(1) a printing plant is not necessary to the publishing house; (2) . . . the Board is already a publishing house of immense proportions, in size and safe business character, and of immense scope for usefulness and for serving the denomination in every possible way for making its own literature and serving in the training of its people." (p. 283)
- 19.(1) S.S. Board continues to contribute \$400 annually to the expenses of the W.M.U. and the latter continues to append an annual report of its work to the annual report of the S.S. Board. (pp. 288-290)

1912 -- The Convention Lesson Committee elected by SBC in 1911 (E. C. Dargan, 1. (1) B. H. DeMent, J. P. Greene, B. W. Spilman and O. C. S. Wallace; also, 4. John R. Sampey, J. M. Frost and I. J. Van Ness, on committee by reason of their position) reported Dargan as chairman and Spilman as secretary. The committee projected the following program of work (p. 17):

1. To study the conditions in the Sunday school world so far as they affect Sunday school lesson courses.
2. To begin an investigation of the general subject of lesson courses to discover the best possible lesson for use in our Sunday schools.
3. To examine the tentative outlines issued from time to time by the International Lesson Committee for the criticism of Sunday school experts and to submit suggestions in regard to the same to the said International Lesson Committee before the lessons are finally issued for use in our schools.
4. To confer with our Sunday School Board regarding any matters about which they may desire our advice and cooperation.
5. To consider the ways in which the instruction in our Sunday schools may be made to advance our own special interests as a denomination.

1. (1), 4. The Lesson Committee commended the graded series of lessons recently published by the S.S. Board. Committee expressed opinion that teacher training should remain in the hands of denominational leaders. (International S.S. Association was promoting interdenominational program.) SBC continued the Lesson Committee which had declared in its report that "there is in the life of the denomination a permanent place for a Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Lesson Committee. . . ." (p. 19)

21. Lesson Committee reported underway a special study of "missionary instruction in the Sunday School" and anticipated making some definite recommendations regarding this matter in 1913. (p. 18)

23. S.S. Board paid the cost of publishing literature by the Laymen's Missionary Movement (\$123.64). Laymen's report suggested that a "well-matured missionary policy for the Sunday school, stressing missionary education and systematic giving, is vital." (p. 27)

25. SBC expressed appreciation to S.S. Board Secretary Frost for his service and suggested that he "take this occasion for an extended rest. . . ." (p. 80)

25. S.S. Board for the first time reported annual total receipts in excess of \$300,000. (\$200,000 mark reached three years earlier, 1909) (p. 311)

SBC approved the Board's action in purchasing property on Eighth Ave., North, for \$60,000 (on which it later constructed the Frost Building). Board used \$15,000 from invested funds and paid the balance from current receipts in 1911 and 1912. (pp. 20, 311-12)

21. S.S. Board contributed \$1,000 each to the Home and Foreign Boards. (p. 312)

- 17., 4. Board contributed \$6,500 to state Boards for S.S. Promotion and spent \$29,591.48 on its field program. (p. 312)

5. S. S. Board declared that the time would probably soon come when the field program and curriculum for B.Y.P.U. work should be enlarged; pledged itself ready to meet such future needs. (p. 315-16) SBC adopted the report of the B.Y.P.U. Executive Committee which recommended "... that the Sunday School Board take under advisement the special designation of one of its field secretaries to make the B.Y.P.U. his special work in the states east of the Mississippi River during the coming year." Also adopted the recommendation to instruct the Convention nominating committee to "nominate the officers and Executive Committee of the B.Y.P.U. of the South to serve during the next conventional year." (pp. 71, 338) The SBC followed this procedure in electing them. (pp. 4, 71)

- 5., 19. Executive Committee of the B.Y.P.U. declared that the "growing popularity and rapidly increasing efficiency of the B.Y.P.U. are unquestionable the result of this joint arrangement" (between the Sunday School Board and the Executive Committee of the B.Y.P.U. for the promotion of B.Y.P.U. work.) Reported that Board field secretaries L. P. Leavell and Arthur Flake had devoted much of their time to B.Y.P.U. encampments, assemblies, and training schools conducted in states east of the Mississippi and E. E. Lee all of his time to this work west of the River. Reported that in some states the State Mission Board was employing Sunday School Secretaries who gave part of their time to B.Y.P.U. promotion. B.Y.P.U. state organizations were promoting the work in the states. B.Y.P.U. Conventions were giving way to B.Y.P.U. encampments and assemblies. (p. 336)

2. S.S. Board made the following statement regarding the sale of books and merchandise:

The Board's Book Department is growing year by year. To undertake a general retail book store is not wise under present circumstances. It would be a great risk, even hazardous as a business. It is, however, comparatively easy, with slight risk and small outlay of capital, to maintain, as the Sunday School Board is now doing, a growing book order business, with a complete line of Sunday school supplies other than those which we publish ourselves. For this service the book market of

the world is at our call, and while the goods are not always kept in stock, they are easily available on short notice. In this way the Board can serve the denomination at large, whether individual, Sunday school or church, and will give prompt attention to all orders which come to us.

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1. (2), 4. Board announced that the first in its series of commentaries was issued Jan. 1. (Mark, by J. J. Taylor) Considered this series as "the most ambitious single venture in publishing yet undertaken by the Board. Reported the publication of John R. Sampey's The History and Development of the International Sunday School Lessons in conjunction with Fleming H. Revell Company. Announced plans for publication of Rufus W. Weaver's Seminary lectures on "The Religious Development of the Child." Board declared its intention to enlarge its book publishing business but to do so slowly and with caution. (pp. 316-17)

1. (1) S.S. Board reported that it was publishing three categories of S.S. literature: Uniform Lessons, Supplemental Lessons, and Graded Lessons. Commended the work of editorial secretary I. J. Van Ness. (pp. 317, 319)

4. Board declared that its primary work was "the betterment of the Sunday school condition in our churches." Its program for S.S. improvement emphasized four things: "the Organized Adult Bible Class, the Field Secretaries and their work, the growing efficiency of State Boards for Sunday school advancement, and the training of teachers as the most imperative need and promising possibly the largest single result of any phase of the work." (p. 320) Commended the work of State S.S. secretaries (p. 320)

4. S.S. Board commended the growing movement in the Convention of organizing adult Bible classes as a means of enlisting adults in Bible study and stimulating spiritual growth. Stated that the S.S. Board "is fostering these classes, and trying to unify them in a compact body with common purpose and spirit." Reported that the classes were using a variety of names: Baraca for men, Philanthea and Fidelis for women, and other names. Suggested that these classes be listed with the S.S. Board ad perhaps the "Convention Adult Bible Class Department." This would mark them as Baptist and would identify them with the interests fostered by the Convention. Suggested that a certificate could be sent to all classes showing their "membership in the Convention Bible Class Department." (pp. 321-22)

4. "Teacher Training is becoming. . . a great department in our work . . ." declared the Board. P. E. Burroughs now in charge as "Teacher Training Secretary." These types of training courses offered: (1) The

Reading Course - award for reading specified number of selected books; (2) Lecture Course - offered in training schools and institutes; (3) Normal Course - most advanced course offered. Reported 9,337 awards made during last year. Emphasized the need for the denomination to continue to promote its own program of teacher training. (pp. 322-24)

4., 19. Board commended Baptist seminaries, schools and colleges for offering the Convention Normal Course to their students. (p. 324) The Board's financial report indicated that its contribution of \$812 to the Southern Seminary's chair of S.S. Pedagogy was the "final" payment to the salary of the professor according to the agreement of 1906. (q.v.) This was also the last year that the Board financed S.S. Lectures at the Seminary. The \$15,000 "Guarantee Fund" to finance the chair of S.S. Pedagogy was used by the Board in purchasing the Eighth Avenue Property. (1913, p. 34)

1913 -- S.S. Lesson Committee of Convention emphasized the importance of denominational supervision of lesson courses. Called on graded Sunday schools to use the graded lessons issued by the S.S. Board. Stressed the importance of the teacher training program as promoted by the S.S. Board to the successful use of lesson courses. (pp. 51-53) Called attention to growing demand for an independent SBC lesson course series as a substitute for the International Uniform Lessons, but suggested delay in making such a decision in view of the following resolutions sent by the SBC Lesson Committee to the International Lesson Committee (p. 55):

"Whereas, The International Lesson Committee is about to take up the question of arranging a new cycle of lessons for the Sunday schools, and whereas, there is widespread demand that the International Uniform Lessons may be made more effective and at the same time better adapted to the growing denominational emphasis in Sunday school work, therefore, be it resolved, that we request the said International Lesson Committee:

"1. So to construct the lesson scheme of the new cycle as to better meet the needs of the Sunday schools under the direction of the various denominational Sunday school agencies.

"2. To consider the practicability and advisability of outlining a more systematic method of studying the Bible by topics, characters and periods rather than by detached passages.

"3. To consider, in view of the insistent demand of our own people that lessons shall be made more effective in teaching fundamental Christian truths in a systematic and direct way, (1) whether the various series of lessons cannot be so arranged as to include a series of topics upon

fundamental Christian truths common to all denominations, and which each particular denomination may adapt in phraseology to its own needs: or, if this be found impracticable, (2) to prepare such outlines for continuous Bible study as will group this particular kind of lessons for study during a part of the year, and construct for the rest of the year a course which the denominations may adapt to their own needs without interfering with the orderly study of those portions which deal in a systematic way with the Bible history."

1. (1), 4. Convention discussed but apparently took no action on a memorial from the Baptist General Association of Kentucky calling for a thorough consideration of the "propriety of an independent Sunday School Lesson System for Southern Baptists. . . ." (p. 56) Upon the S.S. Board's nomination, and recommendation of the Committee on the S.S. Board, the SBC re-elected the same members to the S.S. Lesson Committee. (p. 58)
- 4., 19(2), 21. Lesson Committee reported enlarged plans for the promotion of Missionary Day in S.S. with missionary lessons and missionary promotional material prepared by the S.S. Board in co-operation with the Committee and the two Mission Boards. (p. 52)
- 1.4., 5. Committee on S.S. Board declared that the Board had become one of the South's "best organized and most potent educational agencies." (p. 57)
19. SBC added J. M. Frost, the secretaries of the other two Boards, and the president of Southern Seminary to the Commission of seven appointed by the convention to study the organization and methods of the Convention's work. (p. 73)
25. The S.S. Board reported that in August, 1912, it had sold its Church Street property, the house currently occupied by the Board, for \$200,000, (purchased ten years earlier for \$60,000). Continued to occupy the old property until completion of the new (Frost) building on Eighth Avenue in October, 1913, at a cost of \$160,000. (1913, p. 339; 1914, p. 338) SBC endorsed this action of the Board. (p. 57)
19. (1) 21. S.S. Board contributed \$3,000 to the Foreign Board for Brazil Publishing House; \$1,000 to the Home Board for church buildings; \$500 to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (seems to be first contribution to this institution); and \$1,243.46 for miscellaneous denominational purposes. (p. 340-41)
- 4., 17. 19. (1) Board contributed \$7,750 to State Boards for S.S. work and spent \$30,790.19 on its own field program. (pp. 340-41) Commended the W.M.U. for its promotion of the interests of the S.S. Board. Continued \$400 contribution toward the expenses of the W.M.U. (p. 341, 343)

5. Arthur Flake, field secretary of the S.S. Board now giving full time to the promotion of B.Y.P.U. work east of the Mississippi; E. E. Lee continues to work west of the River. Board considers B.Y.P.U. promotion a regular part of its work. Stated in its report: "There is scarcely a more important service than the training of our church members in doctrine and service." (pp. 343-44)

1. (2), 2. The Board asked Southern Baptists to consider the fact that "scarcely any business is more uncertain or involves greater risk in the outlay of capital than publishing books." Declared that this phase of its work must be considered as "a business which somehow must be made to support itself. . . ." (p. 346) Reported publishing a new catalog, listing the Board's publications, S.S. supplies and many publications of other publishers. Stated that it would also fill orders for books not listed in its catalog. (p. 344)

19. (2), 21. Missionary Day in S.S. jointly sponsored by the S.S., Home, and Foreign Boards the last Sunday in March was a success. S.S. Board published a lesson on missions in all quarterlies for that Sunday, also provided program material in its other S.S. literature. (p. 348)

4., 17. Phrase "Sunday School Education" used in reference to the Board's program of S.S. promotion and to the educational values of the Sunday school. Declared that the Board was "a great educational institution." (pp. 350-51) Stressed the need for doctrinal emphasis in teaching. (p. 353) P. E. Burroughs, on S.S. Board staff since 1910, was made educational secretary of the Board. (Fifty Fruitful Years, p. 148)

1914 -- 25. Secretary Frost announced that a booklet containing the history of the S.S. Board was available for free distribution. (p. 27) An abstract of this history by Dr. Frost was published as an addenda to the Board's report. (pp. 359-71)

1. (1) SBC authorized "its Lesson Committee, in connection with the Sunday School Board, to assume full responsibility for the curriculum to be used in our Sunday schools. With this authority, your Committee can. . . secure for our people courses adapted to their needs." (p. 30) In spite of agitation for a SBC series of lesson courses, the Convention approved the Committee's declaration that it would not abandon the uniform lesson system "as long as that can be adapted to the needs of our own Sunday schools. . . ." (p. 30)

SBC adopted the recommendations of its Commission on Efficiency which included the following (p. 71f.)

1. That the Convention herewith expressly instructs the general Boards, including the Seminary, to maintain affectionate relations with each other, keeping in view the unity of their

common cause and the necessity of their cooperation with each other and the avoidance of any appearance of competition between them. Therefore, that hereafter no large, general movement appealing to the denomination shall be launched by any one of these Boards without consultation with the others and the proper submission of the same to the Convention.

2. That the general Boards be herewith instructed in keeping with the By-Laws of the Convention, to seek and maintain the closest possible connection with State Boards, and also in every way to promote harmonious and effective connectional organizations between the churches, in district association Boards or Committees, and State Boards.

17., 19. The Convention also adopted the Commission's recommendation that the SBC "have a financial budget" and apportion the budget to the various states. Instructed the Boards to continue to have their accounts audited by a certified accountant and that the auditor's report be attached to the Board's report to the Convention. (p. 72-73) Convention instructed the three Boards to pay the expenses of the Commission. (p. 85)

25. S. S. Board formally presented its new building to the Convention. Speeches of acceptance by Convention made by President Burrows and by George W. Truett. (p. 62)

5. Thomas J. Watts continued as Corresponding Secretary of the B.Y.P.U. of the South. Report of Executive Committee of the B.Y.P.U. was printed in the proceedings of the Convention for the first time. (pp. 82-85) (Formerly printed as an appendix in back of Annual.) Credited the S.S. Board's field program with stimulating the State Boards. to employ B.Y.P.U. Secretaries. Some had separate B.Y.P.U. Department with Secretary; others had joint S.S. and B.Y.P.U. Secretary. Reported 3,193 unions with a combined membership of 117,695. Reported increasing use of the Bible Readers' and study courses, also enlarged use of Standard of Excellence. S.S. Board approved of the B.Y.P.U.'s decision to hold a joint Convention with the B.Y.P.U. of America at Kansas City, July 2-5, 1914. (p. 82-85) SBC elected officers and Executive Committee of the B.Y.P.U. of the South. W.W. Hamilton was president. (p. 6) S.S. Board declared that it sought to "magnify the local Union rather than the big Convention. . . and make special effort for training in church membership." (p. 343)

19. (1) SBC instructed its three Boards to pay the expenses of the committee on the Negro Theological Seminary. (p. 86)

15. Convention instructed its three Boards to provide \$200 each for the use of Lansing Burrows in compiling and publishing SBC statistics. Re-

requested Burrows to continue his work during the present year. Referred to the Commission on Efficiency "the question of a permanent office of Statistician and the method of supporting it. . ." (to report recommendations next year). (p. 89)

1., 25. S.S. Board reported that its new building was so constructed that it would provide ample space for a printing plant ". . . should it ever become necessary, but for the present at least the Board deems it far wiser to have the printing done by contract, which heretofore has proven satisfactory in every way." (p. 338) Anticipating the possible need for a printing plant, the Board established an "equipment fund" of \$160,000 from its sale of the Church Street property. (p. 341)

2., 25. The Board increased its permanent Bible Fund to \$25,000 by adding \$12,000 from its earnings. Interest from this invested fund continued to be used to distribute free Bibles, etc., to those unable to buy them. (p. 341) Board called on churches to contribute to its Current Bible Fund to which the Board also supplemented from its earnings. (The only gifts solicited by the Board.) (pp. 341-42)

1.(2) New books of the Board included R. W. Weaver, The Religious Development of the Child, O. C. S. Wallace, What Baptists Believe, P. E. Burroughs, Winning to Christ. . . , E. C. Dargan, Exposition of Romans (a volume of commentary series), and others. Booklet on The Convention Bible Class Department by J. T. Watts. (p. 345f.)

4.

Report of S.S. Board stressed the importance of the organized (adult) classes remaining in close relations and in co-operative spirit with their own denomination. (The general organized class movement in some states was proposing promotional agencies which would seek the financial support of the classes in Baptist churches and those of other denominations. (p. 352-53)

1915 -- SBC requested Lansing Burrows to continue his work as statistician for
15. the present and directed that he be paid \$500 and expenses by the Boards. Efficiency Commission considered it "not to be wise at this time to create the office of permanent Statistician. . . ." (p. 42)

25. On recommendation of the Efficiency Commission the SBC changed Art. 5 of its constitution to read as follows (p. 43);

of, "Each of these Boards, as elected by the Convention, shall consist of one member from each state cooperating with the Convention, and of a President, Recording Secretary, Auditor, and fifteen other members residing at or near the locality of the Board. No salaried official or employe of any Board may be a

member thereof, but the Convention shall elect for each Board annually a Corresponding Secretary, who may also be named by the Board as its Treasurer if deemed desirable. In case of vacancy occurring between the meetings of the Convention, the Boards are authorized to fill such vacancy. Each Board may elect other Secretaries, a Treasurer, and such other paid officers and employes as may be necessary for the efficient conduct of its business, and may make such compensation to its Secretaries and other paid officials as it may deem right."

Further, that the last sentence in Article V, beginning, "Each Board" be stricken out and the following be inserted, "Each Board shall be authorized to fill vacancies occurring in its membership between the meetings of the Convention, and also to enact its own by-laws."

25. The SBC encouraged the practice of the Boards in recent years of paying the expenses of the vice-presidents (state members of Board) to the annual Board meeting. (p. 23)

19. The Efficiency Commission also received approval for its recommendation that the present relationship between the S.S. Board and the other two general Boards remain unchanged. (Consolidation of some or all of the Boards had been proposed by some.) (pp. 22-23)

6. SBC commended the organization of the Baptist Student Missionary Movement (formed November 14, 1914, at Fort Worth, Texas, for the purpose of stimulating missionary interest and life commitment among Baptist collegians under the leadership of Charles T. Ball and A. L. Aulick.) Convention endorsed the movement and voted its co-operation. (p. 45)

1. (1) S. S. Lesson Committee reported that the International S.S. Association and S.S. Council had reorganized the International Lesson Committee giving participating denominations more voice in its affairs and that the International Lesson Committee had adopted changes in its policy on lesson courses--Uniform Lesson System hereafter (1) to include topical teaching, (2) will be based upon the grouping of passages of Scripture, (3) will be so arranged as to present separate themes for what will be practically the same lesson passage for use in the different departments of the S.S. The SBC Lesson Committee appointed E. C. Dargan as its representative to the International Lesson Committee. The S.S. Board issued the first "Senior Graded Course" of lessons. The second was in preparation. Reported an increase in sales of graded literature. (pp. 51-53) SBC reelected the S.S. Lesson Committee. (p. 56) Began publication of the Adult Bible Class Quarterly. (p. 56) Also began to issue in July, 1915, "The Organized Class Magazine," a quarterly publication with a brief treatment of the uniform lesson, but primarily devoted to infor-

mation on methods and news from successful classes. (p. 336)

25. The SBC Committee on the S.S. Board declared that ". . . no agency of this Convention is charged with greater Baptist responsibility than our great Sunday School Board which more largely than any other single factor must shape the Baptist thinking and the Baptist ideals of the common masses of our people." (p. 56)

4. Committee on S.S. Board emphasized the need for the large, organized S.S. classes to be more closely tied to the local Baptist S.S., the local church and the denomination. (p. 55) Convention adopted the following recommendations of F. L. Hardy on the organized class movement (pp. 65-66):

Recognizing that the time is ripe for the building up of our own Organized Adult Class Movement, we recommend,

(1) That this Convention express its hearty sympathy and approval of the Adult Class Department of the Sunday School Board, and that this Convention pledge to said Board its cooperation at this time.

(2) We further recommend that this Convention suggest to the Baptist churches of the South that they put themselves into the closest affiliation and cooperation with the Adult Class Department of the Sunday School Board.

25. SBC resolved "That it be the object and intention of the Convention that the "Corresponding Secretary" of each of the three Boards elected by the Convention be designated as the executive officer, and responsible to the Board and to the Convention for the work of all the departments of the Board of which he is Corresponding Secretary." (p. 65)

- 11.,19(1) S.S. Board provided funds for the Layman's Movement to publish tracts for promotion of stewardship and church finance. (p. 66)

5. The S.S. Board and the B.Y.P.U. of the South continued to jointly promote B.Y.P.U. work. T.J. Watts still Corresponding Secretary of B.Y.P.U. Texas, Kentucky, Georgia, Oklahoma, and North Carolina now have B.Y.P.U. Department with secretary; other states have joint S.S.-B.Y.P.U. Department. (pp. 61-62) B.Y.P.U. Quarterly was enlarged; its circulation now 80,000; that of the Junior Quarterly was also increasing. (p. 336,63)

- 25.,17.,
19.(1) Board reported an income in excess of \$400,000 for the first time. Contributed \$400 to W.M.U. expenses, \$10,000 to the W.M.U. Training School in Louisville, \$5,000 to the Judson Memorial Fund, \$5,000 each to the Foreign and Home Boards, \$7,000 to State Boards for S.S. work, \$10,000 to the Southwestern Seminary Training School, \$1,094.72 to

other denominational work, deposited \$15,000 in its Permanent Bible Fund, and spent \$31,878.43 on its own field program; total cash gifts, \$90,373.15. (p. 331) Literature, Bibles, etc., valued at over \$6,000 were also donated. (p. 348)

19.(1) Board paid \$85.25 toward the expenses of the SBC Committee on Negro Seminary. (p. 346)

4. The Board reported giving a total of 34,666 awards in its regular teacher training program since beginning in 1901. Announced a new full post graduate course of study; 181 awards already made. (pp. 338-40)

4.,17. S.S. Board reported that S.S. promotion work by the State Boards was not, as in former years, in the nature of S.S. missionary work, but that it was now a stronger, more general movement for a better S.S. condition in the churches, better equipment, teachers and training. Indicated that the S.S. Board, its field men, and the S.S. men of the State Boards co-operated closely together in this work. (p. 341)

19.(1) Board published without charge several thousand copies of a pamphlet for the SBC Committee on "Pastoral Efficiency." (p. 78)

1.(1),17. 21. S.S. Board in co-operation with State Boards provided a program and a S.S. lesson on State Missions in October for the promotion of State Missions in the S.S. for the first time. Combined with a Rally Day feature and called "The Baptist State-Wide Go-to-Sunday-School-Day." (1916, App. C., p. 6)

1916 -- 23. Laymen's Movement expressed appreciation for the S.S. Board's financial help in the publication of pamphlets for its work. (p. 28)

19.(1) SBC endorsed the request of the Education Commission that the S.S. Board provide \$3,000 for its work. (p. 56)

6. Convention endorsed the Baptist Student Missionary movement and its purpose to summon Baptist students to the task of world missions. SBC committee declared that there was a growing conviction among Southern Baptists "that no interdenominational student organization can fully enlist Baptist students in a Baptist program, both extensive and intensive, at home and abroad. If Baptists would make their impact on the world . . . they must depend largely on the Baptist students of this generation." (p. 36)

1.(2),25. SBC requested the S.S. Board to make provision for the publication of a history of Southern Baptists. (p. 44)

19. (1) SBC endorsed the S.S. Board's policy in making gifts to the outstanding denominational enterprises and to their permanent endowment funds. Two notable gifts for the year included \$25,000 to the Judson Memorial Fund (foreign missions) and \$30,000 to complete the endowment of the chair of S.S. pedagogy at the Southern Seminary. (See entry for 1906 when the chair was established) Total denominational gifts, \$118,719. (pp. 45-56) Total receipts of Board (\$452,729.24) represented the largest annual increase in its history (\$50,772.87). (Appendix, C., p. 2) S.S. Board contributed \$100.00 to the work of the Education Commission. (App. C., p. 19)
5. Committee on S.S. Board declared that the Board "has done a distinct work for the churches of the South in its effort to revitalize the work of the B.Y.P.U. since the Board has given attention to the literature and leadership of the B.Y.P.U. work." Stated that for a time "it seemed that B.Y.P.U. would be supplanted by the organized S.S. classes. . ." but that the S.S. Board had helped B.Y.P.U. reach the place where it was achieving an important work in the churches. (p. 46)
- 10., 1. (2) SBC appointed a commission of five members to prepare a "Manual of Baptist Church Organization and Methods" which would "form a working basis for a uniform program of methods for our churches by which they may pattern their work in the hope of getting together on similar lines of highest church efficiency and financial uniformity in denominational support." Convantion authorized the S.S. Board to publish this manual at the lowest possible cost.
- SBC adopted a recommendation that the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field (Mission Boards publications) "be consolidated and put in charge of the Sunday School Board as early as practicable, "and invited the W.M.U. to consolidate Royal Service with the proposed publication. (p. 61)
5. SBC approved the report of the B.Y.P.U. which declared that almost one-fifth of all Southern Baptist churches now had B.Y.P.U.'s Reported 4,367 unions with total membership of 153,071. The work progressed fastest in the states which had a full-time B.Y.P.U. field secretary. In addition to literature and study course books, the S.S. Board published leaflets explaining B.Y.P.U. work and pamphlets containing the Systematic Daily Bible Reader's Course. B.Y.P.U. of the South and S.S. Board continued to co-operate through their joint Education Committee. (pp. 76-77) The S.S. Board declared that B.Y.P.U. work "must always be considered a part of the educational work of the Sunday School Board--education of high order in church membership, life and service." (Appendix C., p. 16) Board stated that "the methods now advocated for this work represent a complete revolution from the methods used a decade ago, and are in many respects unique." (Emphasis centered in the local church organization) (Ibid.) Published the Junior B.Y.P.U. Manual by E.E. Lee. (App. C., p. 10)

- 19.(1), 17. Board reported that interest from its Permanent Bible Fund was used for Bible distribution through the Home, Foreign and State Boards. (p. 5 of App. C)
- 4., 19.(2) Board Field Secretary L. P. Leavell was granted a four months leave to teach at Southern Seminary as associate Professor of S.S. Pedagogy. Seminary paid his salary during this period. (p. 5 of Appendix C)
1. (1), 17., 19., 21. S.S. Board reported that it continued to sponsor Missionary Day in S.S. in March of each year in co-operation with the Home and Foreign Boards, providing a program on Home and Foreign Missions and a missionary lesson in all the S.S. quarterlies. . . . S.S. Board in co-operation with State Boards again provided a program and a S.S. lesson on State Missions for the last Sunday in September--to be an annual feature.
- 4., 17., 19., 21. Report of the Board expressed concern over the matter of utilizing the opportunities of the S.S. for "broad and comprehensive missionary training." Expressed desire "to see the Sunday School related to all the denominational activities, provided it can also be kept true to its great purpose of being an effective Bible-teaching agency." Reported study in process to help form "a simple yet comprehensive plan by which our schools may be kept constantly in touch with every aspect of the denomination's activities, and at the same time by which. . . they may be protected from the many outside calls which dissipate money and accomplish little or nothing in the way of instruction." (App. C., p. 6)
- 17., 25. The Board's report regarding the meeting of state members with the local members of the Board seems to indicate that the attendance of state members (formerly called Vice-Presidents) at the Board's meeting and their participation in policy making, etc., was something new or only recently begun. (App. C., p. 7)
19. S.S. Board acknowledged the continued help of the W.M.U. in the promotion of the Board's work. Made annual contribution of \$400 to expenses of W.M.U. (App. C., p. 7)
11. SBC commended the S.S. Board's preparation and free distribution of tracts. (p. 47) The Board announced the preparation of four series of tracts: (1) Denominational, (2) Evangelistic, (3) Special (on fallacious doctrines: Christian Science, Mormonism, etc.), (4) Church Development. The first two were completed, the others in process. Declared that these tracts are "offered free to pastors who will make use of them in their work." Through these new series of tracts the Board launched an "aggressive campaign" for tract distribution. (App. C., p. 10) (Distribution through State Boards is not mentioned.)
- 4, 19., 17. Board declared the need for further promotion of educational work (training courses) through correlation of agencies and full co-operation of denominational forces S.S. Board, State Boards, associational mission

boards, the Seminaries, schools and colleges, summer assemblies, foreign mission fields, local churches, and pastors. To date the Board reported total distribution of 120,000 copies of the various editions of its Normal Manual. Reported that 46 academies, colleges and theological seminaries co-operated with the Board in teacher-training work during the session of 1914-15. (App. C., pp. 12, 13, 15)

25. Item "Convention Exhibit" appears in the financial statement of S.S. Board apparently for first time (\$220.56). (App. C., p. 19)
- 5., 19. (2) W.M.U. Report appended to report of S.S. Board suggested that the B.Y.P.U. and Y.W.A. "are distinct in their purpose and should not be considered as overlapping in their work." Expressed same opinion of Jr. B.Y.P.U. and the G.A. and R.A. organizations. (App. C., p. 23)
25. This was the last report of J. M. Frost. He died Oct. 31, 1916. The Board elected I. J. Van Ness as Acting Corresponding Secretary November 28, 1916. (1917, pp. 361-62)

I. J. VAN NESS ADMINISTRATION

- 1917 -- 25.** The Convention elected Isaac Jacobus Van Ness as Corresponding Secretary of the S.S. Board on nomination by the SBC committee on nominations after a motion by E. P. Aldredge to elect the Corresponding Secretary of the Board "in open Convention" was defeated. (p. 92) E. E. Folk, president of the S.S. Board since 1896, died Feb. 27, 1917. The Board elected William Lunsford president in March. (pp. 359-60) Board continued to pay Dr. Frost's salary to his widow from his death to the end of the Convention year (April, 1917), then began to give her a \$100 a month annuity in appreciation of his services to the Board.
- 2., 25.** Board's income exceeded \$500,000 for first time. Reported total of \$355,000 in invested funds. (pp. 361-62) Board reported changes in organization and method. Organized its business department into three divisions: (1) bookkeeping and cashier's department, (2) order and mailing department, (3) sales department, the latter a new department to promote the sales of periodicals and books. M. E. Dunaway and H. C. McGill directed the work of two of these departments, the other position not yet filled. (p. 363)
- 1.(1)** SBC approved an increase in the price of S.S. Board periodicals as may be necessary by higher production cost. (pp. 89, 363-65) Board declared that its chief source of income would always be its periodicals; that "profits from book-making would always be meager" and the profit from sale of merchandise limited. (p. 373) Added a third year of Graded Lessons for Seniors in S.S. (p. 373) For the first time a table is given in the Board's report showing the circulation of all of its periodicals. Advanced Quarterly (600,000) and Junior Quarterly (320,000) had largest circulation; Adult Bible Class Quarterly had 210,000. (p. 386) SBC suggested that the Board increase its permanent editorial staff in order to maintain and enhance the expository and literary excellence of its periodicals. (p. 89)
- 19.(1), 21.** S.S. Board appropriations for the year 1916-17 included: \$5,000 to the Foreign Board, \$2,500 to the Japan Publishing House (as a part of Judson Centennial Fund), \$7,500 to establish a "Frost Memorial Church Building Fund" through the Home Board, also \$500 to the Board for translation of training books into Spanish, \$1,700 to the SBC Education Commission, \$10,000 to the W.M.U. Training School building fund, et al. Gifts of books tracts, and periodicals amounted to \$15,671.80. (pp. 368-369)
- 19.(1)** An appropriation of \$600 was made to Southwestern Seminary for its department of Religious Education. (p. 368)

4., 5., 17. Board appropriated \$12,300 to State Boards according to the following policy: \$500 for a S.S. Secretary, \$300 for an additional S.S. field man, \$300 for an Elementary worker, \$500 for a B.Y.P.U. worker. (p. 368) SBC approved suggestion of its Committee on the S.S. Board "that the needs and prospects of the work in the different states be the determining factors in the amount appropriated to the State Boards, rather than a fixed amount to each state." (p. 89)

17., 19.(1), 21. The Convention approved the following policy adopted by the Board regarding surplus funds (89,369):

The following statement of policy was also adopted, and is here brought to the attention of the Convention:

"That hereafter it shall be the policy of the Sunday School Board, save in very exceptional cases, to dispose of its surplus funds systematically according to the following plan:

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4., 17. "1. To maintain and develop its own field work for both the Sunday school and B.Y.P.U.

"2. To co-operate with the State Boards in their Sunday school work in an increasing degree, and especially to encourage on the part of these State Boards adequate plans for reaching the town and country districts, the Sunday School Board co-operating in these plans to the fullest extent of its ability.

11. "3. To extend its system of free tract distribution.

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4., 19.(1) "4. To extend the Bible and colportage work of the Board as far as may be wise and prudent, co-operating to the fullest extent with all State Boards and other institutions

"5. To make such contributions to the work of the Foreign and Home Boards as will secure on their fields the development of Sunday school, publication, church building and tract work, such appropriations hereafter to be based upon definite programs on the part of these Boards for this character of work.

4., 19.(1) "6. To assist the educational institutions in so far as they may become definite helpers in the work of Sunday school extension."

17. Board reported that it had donated books to several State Boards for use of preachers of limited opportunities who attended special training schools conducted by these boards. (p. 370)

17., 25. S.S. Board offered to supply through the State Boards a special edition of the N.T. to service men in training camps in the South. (p. 370)

19. On motion of E. M. Poteat, the Convention requested the S.S. Board to consider points 5 and 6 of the above stated policy (regarding surplus) to disclaim any "intention on the part of the Board of initiating and directing the method of work in fields and educational institutions. . . ." (p. 91) Also, that the Boards consider and report to the 1918 Convention on the possibility of using part of its surplus funds to pay the administrative expenses of the Convention's Home and Foreign Boards. (p. 92)

SBC established a standing committee of seven to be elected annually (no office or member of any SBC board eligible). Adopted Bylaw 6 which defined its duties. Section (3) provided that the "Executive Committee" was "to act in an advisory way on matters of policy and co-operation arising between the Boards of the Convention, but only on request of one or more of the Boards concerned. . . ." Also provided that expenses of the Committee be paid by the Boards of the Convention. (pp. 34, 48)

1.(2), 2. Convention suggested that the S.S. Board enlarge its book department. (p. 89) The Board expressed the need for creating better markets for its books; facilities for distribution limited. Anticipated its new sales department helping to solve this problem. Announced the publication of additional volumes in its set of commentaries, a biography, and the church manual authorized by the last session of the Convention: Church Organization and Finance. (p. 371)

1.(2), 10. The Commission appointed last year to prepare a "Manual of Baptist Church Organization and Methods" reported that it had prepared a manuscript which the S.S. Board had published in 1917 as Church Organization and Finance. (109 pp.) Stated that "the ideal of ultimately bringing all our Baptist churches to a state of practical uniformity in organization and methods is the central aim of the Manual." Commission expressed the hope that the publication of the manual would "mark the dawn of a new day in Baptist thinking upon the necessity of right methods as being the only means to real efficiency in the work of our churches and our denomination;" also, that it would confront Southern Baptist leaders with the "full force of the fact that our denominational work cannot be projected further or faster than the state of development in the churches will sustain. . . ." (pp. 43-44) Chairman S. S. Tull, and members Lansing Burrows, M. H. Wolfe, J. T. Henderson, and J. B. Lawrence co-authored the manual. (p. 44)

4. SBC suggested S.S. Board secure as soon as possible a Southwide secretary of Adult Sunday school work. (p. 89) Acting on this directive, the Board created an "Organized Class Department" and appointed as its director H. L. Strickland, who joined the Board's field force earlier in the year.

- 1.(1), 11., 20, 24., 17., 19.(2) SBC approved the report of its Committee on the Present Crisis which stated in part: "In the training camps our Home Board, our State Boards, and our Sunday School Board will find it possible to co-operate in planned and intelligent fashion in evangelistic labor and in the distribution of the Word of God and other religious literature." (pp. 100f.)
- 19.(2) Board announced plans to co-operate with the Education Commission of the SBC in the promotion of a Christian Education Day in S.S. in June. (p. 374)
- 1., 2. Advertising space in Baptist state papers purchased by the S.S. Board was doubled beginning on Jan. 1, 1917, as an experiment toward increasing its sales. (p. 370f.)
- 4., 12. SBC commended the results of the Board's work shown by the increasing number of departmentalized Sunday schools and the growing interest in planning adequate S.S. buildings. (p. 88) Board organized a Church Architecture Department to be under direction of P. E. Burroughs, head of Education Department. (1018, p. 412f.) As early as 1910, floor plans for church buildings had been published by the Board in Harvey Beauchamp's study book: The Graded Sunday School, pp. 183-96.
- 1.(1), 4. SBC Lesson Committee prepared a graded series of S.S. outlines for the fourth year Senior lessons which the S.S. Board was to use in lieu of the outlines offered by the International Committee. (p. 90)
- 1.(2) Convention directed the S.S. Board to consider the advisability of publishing a Bible Dictionary. (p. 91)
11. S.S. Board reported distributing 1,760,000 copies of tracts since beginning its new series. Considered this work "one of the most far-reaching of the Board's recent ventures." (p. 372)
- 5., 17. Convention Annual does not contain the report of the B.Y.P.U. as heretofore; only the statement that the report was considered. (p. 110) Convention did elect the officers and state members of the B.Y.P.U. of the the South as in previous years, however. (p. 6) The S.S. Board stated that since it had increased appropriations to B.Y.P.U. work in the states, several new State B.Y.P.U. Secretaries had been put in the field. Suggested that the Board had maintained close relations with the B.Y.P.U. of the South, but stated that the "great impetus in this work, however, comes in the various states where the B.Y.P.U. work is related directly to the State Mission Boards. . . . The close relationship of all young people's organizations with our general denominational agencies has been one of the strong features of our work in the South, and accounts largely for its preeminent success. This has served to make our work compact, conservative, and aggressive. The Sunday School Board has had the most intimate relationship with all the state workers, and our plans for young people's work are heartily co-operated in by all these workers on our field." (pp. 373-74) Indicated the pressing need for a Junior B.Y.P.U. Worker. (p. 376)

- 19.(1),(2) SBC instructed the S.S., Home and Foreign Boards to work with the State Boards toward the establishment of a Missionary Training School in New Orleans. (p. 84)
- 1.(2) Board reported that it had made arrangements with B. F. Riley to write a history of Southern Baptists as directed by the 1916 Convention. Appointed as an advisory committee W. J. McGlothlin, W. W. Barnes, E. C. Dargan, J. T. Christian, H. C. Moore, and Lansing Burrows. Anticipated a volume of c. 600 pages.
- 1.(1), 19,(2) Upon SBC directive of 1916, the S.S. Board began in November, 1916, to publish Home and Foreign Fields, a consolidation of the former journals of the Home and Foreign Boards. (p. 365) Convention commended the Board for securing G. S. Dobbins (Jan. 1, 1917) as one of its editors and assigning him Home and Foreign Fields as his major responsibility. (p. 88) Board reported a circulation of 32,000 but suffered a loss of over \$6,000 in conducting the new venture. (p. 366) Board and W.M.U. decided it best not to consolidate Royal Service with the new publication. (p. 377) The SBC instructed the S.S. Board to include all of the work of the Convention in this publication and thus make it "the official organ of the Convention."
- 19.(1) SBC adopted the S.S. Board's recommendation that a committee be appointed to consider establishing a Southern Baptist ministerial relief fund. Made William Lunsford chairman. Convention endorsed this special committee's commendation of the S.S. Board for setting aside \$100,000 for such a fund, and adopted the committee's recommendation that a "commission of nine members or more shall be appointed by the President of this Convention to work out a just and suitable pension plan during the ensuing year whereby the funds shall be protected from diminution or loss and so safeguarded that only the meritorious can secure the benefits of them; that the members of this Commission shall reside in easy access to Nashville, Tennessee, so as to be in close touch with the Sunday School Board; that the Sunday School Board shall be the custodian of this fund until otherwise directed by the Southern Baptist Convention, holding said money subject to such conditions and restrictions as the commission of nine or more shall direct.
- "The commission of nine or more is also empowered to call to its aid help and assistance and draw upon and expend during the current year such part or all of the interest upon said fund as it may deem necessary in order to defray any expenses in the working out of a definite plan for putting this movement into permanent effect. This commission is also authorized to receive any other contributions that may be made to this fund and to provide for its custody as it may see fit. (p. 97)
- 19.(1) S.S. Board expressed its willingness to co-operate with the Education Commission in its work and to continue to appropriate funds for its work. The Commission's request for \$3,000 caused the Board to request the Convention to consider the wisdom of first consulting with the Board before

ordering it to make appropriations. (p. 368) SBC instructed the Board to continue financing the Commission's work. (p. 75)

1918 -- S.S. Board continued to assist the Laymen's Movement in the publication of
11., tracts and other literature on stewardship. (p. 23)

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19.(1) S.S. Board financed the initial payment (\$10,000) on property purchased for the recently organized Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans. Home and S.S. Boards each elected three members to the Board of Directors of the new institution. (pp. 36, 38, 407) SBC authorized the two Boards to co-operate with other agencies in current support of the institution, their contributions not to exceed \$10,000. (p. 79)

4., 5., 25. In accord with the Convention's instructions of 1917, the S.S. Board reported having reorganized its editorial department. E. C. Dargan was elected lesson editor and editor of the Teacher. Hight C Moore was made editor of weekly papers and the Home Department Magazine, also "managing editor" of the editorial office. L. P. Leavell, formerly field worker of the Board, was moved to Nashville to become editor of "technical periodicals," the B.Y.P.U. Quarterly, Junior B.Y.P.U. Quarterly, Junior B.Y.P.U. Leader's Quarterly, and the Organized Class Magazine. G. S. Dobbins continued as editor of Home and Foreign Fields and also helped edit the quarterlies. The Board organized an "editorial council" consisting of the editorial staff with the Corresponding Secretary as chairman. (p. 404)

1.(2), 2. The Board reported that the increase in the cost of book publication and the problem of book distribution had limited its book production. Stressed the need for solving this problem. (p. 405)

1.(2) Announced the publication of The Intermediate Department of the
4., 5. Sunday School by L. P. Leavell, Points for Emphasis, 1918, by Hight C Moore; Plans and Programs for the Cradle Roll, Beginners and Primary Department, by Annie L. Williams; Church and Sunday School Buildings, by P. E. Burroughs (hints for planning, remodeling, and equipping adequate church houses with proper Sunday school facilities; the first Board publication in this field); Training in Christian Service, by L. P. Leavell (a study book for B.Y.P.U.); A Commentary on Hebrews, the seventh volume in Board's set of commentaries; The Union Movement, by J. F. Love, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board (discussion of the interdenominational mission movement); The Christian Religion in Its Doctrinal Expression, by E. Y. Mullins (published through a joint arrangement with the American Baptist Publication Society: 1917 Annual, p. 372; and Manual of W.M.U. Methods, prepared by the W.M.U. (p. 422-23)

- 1.(2) Board announced progress toward the publication of a history of Southern Baptists in one volume of approximately 1,000 pages. Riley was about half finished with manuscript. Anticipated publishing the history for distribution in the fall of 1918. (p. 423) During Convention year, the Board had spent \$2,726.87 on this project. (p.403)
- 4., 17. S.S. Board reported that it was now working under a flexible system regarding its appropriations to the State Boards and was ready to support any adequate plan which the State Boards advocated for promoting S.S. and B.Y.P.U. work. The Board stated, however, that it had determined that the standardized plan followed previous to Convention action in 1917 (q.v.) was needed and so continued it. (q.v., 1917 entry). (p. 405) \$9,425 was appropriated to this work during past year. (p. 403)
- 4., 17 Adult, Senior and Intermediate S.S. work was promoted through the Organized Class Department of the S.S. Board in co-operation with the State Boards. (pp. 406, 434)
- 1.(1) Boards made moderate increase in the price of its periodicals due to higher production costs under its new printing contract. (p. 406)
- 19.(1), 21. S.S. Board contributed \$10,000 to Foreign Board for its Bible, tract, literature, and S. S. Work. \$2,500 of this went to complete the Japan Publishing House. (pp. 403-04)
- 19.(1) An appropriation of \$1,500 was made by the S.S. Board to Southwestern Seminary for its Religious Education Department. (pp. 403-04)
- 19.(1), 21. Reported a S.S. Board deficit of \$5,630.60 on publication of Home and Foreign Fields. (p.403)
- 19.(1) Annual appropriation to W.M.U. increased to \$448. Board appropriated \$2,200 to the Education Commission; \$98.00 to Negro Seminary. (p. 403)
- 4., 5., 25. S.S. Board donated books, tracts and literature valued at over \$30,000. (p. 403)
- 19.(1), 25. SBC instructed the S.S. Board to publish the report of the SBC Committee on World Crisis and to mail a copy of it to every Southern Baptist preacher in Convention territory. (p. 78)
- 19.(1) SBC approved the recommendations of its Commission on Ministerial Relief and Annuities calling for the establishment of a "Board of Ministerial Relief and Annuities" and authorized the S.S. Board to transfer the \$100,000 fund it was holding for this purpose to the new Board as soon as it is properly organized and chartered. (pp. 80, 453)

- 4, 5., 9. SBC endorsed recommendations of its committee on Shortage of Preachers and Workers which stressed the need for denominational emphasis on God's call to the ministry and missions and other work. . . ." Instructed "that this matter be given especial attention by all the Sunday school and young people's leaders in their meetings; that the Sunday School Board, through its secretaries, field men, literature, and the Home and Foreign Fields, aid in this cause." (pp. 89-90) Resolution asked that the matter be stressed in conferences, summer assemblies, etc. Commended the Baptist Student Mission Movement for its contribution to this work. Convention authorized this committee to call on the three general Boards for funds to conduct its work during the year. (p. 90)
6. S.S. Board continued to co-operate with the Education Commission in the promotion of Education Day in the S.S. in June. (p. 95)
- 19.(2)
15. SBC approved the proposition of the S.S. Board to take charge of the statistical work, formerly conducted by Lansing Burrows. (p. 72) The Board commended the pioneer work of Burrows and retained his services in an advisory capacity. Proposed to expand the work and make it more serviceable to the Convention. Stated its purpose "to attempt to card index every Baptist church and Sunday school in the South, with its activities, so as to be able to furnish. . . definite and precise information regarding all our churches." (p. 415)
5. S.S. Board requested the SBC to re-examine B.Y.P.U. organization and consider the need for a change in the plan followed for many years by which the S.S. Board and the Southern B.Y.P.U. (committee annually appointed by the Convention) jointly promoted the work. Declared that the committee was scattered over a wide territory, was without resources, and had not been an active agent in the work. Convention approved recommendation of its Committee on the S.S. Board that the Board, previously assigned the task of developing B.Y.P.U. work in the territory of the Convention, in co-operation with the B.Y.P.U. now ". . . be charged with the full work of fostering these organizations and the committee be discontinued." (pp. 72, 435-36) Board reported using some of its contingent fund for the employment of temporary workers in several sections of the South to serve as representatives of the Board in S.S. and B.Y.P.U. training schools. This program had greatly advanced the work of Junior B.Y.P.U. work in particular. Reported that ten states now supported B.Y.P.U. secretaries. The Board helped supplement their salaries. (p. 435) Added new periodical, the Junior B.Y.P.U. Leader's Quarterly. The S.S. Board reorganized its B.Y.P.U. work by making it a regular department of the Board and elected L.P. Leavell as its Secretary. This action followed the resignation of Arthur Flake, B.Y.P.U. field man east of the Mississippi River, from the Board's service. E. E. Lee continued his B.Y.P.U. field work west of the River as an associate in the new department (1919, p. 468)
- 19.(1), Convention endorsed the following revised statement of policy drawn by
17., 25. the Board regarding disposition of its surplus funds (p. 420, p. 72):

"1. That in all our discussions and reports we should strive to make a clear distinction between the portion of our earnings which must be applied to carrying out the work definitely committed to us and the surplus, or the portion of our earnings remaining after we have taken care of the tasks definitely committed to us.

"2. That the primary emphasis in the use of our earnings shall be given to items 1 and 4 in the Statement of Policy.

"3. As to any surplus:

"(1) That the Board shall not anticipate this in making appropriations, but appropriations shall only be made after the surplus has been earned or is definitely in sight.

"(2) That the surplus shall be applied to objects not creating annual standing obligations.

"(3) That the first claim for appropriations after the surplus is ascertained shall be made to items 5 and 6 of the Statement of Policy, it being understood that the development of plans for publication, Sunday school and other work on the fields of our Home and Foreign Boards shall take precedence of other objects.

"(4) That the Board should plan in the near future to help the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary as it develops its work of Sunday school instruction.

"(5) That the Ministerial Relief, if established and sanctioned by the Convention, shall be a special object for the use of surplus funds.

"(6) That the Board should be empowered, wisely and prudently and without the sacrifice of other interests, to increase its capital, as represented in the various funds, for the protection of its business, to \$250,000.00."

4., 19. (2) SBC commended the S.S. Board's appointment of B. W. Spilman as Field Secretary to Educational Institutions with the objective of securing teacher training courses in the curriculum of every school and college under Baptist control. (p. 72, 424)

4., 17. S.S. Board reported inviting the S.S. Secretary in each state to a conference (paid their expenses) to discuss S.S. promotion. Indicated profitable results in establishing a closer relationship with the state men, in solving problems in S.S. work, etc. Board reported a field force (including department heads) numbering 33. (pp. 424-25)

5., 17. The Board held a similar conference with state B.Y.P.U. workers. (1919, p. 468)

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Board made detailed report on its study of the question of paying the administrative expenses of the Home and Foreign Boards out of the surplus funds of the S.S. Board. Declared that such a policy would be contrary to sound administrative principles, that the S.S. Board's work as assigned by the Convention was expanding and the cost increasing, that the Board needed to build up a large reserve fund to stabilize all its work, that to finance the administration of the mission boards would cost approximately \$85,000 annually and thus make it impossible for the S.S. Board to do much of the work it currently does; further stated that the denomination needed "an institution which will have annually some available surplus and which may be available to meet any unexpected demands, making possible our support of causes for which no provision is now made in our general scheme." (e.g., \$100,000 given to help establish Relief and Annuity Board.) Also enunciated this principle: "The Southern Baptist Convention determines the policies of the Sunday School Board in the matter of the Board's appropriations, but the Sunday School Board is the trustee appointed to carry out the policies. This implies that the Convention controls the direction which our benefactions shall take and that this Board should be and is the agent for the making of these benefactions. Since every appropriation must be carefully considered, a sound administrative policy requires that the Board shall be the agent and shall have the final word regarding the making of any and every appropriation." (p. 418)

19.

Regarding the resolution presented at the 1917 Convention on points 5. and 6. of the Board policy for distribution of surplus funds as approved by that session of the SBC, (q.v.), the Board declared (p. 417):

"There was never any intention on the part of the Board to initiate work upon the home and foreign fields, save as the field of the Home Board is in large part also the field of the Sunday School Board. Nor was it the intention to initiate and direct any of the methods in the educational institutions.

"The purpose of the Board in these two items was to invite on the part of the Home and Foreign Boards and the educational institutions such voluntary interest and co-operation in the Sunday school work as would make it wise and prudent for us to help them at times in carrying out this work. The Board, of course, must exercise some degree of initiative in judging as to the best distribution of the funds committed to its charge, and therefore must be free to determine the direction of its donations. Our desire in items 5 and 6 of the Statement of Policy, as referred to, was to invite a more definite program on the part of these related interests, and particularly on the part of the Home and Foreign Boards."

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The S.S. Board reported co-operating with Home and State Boards in work with military service men in accord with the 1917 suggestion of the SBC (q.v.). Provided literature, tracts, New Testaments for chaplains, camp pastors, and churches adjacent to training camps for distribution to

service men. Also supplied some workers among Negro troops. To date, distributed 56,000 New Testaments, thousands of evangelistic tracts. Also began publishing a quarterly, On the March with the Master, prepared by Hight C Moore, with daily readings related to the S.S. lessons, devotional comments, and a selection of hymns; distributed free to most of the training camps; circulation of current issue was 125,000 copies. S.S. Board also provided at request of Home Board, special letterhead stationery for use of camp pastors, also, hymnbooks, and periodicals. This work with service men cost the Board approximately \$18,000 for the year. (pp. 408-11) The SBC instructed the Board to continue its war work. (p. 71)

4.,17.

SBC instructed the S.S. Board to advance as rapidly as possible the program of rural S.S. Extension it had initiated in co-operation with the State Boards. (p. 71) The S.S. Board had established a \$5,000 contingent fund in December, 1917, and offered to join dollar for dollar with S.S. extension in the state. More than a dozen states mapped out such a program and by April, 1918, had called on the Board for appropriations to this work of from \$100 to \$1,200. While in the experimental stage, the Board considered this program for enlistment of rural churches to be of primary importance. "If we can put a live Sunday school, well organized, with trained teachers, in a Baptist church anywhere, new life will follow." (p. 412)

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Convention commended the work of P. E. Burroughs in making plans for modern church buildings and S.S. facilities available through his book, Church and Sunday School Buildings, published by the Board. (p. 71) The Board reported that Burroughs, Secretary of its Education (training) Department, had become interested in the need of churches for accessible plans that would assure that adequate provision would be made for the modern S.S. when a new church building was constructed. The above publication resulted from his intensive research and consultation with church architects. Board stated that the response of Southern Baptists to this publication made it ". . . evident that we had opened up a new line of work upon which we must enter as a part of our service to our constituency." Indicated that an appropriation had been made to this "new department." New plans were currently being prepared for modern, adequate, and economic church buildings. Special literature to promote the use of the building plans was distributed. Board announced that it would "push this matter most energetically. . . ." (p. 412f.)

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S.S. Board requested advice of the Convention regarding its proposal to make available through its facilities more church supplies such as envelopes, record books, etc. Called attention to the need for a "systematic development of blank books for financial records." Pointed out the difficulty met by churches in securing adequate record systems based on the several "plans of church finance. . . now popular among our people. . . ." Board stated that it hesitated to enter a field that might lead it "into the financial operations of churches with the necessary measure of advice."

Declared, however, that if Southern Baptists are to "have systematic plans and methods for church work, it will be necessary for someone to supply the material for carrying out these plans through some recognized agency." (p. 416) The Committee on the Board's report made no comment or recommendation to the SBC regarding this matter. (pp. 70-72)

24. Appropriations of S.S. Board included \$500 to the Red Cross. (p. 440)
4. S.S. Lesson Committee of SBC reported that its suggested plan offered in 1917 for completing the Graded Series of lessons had been carried into effect. (p. 73)
- 1919 -- SBC Lesson Committee reported continued supervision of S.S. Curriculum.
1.(1), 4. Anticipated revision of Graded Series. E. C. Dargan continued as chairman. (p. 58f)
25. Allen Fort succeeded William Lunsford as president of S.S. Board, when Lunsford became Corresponding Secretary of Relief and Annuity Board. (p. 450)
15. Statistician Lansing made annual report to Convention. Urged that Secretaries of State Boards adopt a uniform report form for churches and promote the use of it. (p. 60) Board reported that Burrows had done the work under its supervision; that it had to abandon its plan for making a direct approach to the churches because of the severe winter and influenza epidemic. Stated purpose to launch the plan during the coming year: "Only as we properly count our forces, understand what the churches are doing, and know the facts about ourselves, can we make the best progress." (p. 479)
- 19., 25. SBC adopted the following recommendations of its Committee on Legal Status of the Boards (p. 61):
 1. The Southern Baptist Convention is duly and legally incorporated under a special charter granted by the Legislature of the State of Georgia.
 2. We recommend that the title to all property, both real and personal, now vested in the several Boards of the Convention, be transferred to the Southern Baptist Convention, Incorporated.
 3. That this Convention authorize and direct the several Boards to continue to transact business as agents of this Convention, under the terms and purposes for which said Boards were created.
 4. That if, in the judgment of the Executive Committee of the Convention, an emergency should arise in the regular conduct of the business of any of the boards of the Convention ad interim requiring the sale of any real estate, the said Executive Committee is hereby authorized to sell said property and to execute good and sufficient title thereto in the name and on account of the Convention.

5. That in future titles to all property, real or personal, from any source be vested in the Southern Baptist Convention, Incorporated, to be used by the several Boards for the purposes and uses for which it has been acquired or donated.

- 1., 24. Convention authorized the S.S. Board to publish in conjunction with the American Baptist Publication Society the proceedings of the Joint Study Conference to be conducted by several Baptist denominational groups in America to consider Missions, Education, Evangelism, Sunday Schools, and Social Service. (p. 67)
- 2., 19.(2), 13. SBC approved resolution of W. J. McGlothlin instructing the S.S. Board in co-operation with the Home and Foreign Boards to devise a means to "put the Home and Foreign Fields regularly into the hands of all pastors within the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention." Also, that the S.S. Board in co-operation with the SBC Boards, State Boards, and state papers "devise a means by which suitable and helpful books can be brought to the attention of our pastors. . . and to make arrangements by which such books may be furnished at the lowest possible cost. . . ." (pp. 71-72) Later in the session, Convention adopted L. L. Henson's resolution requesting the S.S. Board "to inaugurate, if practicable, a free library consisting of such books as in their judgment Southern Baptist pastors would be glad to use. . . ." (p. 87)
- 19., 17. SBC adopted the recommendation of its Committee on Financial Aspect of Enlarged Program that ". . . in the organized work of this Convention we undertake to raise not less than \$75,000,000 in five years." The plan of promotion called for the co-operation of all SBC and state agencies. (pp. 74, 82) The SBC appointed a Campaign Commission which established its headquarters in the S.S. Board's building in Nashville at the Board's invitation. (1920, p. 48)
- 19., 25. Convention changed Bylaw 6 enlarging the membership of the Executive Committee to include one member from each state represented in the Convention. Revised statement of duties included deletion of the phrase, "but only on request of one or more of the Boards concerned," from the provision that the Committee "act in an advisory way on matters of policy and co-operation arising between the Boards of the Convention." (p. 76)
- 9., 19. SBC instructed the S.S. Board to include church-related vocational [this term not used] emphasis in its annual Education Day program. (p. 82)
- 19.(1) SBC instructed the S.S., Home and Foreign Boards "to underwrite the expenses" of the newly created Education Board during its first year, "the amount not to exceed \$15,000." (p. 83)
- 19.(2) Convention instructed the S.S. Board to designate one Sunday in the year as "ministerial Relief Day in the Sunday schools of the South and provide for the suitable presentation of the cause at that time." (p. 56)

- 19.(1) SBC instructed the S.S. Board to pay the expenses of the committee appointed to prepare an address to the Baptists of the world, including cost of "promulgating" the address. (p. 106) Also instructed it to publish the SBC president's address and the report made on it at the Convention. (p. 115)
- 25., 19.(1) S.S. Board reported a record income of \$633,865.16 which represented a record annual increase of over \$96,000. (p. 450) Appropriations to S.S., B.Y.P.U., and other distinctive work of the Board plus donations of books, tracts, literature, etc., totaled \$99,423.10; appropriations to other agencies and denominational work amounted to almost \$21,000 more. In view of expanding denominational needs and increasing demands on the Board for funds, it presented the following statement of general policy (p. 455) to the SBC and received its approval (p. 57):
1. That the Board should be allowed, save in exceptional cases, to devote itself to the definite and distinctive tasks which have been laid upon it and which no one else can do.
 2. That any requests which may be made at the annual session be referred to the Board, and with liberty of action on the Board's part, so as to adjust these requests to its necessary budget.
 3. That the Board shall be free in the future, as in the past, to seek for specially designated funds in any way which may not interfere with the regular schedule of gifts from the churches.
- 19.(2) S.S. Board reported conferences with the Foreign Board regarding the "formulation of a more definite denominational Sunday-school policy for all of our foreign fields." (pp. 454-55)
24. Convention approved the S.S. Board's statement of policy regarding relations to interdenominational bodies. (p. 57-58) These may be summarized as follows: That Southern Baptists will maintain control and direction of their own S.S. work; that the Board will approve only such co-operation with inter-denominational agencies as will keep the approach to Southern Baptist Sunday schools in the control of the S.S. Board; that all inter-denominational co-operation should be on an individual or voluntary basis, not on basis of organic or official connection; endorsed "closest sympathetic relationships with all who are engaged in Sunday school work. . . when such relationships do not involve violation of these principles or cause embarrassments to our own fellow-workers." (pp. 480-81)
- 19.(1) S.S. Board and Home Board paid in monthly installments a total of about \$5,000 each to the operating expenses of the new Baptist Bible Institute (training school) in New Orleans. (p. 483)

1.(3),12 Board reported that its Architectural Department conducts a general educational campaign for better church and S.S. buildings. Issued books and pamphlets, "stereoptican slides," building plans of various types; also devised study courses for use in promoting a building campaign. This educational program also included information on furnishings, etc., needed in modern church and S.S. work. The department also offers "direct practical help to churches in the planning of buildings or remodelings, and in the furnishing of the . . . building." Reported such service to 466 churches since organization of the department. (p. 476)

4. The Board stated that through its field program it sought "to study broadly all the larger problems of the Sunday school, such as organization, lesson courses, equipment, and methods of work; it seeks to make contribution through its leadership along all these lines, but it recognizes that fundamental in all these efforts is the systematic training. . . of Sunday school teachers." (p. 472) Added Building the Bible Class by H. L. Strickland and W. J. McGlothlin to its teacher-training curriculum. (p. 473) Indicated that the Board was seeking to develop the "Sunday-school life" of Southern Baptists through promotion of training courses, standards of excellence, standard church and S.S. buildings, and the organized Bible class. (p. 474)

4,5. Board's Department of Organized Class Work enunciated the following objectives (p. 470):

1. The winning of every church member to active participation in the Sunday school.

2. The enlistment of every Christian in the full program of Jesus through the teaching of the Bible.

3. The proper relating of the church members in the classes to the larger service in Sunday-school and other activities in church and denomination.

4. The enrolling in the B. Y. P. U., the women's societies, the men's organizations, those members of the Intermediate, Senior, and Adult classes who are not, but of right ought to be, members of those organizations.

5. The winning to the Sunday school and to personal faith in Jesus Christ and to church membership the unsaved in every church community.

1.(2),2. Board stated that it was barely breaking even on its books publications; indicated that circulating books not connected with its study courses was still its chief problem, but that it had not allowed any good book to go unpublished because it was not profitable. "Whenever a book seems to us to have genuine value for our people we shall consider its publication as a matter of service to the denomination." (pp. 456-57)

- 1.(2),25 Riley's manuscript (History of Southern Baptists) was reported completed and in the hands of the Special Conference Committee appointed two years ago. (p. 457)
- 1.,25. The Board reported 75 regular employees and eight organized departments, each requiring an executive officer. Order Department was currently handling 37,500 orders quarterly. (p. 455)
- 4.,5. Board announced plans to hold an annual conference between the field forces in the states and its own staff similar to the one conducted last year. (p. 461)
- 1.(1),21, 19. In June, 1919, S.S. Board organized a "Department of Missionary Publications" with G. S. Dobbins in charge. This new department was responsible for publication of Home and Foreign Fields, for preparation in co-operation with the other Boards, materials for promotion of special days in S.S., and for providing missionary material for S.S. Board periodicals. (1920, p. 478)
- 4.,5.,6. B. W. Spilman, Board field man, continued his work among Baptist educational institutions to secure a place in their curriculum for S.S. Board training courses. Also worked with churches adjacent to these institutions to get them to maintain "up-to-date Sunday-school and B. Y. P. U. work." He also sought to enlist the interest of all educational institutions, especially non-Baptist schools in taking steps to see that their Baptist students are properly cared for and are brought in contact with the work of their denomination. (p. 461)
25. Board appropriated over \$8,000 to its work among service men and to the Red Cross.
- 4.. Campaign to reach rural churches launched last year a big success. Reached about 3,000 churches. Board appropriated for the current year \$15,000 to be matched by the State Boards in a similar co-operative effort to enlist rural churches. (p. 463)
- 1.(1),19., (1),21. Home and Foreign Fields still published at a financial loss (\$4,746.77).
- 17.,19(2), SBC approved the S.S. Board's initiation of "Denominational Day" in May of 1919 for promotion of denominational principles and program and endorsed its suggestion that this be made an annual observance. (p. 57) Board answered 3,500 requests and sent out 425,000 copies of a pamphlet especially prepared for use in promoting this special day. (p. 466)

4., 5., 19.(2), S.S. Board announced plans for initiating an Enlistment for Ser-
21, 22, 23. vice Week in September following State Mission Day Sunday. Se-
cured the co-operation of the W.M.U. and the Laymen's Missionary
Movement in promoting the project. Requested the co-operation of
pastors to lead with the officers of the church in "a church-wide
canvass so that every member might be enlisted in definite activities
of the church." S.S. Board provided materials needed for promotion
of the week, including free literature on Christian service. The
above agencies through their organizations in the churches and the
S.S. Board through the S.S. and B.Y.P.U. organizations jointly pro-
moted the project. Board indicated this program would enable it to
enlarge its tract work.

5. S.S. Board reported nine states with full-time B.Y.P.U. Secre-
taries. Board conducted a conference with these men in 1918 and
1919 similar to the ones held for State S.S. Secretaries. (p. 468)
Stated that the 1918 meeting marked the beginning of a new period in
B.Y.P.U. work. Reported appointing a committee which had worked
toward outlining B.Y.P.U. curriculum for the next four years. Stated
that the objective of its B.Y.P.U. work was not "to make another
prayer-meeting, but to have a training service which shall educate
the young people to be active and efficient church members. By the
introduction of the Group Plan we no longer depend upon numbers but
upon efficiency." Further declared that this work was denominational
and seeks "to contribute directly to the active life of the churches."
Acknowledged a growing demand for "further gradation by the develop-
ment of Intermediate Unions." (p. 469)

GROUP PLAN

GRADATION

15. Statistician Lansing Burrows died at Americus, Ga., October 17,
1919. (1920, photo, opposite page 1)

6. Texas Baptist Convention endorsed a resolution calling for the
employment of a full-time State Baptist Student Secretary who was to
work with Baptist Students in Texas, ". . . interpreting Baptist life,
creating and sustaining Baptist loyalty, enlisting. . . a denominational
spirit. . . that shall express itself through the local churches where
students hold membership." Requested the support of the S.S. Board
in this new venture. (Texas Baptist Annual, 1919, p. 16)

1920 --Laymen's Movement expressed appreciation to the Board for an appro-
23. priation of \$482.76 to assist in its publication of tracts on steward-
5. ship and the Every-Member-Canvass. (p. 31, 446) The Laymen's
Executive Committee indicated it was furnishing stewardship literature
to B.Y.P.U.'s observing Stewardship Day. (p. 31)

25. SBC approved the unavoidable delay of the Boards in carrying over to the Convention (q.v. recommendations of Committee on Legal Status of Boards, 1919), but directed them to make the transfer "as soon as it can be safely and wisely done." Continued the Committee for further study and report. (p. 84)
25. Convention instructed its Boards henceforth to prepare a brief, printed digest of their annual report to be distributed to the messengers, discussed by representatives of the Board; this to be followed by report of Committee on the Board, followed by general discussion of the Board's work--in this particular order, rather than the work of a board being considered at several different times during the course of an annual Convention as heretofore. Also directed the Boards to pay the expenses of making arrangements for the annual SBC meeting. (p. 105)
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= Commission on the Negro Theological Seminary decided to establish the institution in Nashville (joint project of SBC and National Baptist Convention) and elected S.S. Board Secretary I.J. Van Ness as its treasurer. At the request of the Commission he arranged for the financing the Commission's work until returns came in from the 75 Million Campaign.
25. The Board reported receipts of \$862,732, and an increase of \$228,866.84, over the previous year. Earnings of \$157,439.77 were invested in the work of the denomination, \$128,647.88 of this in the distinctive work of the Board, the remainder in other phases of denominational work. Included in the latter were appropriations of \$600 to expense fund of W.M.U., \$4,954.39 to Baptist Bible Institute, \$610.43 to the SBC Executive Committee, \$1,550.87 for Convention Annual, \$855.95 in statistical work, a deficit of \$17,308.04 on publication of Home and Foreign Fields, (Board enlarged this publication to 40 pages; in April, raised subscription to 75¢ to help cut the loss in publication costs, (p. 455) and appropriations to other causes. Apparently made no direct appropriation to Home or Foreign Board. (p. 466)
- 19.(1) The S.S. Board reported providing office space for headquarters and some personnel assistance to the 75 Million Campaign Commission. Also arranged for bank loan of \$300,000 for the Commission to launch the campaign, and served as fiscal agent of the Commission. To date the states had reimbursed \$251,340.44 of the \$302,580.94 expenses of the Commission. (p. 448) The Board reported enlisting the S.S. and B.Y.P.U. in the campaign; promotional and program materials included in Board periodicals. Board also prepared in consultation with the State Secretaries a bookkeeping system for the Campaign, including special envelopes. Published special edition of The Deacon's Daughter

22. by F. M. McConnell, (interesting story setting forth the value of church organization and tithing); sold in large lots to State Boards for distribution. "Calling Out the Called Day" in October, 1919, resulted in nearly 6,000 dedications to definite Christian Service. Names of most of these young people were sent to 75-Million Campaign Headquarters. Since there was "no adequate denominational machinery to take care of these young people. . ." the S.S. Board "prepared in co-operation with the Fleming H. Revell Company," a booklet containing five chapters from the book, Recruits for World Conquest, by L. R. Scarborough, and sent a copy to each volunteer with a printed note of appreciation for the decision they had made. (pp. 449-450)
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4. The Board reported organizing two new departments of work: Elementary Department, Miss Lilian S. Forbes, Secretary; and the Department of Sunday School Administration, Arthur Flake, Secretary. Began publication of a quarterly bulletin, The Elementary Messenger, which was distributed to all elementary workers whose names were available. Department of S.S. Administration was established to help "systematize" the work of the S.S. Superintendents, secretaries, and treasurers, and "to facilitate the work of organization." (p. 450-51) Hoped to "standardize methods and material." Board committed the Superintendent's Quarterly to this department to promote its work, and made it a monthly. Anticipated that the work of this department would revolutionize methods used in S.S. work. (p. 451)
25. S.S. Board purchased property on Ninth and Berryhill at cost of \$40,000 for future expansion. Added two floors on rear part of Frost Building at cost of almost \$34,000 to provide space for its growing business.
- 1.(2),2. S. S. Board voted to experiment with book stores as a means of solving its problem of book distribution. Since most State Boards had a book distributing department, the S.S. Board appropriated a sum of money with which its Corresponding Secretary negotiated with the State Boards "for the adequate equipment of book-selling centers." Reported that ten Boards had decided to work with the S.S. Board and that plans were in process for a co-operative basis of operation. The books of the S.S. Board and of other publishers were to be handled. Board would buy the latter in quantities and distribute them through the state book centers. S.S. Board began to publish a circular, "Monthly Book Recommendations," in co-operation with the book centers, to promote the sale and use of good books. (p. 452)

- 11.,19. The Board advertised the availability of its tracts to pastors (offered a special packet of tracts, especially for use in revival meetings.) During the year over 1,200,000 tracts were distributed. Board also published ten tracts for the 75-Million Campaign; most of the 2,000,000 copies had been distributed. (p. 454)
7. Announced forthcoming publication of a new song book by the Board. (p. 455)
- 4.,5. S.S. Board stated that through the interest and increased funds generated by the 75-Million Campaign, many of the State Boards had doubled their field force of S.S. and B.Y.P.U. workers. (p. 456)
- 4.,5. Board announced plans for continuation of its campaign in co-operation with the State Boards to enlist rural churches. Reached 10,000 separate points through the program conducted last summer. (p. 457)
- 4.,5. A "Normal School for vocational Sunday-school and B.Y.P.U. workers" (4-week training course) was conducted in Nashville by the Board. No charges for tuition or books. (p. 458)
- 4.,17. The Board announced the following goals for Sunday schools during the 75-Million Campaign (p. 471):
- IN FIVE YEARS--1919-1924
- Add 1,500,000 to our Sunday-school enrollment.
Give \$2,500,000 through our Special Days to the general causes in the program.
Secure 150,000 diploma holders in our Teacher Training Course.
Have 25,000 Senior and Adult and 10,000 Intermediate registered classes in our Organized Class Department, with at least 5,000 of them standard classes.
Every Baptist Sunday-school in the South well organized and active, and in touch with a Baptist state Sunday-school worker.
5. Board commended the active participation of B.Y.P.U. workers and members in the 75-Million Campaign. Emphasized that the B.Y.P.U.'s program of enlistment figured largely in the success of the campaign. (p. 472)
- 5.,9. B.Y.P.U. also had a large part to play in the 6,000 dedications to Christian service made as result of the day for "Calling Out the Called." Stated that in the Baptist colleges of Georgia and Texas, "where the largest percentages of enrollment volunteered, they have the most aggressive B.Y.P.U. work." Over 500 young people requested

literature on preparation for mission work and the ministry as a result of a lesson on the "Stewardship of Life" in the February 20, 1920, lesson in B.Y.P.U. Quarterly. Board declared: "The B.Y.P.U. is the chief agency of Baptist churches for informing, enlisting and inspiring its young members." (p. 472)

- 12.,19.(2) The Board's Architecture Department gave assistance to 657 churches during the past year, including some in states outside the Convention. In co-operation with the Foreign Board, the S.S. Board sent literature from this department to all foreign fields to assist missionaries with their building problems. Provided some service to churches of other denominations. State S.S. Secretaries in co-operation with the S.S. Board were assisting churches in planning buildings. Seminaries were also giving attention to modern church designing and floor plans. (p. 475)
- 23 Board prepared literature and plans for pastors' homes; distributed to about 500 churches through the Laymen's Movement which had a special interest in building more and better pastor's homes. (p. 476) Architecture Department offered help to churches in planning buildings to care for these needs: worship services, teaching program, administration (offices for pastor, secretary, and other salaried workers), social and recreational programs. (pp. 476-77)
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- 17.,19.,21. Board's Department of Missionary Publications reported an increase in the circulation of Home and Foreign Fields during the year, from 35,000 to 67,000. Four special days now sponsored jointly by the S.S. Board with other Southern Baptist agencies to promote: Home and Foreign Missions in March, Christian Education in June, State Missions in September, and General Benevolences in December (hospital, orphanage, ministerial relief). Projected a goal of \$2,500,000 to be raised during the 75-Million Campaign through the offerings made on these special days. Emphasized the educational value of these programs. (pp. 479-80)
15. Following Burrows' death in 1919, Hight C Moore was assigned responsibility for statistical work along with his other duties. Again stated the need for going directly to the churches to get more accurate and adequate data. (p. 480f.)
19. Board began to provide office space for the Commission on the Negro Theological Seminary. (pp. 118-20)
23. Continued to co-operate with the Laymen's Movement in the publication of tracts (valued at \$482.76) and in other ways. (p. 481)
- 19.(1) S.S. Board advanced \$1,500 to the Education Board for launching its work. The Education Board repaid this amount from its 75-Million Campaign receipts. (p. 481)

6. SBC endorsed the joint proposal of the Home, Foreign, S.S., and Education Boards for the creation of an Advisory Committee on Student Religious Activity consisting of one member from each Board and one from the W.M.U. to plan and promote a program for the religious training of Baptist students in the South and thereby avoid overlapping of activities by the Boards. This proposal declared: "Our purpose is to conserve our Christian student life so as to enlist these students in the ministry, in the work of missions...and in the permanent work of the local churches; and that this enlistment...shall be associated with the denominational name and organization." Suggested that every school foster an organization for students through which the Boards could make their appeals to these young people. Expressed hope that a "college B.Y.P.U. with weekly meetings as the center, and adapted to colleges and schools shall be the form of organization favored..." (pp. 75,483) The Corresponding Secretaries of the Boards and W.M.U. became the members of the above committee.
5. 4., 5., 25. SBC requested the S.S. Board to continue its program of rural enlistment and to enlarge its work of Bible distribution.

15. S.S. Board organized a "Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information," and E.P. Eldredge, Secretary, began his work in September, 1920. (1921, p. 518)

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On recommendation of the Committee on Legal Status of the Boards, the Convention rescinded former action that had directed the Boards to transfer to the Convention titles to all property. SBC also approved recommendations (p. 26):

3. That all the Boards secure charters, based upon enabling acts of the legislatures of their respective States, defining their relation to the Convention, authorizing them to act as the agents of the Convention and providing that all members of the several boards shall be elected annually by the Convention.

4. The Sunday School Board having already secured such an enabling act which defines said Board as acting as the agent of the Convention and under the direction and control of the Convention, we recommend that the Sunday School Board be directed to reincorporate under the terms of said enabling act.

6. Convention adopted resolution of J. L. White calling on the Home Mission Board to investigate the need and determine on a method for promoting a definite program of work among Baptist students in non-Baptist colleges and universities. (p. 40)

19. (1), 25. SBC approved the following policy regarding expenses of Convention committees (p. 42):

1. That the expense of all committees appointed by the Convention to perform duties between the annual sessions of the Convention shall have their expenses borne by the respective Boards on a basis pro rata to the receipts of the Boards whenever the work of such committee concerns the particular work of the Boards equally.

2. That whenever an expense account is created by an ad interim committee, or is otherwise authorized by the Convention for service which does not directly concern any one of the Boards of the Convention, that Board shall not be required to bear any part of such expense.

3. That in any case where question is raised by one of the Boards as to its legitimate participation in such items of expense, the matter shall be either settled by the Convention or made one of conference between the Boards and be settled by them.

4., 5., 19. (2) Baptist Bible Institute declared that its purpose was to train all types of religious leaders including S.S. workers, young people's leaders, financial secretaries, deacons, pastors' helpers, et al. The S.S. Board contributed the services of several of its field workers to teach courses in S.S. and B.Y.P.U. work at the Institute. (p. 50)

3., 19. SBC commended the Education Board's idea of Ridgecrest as "an assembly ground for Southern Baptists" as "entirely practicable." (p. 58)

VBS 4. Convention approved the suggestion of its S.S. Lesson Committee that pastors and S.S. leaders give consideration to the values and possibilities of Vacation Bible Schools. Committee listed six objectives of the V.B.S. movement. Committee also reported that it had under consideration the subject of Week Day Schools for Religious Instruction. (p. 59)

1. (1), 4. SBC approved the S.S. Lesson Committee's recommendation that the S.S. Board continue to use the Uniform Lesson outlines of the International S.S. Lesson Committee in its S.S. literature "until further action shall be taken. (p. 59)

11., 19., 20. Convention instructed the S.S. Board to publish as a regular part of its tract program the tracts needed by the SBC Conservation Commission for use in its Convention-wide program of evangelism. (p. 72)

15., 25. On recommendation of the SBC Committee on Preservation of Baptist History, the Convention requested the S.S. Board to consider the "establishment of a department of historical survey in connection with its work of statistical surveys. (p. 87)

25. S.S. Board president, Allen Fort, died in February. (p. 481)
W.F. Powell succeeded him. (1922, p. 391) Board's receipts exceeded a million dollars for the first time (\$1,147,721.37) Represented an increase of \$283,989,73 over the preceeding year. Receipts for the last five years (\$3,697,839.17) almost equalled receipts for the first 25 years of the Board's work. During these 30 years, the Board contributed to benevolences, missions and denominational work \$1,526,307.92, almost half of which was given 1917-21. It contributed \$189,951.09 of its 1920-21 earnings to denominational work. This did not include
21. \$1,000,000 contributed by Sunday Schools to missions on Special Days promoted by the Board. (pp. 482-83, 487)
25. Board reported that it had slightly increased the prices of its publications to meet the rising production costs, but its prices were still below other publishers. Stated that the cost of its various departments of work in addition to the editorial department would henceforth be considered in determining the total cost of the Board's work and the proper adjustment of prices for its publications. (p. 485)
Reported a new credit policy in view of an increasing number of charge accounts. (p. 487)
4. S.S. Board reported a S.S. enrolment of almost two million, a substantial increase over the previous year. Declared that the enrolment should equal church membership (over three million). (p. 489)
4. S.S. Board anticipated the time when the special rural church work jointly sponsored with the State Boards would develop these churches to the point that their needs could be met by the regular forces of the State S.S. Departments. Board spent almost \$18,000 on this program during the past year. (pp. 489-90)
- 4., 5. The Board conducted another month-long "Vocational School" in Nashville for S.S. and B.Y.P.U. workers. Stated that many churches were seeking the services of full-time vocational workers to promote their S.S. work, especially persons trained in the methods advocated by the Board. (pp. 490-91)
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- 4., 20 Convention approved the S.S. Board's declaration that Baptist Sunday schools must be made (1) more positively the "training service" of the churches, (2) more effective as Bible teaching agencies, and (3) more aggressively evangelistic. Suggested that this could best be done as churches responded to denominational leadership. (p. 55)
- 1.(2) In view of the demand from some that the Board enlarge its book publication work to include books of general literature, the SBC suggested to the Board that it might experiment in such publications, but declared that the final decision in the matter should be made by the Board "as their experience and wisdom dictate." (p. 54)

- 6.,19.(2) SBC approved the general plan of its inter-board "Committee on Religious Activities in the Colleges" to continue the work through the committee, to establish a definite headquarters, to employ a Convention-wide Secretary for the work, and to publish a student's magazine, to secure a woman to work with students in schools for women. Plan called for the development of a "Baptist Student Association" in all Baptist schools and colleges"...to form into one organization, associated with the denominational life and name, the student religious life in our educational institutions to the end that the unsaved may be brought to Christ and the Christians led to consecrate...and... train themselves for...effective service..." (pp. 40,406-07)
25. S.S. Board's report to the Convention includes apparently for the first time, a detailed account of each department of work prepared by the dept. Secretary.(p. 503-30) E. C. Dargan and Hight C Moore, Secretaries of the Editorial Department, reported that with the expiration of contracts at end of 1920 commercial advertising was no longer carried in Board periodicals. This released space for use in featuring the work of the S.S. Board, the Mission Boards, and other denominational work. (p. 505)
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4. P. E. Burroughs of the Educational Department indicated that in early days of the Teacher Training program, most of the awards were made in training schools conducted by the Field Workers of the Board, but now the number earning awards in local classes taught by pastors and local workers was about 4 to 1 who earned them in the large training schools. Since beginning the program in 1901, about 90,000 awards had been made by the Board. (p. 507)
12. The Architectural Department, in charge of P. E. Burroughs, issued nine new leaflets and booklets. Aided 852 churches during past year. (p. 510ff.)
5. Associational B.Y.P.U. work was encouraged by the S.S. Board and State B.Y.P.U. Departments. Groups of young people from existing unions went out to churches in their association without B.Y.P.U. work and helped to organize unions. (p. 514) State B.Y.P.U. workers supported jointly by the S.S. Board and the State Boards. (p. 514)
- At request of Managing Editor, Hight C Moore, for an assistant, the Board employed in October, Noble Van Ness as Assistant Managing Editor of the Editorial Department. (1922, p.415)
15. "Department of Survey, Statistics and Information" reported making surveys and tabulations of a dozen features of Southern Baptist life and work. Much of the information was gathered by Secretary Aldredge and compiled in a small volume entitled The Southern Baptist Handbook. Proposed to make this Handbook a yearly publication; to

make a study of every phase of Baptist life and work and make its findings known through a periodical to be called The Baptist Survey Bulletin, to prepare and promote the use of a uniform statistical form for associational minutes to make it possible to gather "complete and intelligible statistics covering all our work." Began to gather a file of State Baptist papers. Began to assemble and file information on all Baptist groups and on other denominations so that the department could "function as a bureau of information and be of real service to the denomination and public as well..." (pp. 518ff.)

4. Department of S.S. Administration, Arthur Flake, Secretary, stated that its primary purpose was to help pastors and general officers to co-ordinate and unify all departments of the S.S. and each particular phase of the work. (p. 524) The Department revised the "Standard of Excellence"; encouraged the building of large Sunday Schools; worked toward systematizing and standardizing S.S. records and other materials for secretaries and teachers; published leaflets on various aspects of S.S. administration, such as work of the superintendent, the "Weekly Teachers' Meeting," grading, enlistment, visitation, evangelism, etc.; promoting S.S. conferences for superintendents and general officers in co-operation with State Boards, Baptist schools and seminaries; publishing a monthly, the Sunday School Builder (formerly the Superintendent's Quarterly.) (pp. 524-30)

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19.(2) S B C approved the Suggestion of the Relief and Annuity Board that the S.S. Board consider the inauguration of a "Veteran's Day" in S.S. to promote the interests of Ministerial Relief. (p. 23)

25. Convention directed its Committee on Committees and on Nominations "to name brethren and sisters according to their personal qualifications, regardless of sex..." rather than requiring that a specified number of women be placed on the Boards, etc., as requested by the W.M.U. (pp. 32-33)

11., 21. Convention instructed the S.S. Board to publish in a tract W.F. Powell's address to the Convention on "The Call to Colors for Foreign Missions." (p. 41)

21., 19.(2) S.S. Board published for the Foreign Mission Board a series of evangelistic S.S. lessons to be used on its mission fields. (p. 43)

24. SBC S.S. Lesson Committee announced the formation of the International S.S. Council of Religious Education (a merger of the International S.S. Council and the International S.S. Association). S.S. Board to continue its relationship to the International S.S. Lesson Committee which was not affected by above merger. (pp. 41-42, 411)

17., 25. On resolution of the "State Secretaries" Association, the Conven-

tion appointed a "Country Church Commission" consisting of I. J. Van Ness, Chairman, and ten other members"...to make a careful and comprehensive survey and study of country church conditions and needs..." and to report findings and make recommendations at 1923 Convention. Instructed the S.S. Board to pay the expenses of this commission and publish its findings. (p. 48)

- 6.,19.(2) Convention approved the action of the "Inter-Board Commission on Student Religious Activity" (Secretaries of the Home, Foreign, S.S., Education Boards and W.M.U.) in employing Frank H. Leavell as "Executive Secretary" of the Commission, Jan. 1, 1922. Commended the work of Leavell and selection of Memphis, Tenn., as headquarters of the Commission. SBC instructed the Commission to promote this work "with all possible vigor" that it be done "in the closest co-operation with the agencies that are maintained by us in the various states to take care of the religious and moral life of our students;" and that the Commission give special attention to the students attending state schools. (p. 60)
6. Leavell of the Inter-Board Commission anticipated "student secretaries" on campus of every Baptist and non-Baptist institution; special student literature and magazine, emphasis on evangelism, missions, Christian vocations, Bible study, etc. (pp. 59-60) Launched The Baptist Student in September, 1922. (edited by Leavell, published by the S.S. Board.) Leavell indicated that Texas Baptists had employed J.P. Boone as Secretary of Texas Student Department. A "Baptist Students" Union" had been organized in 12 Texas schools to help unify the Baptist religious activities on these campuses. Several Student Conventions had already been conducted by Texas leaders, (The Baptist Student, Sept.-Oct, 1922, pp. 3,9).
23. S.S. Board contributed \$1,523.25 to the work of the Laymen's Movement. (p. 64)
- 1.(1) 22. SBC instructed the S.S. Board to consider publishing two stewardship lessons in its S.S. quarterlies each year. (p. 65)
- 17.,19.(1) SBC instructed the Home and S.S. Boards to "continue their co-operation with the Baptist City Councils, either directly or through state Boards as seems best, and where need demands and means make it possible, increase their appropriations..." to these city councils. (p. 77)
- 19.(1) Convention approved recommendation of the Committee on the Preservation of Baptist History that the S.S. Board contribute \$500 for the year to its expenses. (p. 85)
25. S.S. Board reported a reduction in prices of its periodicals in

second quarter of 1922. (p. 389) Board spent \$235,242.75 for denominational work outside of its direct business. \$110,185.29 of this was for its assigned programs: S.S., B.Y.P.U., etc. (p. 395) Stated that according to the Convention's instructions in 1921, the S.S. Board was re-chartered June 23, 1921, (current charter) and "is now under absolute direct control of the Convention." Board's net resources now exceed a million dollars. (p. 389)

19. (1), 17. Appropriations of S.S. Board for the past year to co-operative work totaled \$109,312.56, including \$1,500 to Southwestern Seminary, \$2,000 to the "W.M. U. expense fund," \$1,523.25 to Laymen's Movement, \$20,347.92 to State Boards for co-operative S.S. and B.Y.P.U. work, \$36,719.30 for the summer rural church campaign in co-operation with the state Boards, and over \$47,000 in donations of books, tracts, Bibles, periodicals and merchandise. (p. 395)
- 21, 23.
- 6., 18. Board contributed \$2,540.58 to Convention expense, \$652.68 to SBC Executive Committee, \$1,595.71 to Inter-Board Commission, \$2,500 to the Baptist Student Missionary Movement, and other miscellaneous appropriations totaling \$15,744.90. (p. 395)
1. (2), 4., 25. The "Home Department" is now included in the "Organized Class Department" of the S.S. Board. The latter conducted a Southwide Conference for Organized Classes. With the organization of the Book Editorial Department, John L. Hill, Secretary, the Board now has eight departments of work. (pp. 398-99)
1. (2), 11. Tract work was assigned to John L. Hill of the New Book Editorial Department, J Board printed 1,650,000 tracts during the past year. (p. 399) (List of all tracts on pages 400-401)
1. (2), 7. One of the 16 new books published was Kingdom Songs compiled by I. E. Reynolds and R. H. Coleman. 132,500 issued to date. (pp. 390, 401) Also issued a revival song book of 64 pages, Victorious Praise. (p. 403)
1. (2), 2. Board stated that it could easily get "commercial travelers" to help sell its books, then declared, "...but our reliance must be upon the Baptist book-stores if we are to sell our books." Co-operation with State Baptist book departments was begun in 1921. S.S. Board held a second meeting with representatives of the State Boards in 1922, and worked out further plans of co-operation in book sales. (p. 402) Board also reported an arrangement with George H. Doran Co. of New York for printing and selling through its facilities some of the Board's books. The Board edited the manuscripts and retained control of publication processes and the copyright, but after printing an edition for the Board, the Doran Co. issued an edition with its own imprint to use on the world book market. (p. 403)

- 1.(2),25. The Board reported that it had made a final payment to B. F. Riley for his manuscript history of Southern Baptists. Stated that a special committee had examined the manuscript, that it contains material of value, but that the Board had decided to hold the manuscript for the present and "to determine as to its future use." (p. 403) (This manuscript was never published. A copy of it is in the Dargan-Carver Library.)
- 17.,4.,5. S.S. Board continued a rural church enlistment program. Spent \$36,719.30 on this program last year. Reported effective results. (p. 406)
- 1.(1),19.,21. Home and Foreign Fields still edited by G. S. Dobbins, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Still published at a loss to the Board. (pp. 406-07)
17. The Board indicated that in spite of the financial depression of the country, the State Boards with rare exception, had maintained their S.S. and B.Y.P.U. work, some enlarged it. S.S. Board continued to supplement the salaries of State field workers. (p. 407)
- 19.(1) Board explained that the contributions of the various Boards to the expenses of the W.M.U. prior to the 75-Million Campaign were based on the amount of money raised by the W.M.U. for the interests of the individual Board. The S.S. Board had therefore in recent years paid \$800 to annual expenses of W.M.U. in appreciation for the money raised for the Board's Bible Fund. Board reported, however, that when the W.M.U. moved its headquarters to Birmingham, Ala., in 1921, the S.S. Board offered to assume a larger share of the organization's expenses and began to pay the \$200 monthly rental for W.M.U. office space in the new location. Board stated that it considered this "a proper expression of our appreciation of their co-operation." (p. 409)
- 1(1),4. An arrangement was made by the Board with other denominational publishing houses to produce a common S.S. lesson text to be translated into various languages and to be printed along side the English text in a bi-lingual periodical. S.S. Board was to provide periodicals in Russian, other publishers were to provide periodicals in other languages. Those produced by the Board would be of service to other denominations and the bi-lingual periodicals produced by others would be available to Southern Baptists. (p. 410)
- 19.,24. As instructed by the 1921 SBC, the S.S. Board and Foreign Board conferred regarding matters pertaining to Bible distribution and relationship to the American Bible Society. S.S. Board then resolved that it could adequately care for the needs of this country; that the S.S. and Foreign Boards arrange to appropriate to the American Bible

Society an amount necessary to cover the cost of Bibles used on Southern Baptist mission fields; that S.S. Board appropriate \$1,000 to Bible work of the Foreign Board in Europe. (p. 410)

- 19.(1),22. Board stated that it had co-operated with the Laymen's Movement in the intensified tithing campaign conducted by the latter. 23. Board "deemed it wise not to trespass upon the field of tract literature on the subjects of Stewardship and Tithing, but instead through appropriations have enabled the Laymen's Missionary Movement to carry out their program more effectively." Contributed \$1,523.25 to this work during the year. (p. 412)
- 1.(1) Circulation of S.S. quarterlies: Adult, 350,000; Senior, 500,000; Intermediate, 325,000; Junior, 315,000; et.al. (p. 416)
4. Department of S.S. Administration reported conducting five successful "Sunday School Campaigns for Enlargement." As a result, four churches had employed a full-time S.S. superintendent. Secretary Flake produced Building a Standard Sunday School, (pp. 417-20)
- 4.,5.,7.,20. Vocational School for S.S. and B.Y.P.U. workers again conducted by the Board in Nashville in 1922. Curriculum included studies in S.S., B.Y.P.U., church music, church finances, evangelism, Daily Vacation Bible School and women's work. (pp. 424-25)
- 12.,19.(2) Home Mission Board now submitted to S.S. Board's Architectural Department for examination and suggestion all plans for buildings to which the Home Board was asked to contribute through its Church Extension Fund. (p. 429) This department also reported co-operation with the Foreign Mission Board which was seeking to plan adequate buildings for its foreign fields; co-operation with the State Boards. S.S. Board Field Secretary Harvey Beauchamp was giving much of his time in co-operation with the Architecture Department. Since its organization in 1917, the Department had given assistance to 2,607 churches. (pp. 429-30)
- 17.,4. Elementary Department of Board reported a circulating library of 250 volumes on elementary work for the use of paid State and Associational Workers. (p. 433)
5. B.Y.P.U. Department reported that the Intermediate B.Y.P.U. had been organized for ages 13-16 and the Junior B.Y.P.U. graded to coincide with Juniors in S.S. "B.Y.P.U. Director" was used for the first time in the reports; this officer "is appointed by the church to supervise B.Y.P.U. work in that church..." (pp. 435-36) Secretary Leavell stated that the 17,000 churches yet without B.Y.P.U. work could be reached "most effectively upon the associational basis." State Secretaries to work through unions in the associations to reach

churches without unions. Declared the B.Y.P.U. "has taken its place in denominational life along with the Sunday School as having a value peculiarly its own, not overlapping with other organizations, and doing a work which no other organization, or combination of organizations, in a church can do." (p. 437)

15. As instructed by the 1921 Convention, the S.S. Board's Department of Survey, Statistics and Information began to gather rare Baptist historical publications. The Baptist Survey Bulletin issued during the year was well received. Department supplied information to almost 300 people by request; prepared 1922 Southern Baptist Handbook, conducted special research projects; in co-operation with State Secretaries produced uniform associational letter for use of churches, tabulation sheets for associational clerks, etc. (pp. 438-39)

1923
1.(1), SBC instructed the chairman of the S.S. Lesson Committee (E. C. Dargan of S.S. Board) "to urge the International S.S. Lesson Committee to put into the Sunday school literature as soon as practical two lessons per year on the subject of Financing the Kingdom." (p. 60)
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- 19.,21. Convention instructed the S.S. Board and Foreign Boards to cooperate in the promotion of a special day for receiving contributions to relief work in the Near East. (p. 70)

17.,19.(1) S.S. Board receipts totaled \$1,398,300.58; spent \$273,931.22 of its earnings in specific denominational work including \$141,367.37 on its own assigned programs; \$114,429.43 on co-operative work with State Boards, SBC agencies (e.g., annual appropriations of \$3,200 to W.M.U. and \$1,500 to Southwestern Seminary), etc.; and \$18,134.42 for miscellaneous denominational causes. (pp. 213,215)

25. Shipping building (with 6 floors and basement) was constructed by the Board on its property at Ninth and Berryhill at cost of \$204,580; a printing (Commerce Street) building was constructed on property purchased in 1922. The latter cost \$190,800 and was leased to Marshall & Bruce Company, contract printers of the Board, for a period of five years after which the Board had the option to renew the contract or to purchase the printing equipment, if the Board should then desire to do its own printing. (pp. 213-14)

1.(2) Under direction of new book editor Hill, the Board published during the year 19 books, many of which were issued under the Board's imprint and another edition under the imprint of the George Doran Co. as per arrangement made last year to enlarge the market and sale of the Board's books to other denominations and to people outside of the SBC territory. (pp. 216-17)

- 4.,17 The Board reported that about 80% of the 20,935 Southern Baptist Sunday schools had an enrolment of 200 or less. Reported that the Rural S.S. Campaign conducted jointly with the State Boards during the last five years had reached thousands of rural churches, helped to organize and build strong Sunday schools, and resulted in growth of S.S. enrolment and increased business for the Board. Spent \$32,810 on this work during the past year. The states matched this amount. (pp. 221-22)
- 17.,19.(2) Following SBC instructions of 1922, the S.S. Board and Home Board in co-operation with the State Boards, planned and conducted a Country Church Survey. A questionnaire requesting 120 points of information was sent to 20,500 country and small village churches. Also sent out about 40,000 letters. (p. 272) The questionnaires were returned and tabulated by the Board's Department of Survey, Statistics and Information. (pp. 235-37) The returns were about half complete in May, 1923. SBC authorized continuation to completion.
12. Board employed W.J.H. Wallace as church architect for its Architectural Department which was still under the direction of P.E. Burroughs. Demands for the services of this department continued to grow rapidly. (p. 227)
11. Distributed 1,782,259 tracts during the year; total issue to date since launching the new series, 11,360,000. (p. 227)
- 4.,5. During the year, passed the 100,000 mark in total Normal Course Diplomas awarded by the Board since 1901. Over 40% of the training awards made during the year were given in connection with schools and colleges. (p. 226)
- 4.,5.,17. Board's report lists all state S.S. and B.Y.P.U. workers, total of 88. Continued to contribute to their support. (pp.223-26)
4. In June,1922, the S.S. Board authorized the initiation of daily Vacation Bible School work. It was assigned to the S.S. Administration Department and placed under the direction of H.E. Ingraham, who joined the staff of this Department in November, 1922. A pamphlet describing D.V.B.S. work and a manual on how to conduct it were made available through the facilities of the Board. (pp. 229)
- 19.(2) S.S. Board reported co-operating with the Foreign Board in the promotion of "Relief Day" in the S.S. in January, as directed by the 1922 Convention. (p. 230)
- 19.(2),21. S.S. Board continued to publish Home and Foreign Fields at a financial loss (almost \$5,000 for past year). Co-operated with the Boards in promoting special Missionary Days in S.S. and Education

Day. Stated that the Board had a part in "making the programs, but is not responsible for them, nor for the material sent out." (p. 231)

1. (1), 4. Board announced plans under way for the production of a S.S. quarterly in Revised Braille for the blind. (p. 240)
2. Advertising pages in the Board's quarterlies and monthlies are now used for advertising the Board's books, periodicals, and supplies; also for the presentation of various phases of the work of the SBC Boards. (p. 240) Issuing a 4-page pamphlet, "Monthly Book Talk," containing reviews of several books of the Board and other publishers. Imprint editions issued for Baptist book houses in the states with which the Board was co-operating. (p. 243)
- 4., 20. Personal evangelism was stressed through the work of the Department of Organized Class work.
4. Elementary Department of the Board helped promote in the local churches "Children's Week," Oct. 14-21. (for the study of childhood in its relation to the home, the church, and the community.)
5. B.Y.P.U. reported enrolment of 483,166, a gain of 167,434 over last year. One out of eight church members now in B.Y.P.U. The Department stressed need for retaining Intermediates in the B.Y.P.U. Offered special help to Training Union directors.
15. All but three states used the Uniform Statistical Blanks prepared by S.S. Board at its expense during past year. By agreement of SBC Secretaries, the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information was made responsible for the Statistical Section of the SBC Annual. (pp. 272-74)
- 15., 24. In co-operation with the Northern Convention, the S.S. Board prepared special statistics of American Baptists for the Baptist World Alliance. (p. 274)
- 6., 19. Inter-Board Commission on Student Activities employed Louise Foreman as "Traveling Secretary." Also secured the services of Joseph P. Boone and Charles H. Stevens during part of the year. These workers and Secretary Frank Leavell visited campuses of most Baptist and many non-Baptist colleges seeking "to present clearly to them the plans, policies, and procedures of the Southern Baptist Student Program..." (p. 57) Also promoted the work through "poster propoganda," The Baptist Student magazine, and through three regional student conferences which registered a total of 667 students from 106 schools. A survey revealed that less than 35% of the 92,000 Baptist students (52,000 of these in non-Baptist schools) participated in the organized work and activities of the denomination. Stressed need for student secretaries on local campuses, for state student departments to promote the work, evangelistic meetings to win lost students. Commission made the following declaration of its objectives (p. 59):

Magnify the Church.--It is the plan and purpose of the Inter-Board Commission through its representatives from the Headquarters in Memphis and through the fullest co-operation with the various forces of the Convention to render the following service: First, ultimately to develop a complete and satisfactory student organization which will adequately contemplate the spiritual needs of the students and properly foster the various interests of the denomination; to provide and maintain a literature that will attract and edify the student constituency; to encourage a field force for leading student activities; to advance both personal soul winning and evangelistic campaigns on the campuses; to organize and promote both state and Southwide student conferences. And, finally, in and through it all to so exalt and so magnify the local church that the student may ever see her as the Bride of Christ; the one Divinely organized institution known to man and be led to give to her the first, the richest and best of his life endeavors.

1924
18.

Convention authorized its Executive Committee "...to draw upon the Sunday School Board for such amounts as may be required from time to time for Committee expenses in sums not to exceed five thousand dollars in any one year." (p. 26)

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SBC instructed the Education Board "To prepare a definite, practical schedule of its plans and needs for the development at Ridgecrest of a great Summer assembly for Southern Baptists..." Also authorized the next SBC financial campaign committee to appropriate necessary funds. (p. 31)

4.

On motion of E. C. Dargan, Chairman, the SBC discontinued its S.S. Lesson Committee as a standing committee of the Convention and referred its maintenance and appointment to the S.S. Board with power to act. (p. 64)

1. (1), 4., 22.

SBC requested that the S.S. Board "...give at least two supplemental lessons on the Stewardship of Money in a special and definite way by Dec. 1, 1924..." (p. 65)

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Convention directed that the Special Days in Sunday schools conducted in previous years be continued as a part of the "Future Program Campaign." (p. 69)

19. (2)

SBC instructed the S.S. Board to prepare literature and programs for the observance of "Hospital Day" on Mothers' Day Sunday in co-operation with the Southern Baptist Hospital Association. (p. 75)

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A resolution calling for the Education Board to transfer its stock in Ridgecrest Assembly to the S.S. Board so that the latter might develop it, etc., was referred to Committee on Correlation to report next year. (p. 80-81)

15., 17., 19.

Country Church Survey authorized by the 1922 Convention was completed in January, 1924, and was published (190 pages) by S.S. Board in a delayed 1923 edition of the Southern Baptist Handbook in March, 1924.

- The survey was made by E. P. Alldredge and his staff in council with I. J. Van Ness and with the Home and State Board representatives. The total cost was paid by the S.S. Board. (\$12,000) (p. 106) The five-page report to the Convention emphasized: (1) the "Vast Preponderance of Our Rural Forces." Stated that the 22,043 rural churches represent 88.5% of all Southern Baptist churches, contain 68% of total membership, operate 85% of the 20,601 Sunday schools, and 52% of the 16,019 B.Y.P.U.'s: (2) "Amazing Possibilities of our Rural Churches;" (3) "Imperative Needs" included: trained leaders and pastors; more modern church buildings; more, larger, and better organized Sunday schools (over 5,000 or 22.8% of the churches had no S.S., 3,321 others had part-time S.S., 54.5% of the schools were ungraded and unorganized along modern lines, 68.9% of rural church membership not enrolled in S.S.); enlarged Young People's Work (16,046 churches, 72.8% have no organized B.Y.P.U. work, out of total of 809,559 young people 10-30 years of age in rural churches, 604,014 or 74.6% are wholly unenlisted and untrained in Christian Service; stewardship teaching and training; et al; (4) "Staggering Problems." (pp. 106-11) The Convention adopted the report with its recommendation that the "various State Boards and the Sunday School Board... give increased attention and enlarged forces to the Summer Rural Campaigns in the various states." (p. 111)
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25. The Convention amended Article 5 of the constitution by deleting the requirement that the Corresponding Secretary of a Board be elected by the Convention, and by providing that the Board would elect its own Corresponding Secretary. (pp. 14, 24)
25. S.S. Board declared itself at a transition period. Stated that a systematic reorganization of its business was under way. (p. 377)
19. (1) Board stated that it considered its last two large gifts to Convention causes (\$100,000 to launch work of Relief and Annuity Board, \$10,000 to secure property for Baptist Bible Institute) "as the final expressions of the former policy" of accumulating funds and making such large gifts outside of the Board's general line of work. (p. 377)
25. Convention authorized the S.S. Board to accumulate a reserve fund up to 5% on a capital of \$1,000,000 each year. (p. 64) Board reduced the price of its periodicals but still anticipated an annual budget of \$300,000 from its earnings for extension and benevolent work. (p. 378) During the past year, the Board expended \$314,506.31 in this work. (p. 381)
- 1.-23. Board's report presented a summary statement on its "various lines of denominational work" on which it was expending its earnings: (1) S.S. extension and development, (2) B.Y.P.U. extension work, (3) co-operative work with the states, (4) book publishing, (5) Bible distribution, (6) tract work, (7) statistical work, (8) special denominational objects, and the Board's share of regular SBC expenses. Special objects include regular annual contributions of \$1,500 to Southwestern Seminary's Department of

Religious Education, \$600 to B.B.I. for similar purpose, annual contribution to stewardship tract publication of Laymen's Movement, et al. (Called attention to \$75,000 endowment contributed earlier to Southern Seminary's Chair of S.S. Pedagogy.) (pp. 378-80)

19. (1), 25. Report of Board stated, "There will constantly arise in our denominational life special and unusual opportunities of service along similar lines... The Board feels that it should be free to take care of such emergencies." (p. 380)
22. Board contributed 60,000 copies of Cook's Stewardship and Missions to churches in which the pastor conducted a training class. This was done in co-operation with the Southwide Stewardship Campaign during the past year. (pp. 380, 391)
4. Convention commended the Board's promotion of Daily Vacation Bible School work. (p. 63)
- 10., 22. S.S. Board reported that it had been requested to establish a Department of Church Finance and that it awaited the Convention's action on this matter. (p. 380)
- 4., 5., 17. S.S. Board spent \$41,000 on Rural Campaign work in co-operation with the State Boards. S.S. promotion in country churches was main emphasis. Some states included B.Y.P.U. work in this rural extension program. (p. 381)
- 4., 5., 19. (2) Courses in S.S. and B.Y.P.U. work now offered in most Baptist colleges and schools. Board helped to finance the Religious Education work in three seminaries. (p. 387)
1. (2), 2. S.S. Board issued 39 new books during past year, about half of them under agreement with G. H. Doran Co. Board published a catalog of its own books and made it available on request. (p. 389)
1. (2), 12. New books of Board included Manual of Methods in Church Finance, by Leon Gambrell, Financing a Church, by J. T. Henderson, and The Budget Plan, by N. T. Tull; A Complete Guide to Church Building, by Burroughs. (p. 389)
4. S.S. Board employed Bryan Robinson as associate in Department of S.S. Administration to supervise the work of Daily Vacation Bible School (D.V.B.S.) and the methods of work for rural schools. (p. 394) He resigned later in the year. In September, the Board secured Homer L. Grice to take charge of a new Vacation Bible School Department. (1925, pp. 381-82)
2. George W. Card was employed by the Board to direct its "Sales Promotion Department." Maintained contact with the state and other book stores, and pushed the sale of the Board's merchandise. (p. 394)

25. S.S. Board received a legacy of \$9,542.60 from estate of Mrs. Kate E. Drafts of South Carolina. This was used to establish a special fund to provide books for needy preachers. (p. 396)
1. (1), 4. Two year S.S. Lesson Course, Russian edition of the Bilingual Quarterly, was completed. (p. 399) S.S. Board requested the International S.S. Lesson Committee in providing Uniform Lessons for 1927 and beyond, "to select such lessons as can be adapted to the needs of the Primary and Junior Departments." (p. 399)
1. S.S. Board indicated that it had placed in the new shipping building on Ninth Avenue a "Multigraph office where we do our own small printing..." (p. 376) Marshall & Bruce Company made five-year contract with the Board on cost plus basis; occupied the Board's new Printing Building; printed Board literature. (p. 376)
4. A four-book Course in S.S. Administration now offered by the Board. S.S. Administration Department reported promoting S.S. Clinics, a "new method of training Sunday-school workers in the science of Sunday-school building." Also city-wide S.S. Enlargement Campaigns. Planned to make the enlargement campaigns associational-wide when and where practical and advisable. (p. 404) S.S. promotion through association organization now being pushed, especially in efforts to reach rural churches. (p. 405)
4. In co-operation with the S.S. Board, the Georgia State Board as an experiment placed James W. Merritt, of the Georgia S.S. Department in charge of D.V.B.S. work in that state in addition to his other responsibilities. (p. 406)
4. Organized Class Department conducted its third Southwide Conference of Organized Classes. Began to issue a four-page monthly bulletin. (p. 414)
12. Architectural Department provided assistance to 1,234 churches during the past year. Personal assistance offered to those who come to Nashville office. No plans for general field program. Field Secretary Beauchamp continued close co-operation in the work of this department. (p. 420)
1. (1), 5. Circulation of B.Y.P.U. literature growing rapidly. In second quarter of 1924 circulation as follows: Senior B.Y.P.U. Quarterly, 225,000, Intermediate, 90,000; Junior, 95,000; Leader's Quarterly, 8,000. March Study Course Week observed widely. Reflected growing enrolment which increased 66,931 in 1923 bringing total to 495,144 members in 15,974 unions. Equivalent to one out of seven church members.
5. Association B.Y.P.U. work growing rapidly and proving to be a most

effective method of promotion. Most new work in rural areas was initiated through this method. S.C., Miss., Mo., Ga., Tex., and Va. reported most successful associational work. Encouraged urban unions to organize work in rural churches and to conduct associational B.Y.P.U. activities. (pp. 426-27)

9. Convention instructed the Education Board to promote the work of "calling out the called" (church-related vocations). (p. 31)

5. S.S. Board reported that B.Y.P.U. work was growing in foreign lands. The Board's B.Y.P.U. Quarterly was now printed in Spanish and Chinese (apparently by publishing houses on the mission fields). China reported two full-time B.Y.P.U. secretaries, missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board. Reported B.Y.P.U. work in Rumania, Japan, South America, and Africa under direction of missionaries. Board indicated that Negro Baptists were using the Junior and Senior Quarterlies. (p. 426)

- 1.(2), 5. Doctrinal study book added to the training course of B.Y.P.U.: The People Called Baptists, by McDaniel. (p. 427)

15. Department of Survey...launched an urban church survey. Proposed to publish the Southern Baptist Handbook annually in September so as to include significant events in SBC annual meeting and changes effected by it. Reported that the historical material gathered by Lansing Burrows and by the Department under direction of Alldredge now stored in a fireproof vault in the Board's Shipping Building. With these facilities now available, anticipated special emphasis on gathering such materials. Board now issued in a separate free pamphlet the statistics and register to the SBC, called "The Blue Book of Southern Baptist Progress." (pp. 430-31)

- 6., 19.(1) S.S. Board continued to contribute \$5,000 a year to the work of the Inter-Board Commission. Published The Baptist Student at a financial loss. (p. 391) Commission conducted quarterly meetings to plan and promote the work. (p. 58)

6. Inter-Board Commission launched the annual observance of "Student Night" in home churches of students. Conducted a second series of regional student conferences. A plan in process for unifying and magnifying religious activity on the campus. Declared the need for a "distinctly student literature as lesson periodicals, culture course books, etc. Stressed need for churches near campuses to be more adequately equipped to provide for student constituency. (pp. 58-61)

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22. SBC approved the report of its Future Program Commission which declared that the task of stewardship enlistment and promotion could be accomplished "in a reasonable time" through the leadership of pastors, laymen, deacons, church officers, denominational workers, editors, W.M.U., B.Y.P.U. S.S. workers and others. Also suggested that this work be given adequate consideration in summer assemblies. (p. 29) Approved recommendation that

the special days in the Sunday schools be continued as "a co-ordinate part" of the Southwide plan of finance now called the Cooperative Program. (p. 37)

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7.,19.(2) Convention approved the Education Board's projected plans for improvement of the Ridgecrest Assembly grounds. (p. 44) The Board stated that a summer long assembly program was being conducted including most causes fostered by Southern Baptists: special weeks featured Evangelism, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Church Music, Laymen's Work, W.M.U. S.S., B.Y.P.U. work, Christian Education, etc. (p. 435)
9. SBC commended the Education Board for its program to enlist volunteers for Christian service. (Special services conducted on college campuses) (pp. 44, 431f.)
- 11.,25. SBC instructed the S.S. Board to print the Statement of Baptist Faith and Message approved by the Convention, and to mail copies to every pastor in the SBC. (p. 87)
25. Convention directed that no SBC agency or committee arrange "meetings to attract the public immediately before the date or hour of the Convention's annual assembling." (p. 88)
- 19.(1) SBC authorized the Laymen's Movement to employ an associate to the general secretary, to secure improved quarters, and to enlarge its tract and literature work. Directed the Foreign, Home, and S.S. Boards to "finance this enlarged program," each sharing equitably the cost. (p. 91)
18. Convention revised its statement of convention procedure to direct the S.S. Board to pay the expenses of special committees which are not directly related to the work of a particular board or institution. (p. 95)
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25. S.S. Board reported that its business operations were divided into four distinct lines: (1) publication of periodicals, (2) publication of books, (3) merchandise sales, (4) co-operative book stores. Its denominational work was listed as: (1) S.S. extension and development (including Educational, S.S. Administration, Organized Class, Intermediate, Elementary, and Architectural Departments), (2) B.Y.P.U. extension, (3) D.V.B.S. Department, (4) Co-operative work with states, (5) Bible distribution, (6) Tract work, (7) Statistical work, (8) Home and Foreign Fields, publication, (still published at a loss), (9) Stewardship co-operation (with state and other agencies in furnishing free text-books; also providing supplies to churches introducing budget for the first time), (10) Co-operation with other SBC agencies, institutions, and the W.M.U. (pp. 366-67) The Board spent \$336,133.54 in its denominational work during the past year. Board's resources now exceed \$1,500,000. (p. 368)
- 2.,17. The S.S. Board reported that the State Boards of Va., S.C., Ga., Tex., Ark., La., Fla., and Okla. had accepted the S.S. Board's proposal of a co-operative arrangement for operating the state book stores. The plan,

which went into effect May 1, 1925, provided for (1) the operation of the co-operative stores on a joint partnership basis and according to a uniform policy, (2) consolidated buying through the Sunday School Board, and (3) direct denominational control of the stores so that any profits accruing should go to the denomination, and that there be ample guarantee for any losses. Board declared this venture an experiment but expressed belief in its success. (pp. 369-70)

- 4., 5., 17. Board emphasized the far reaching effects of its rural campaign promoting S.S. and B.Y.P.U. work among country churches in co-operation with State Boards. New organizations formed and old ones reorganized and revitalized. Stated that the improved means of transportation through the automobile made it practical in thousands of country churches for the B.Y.P.U. to meet weekly on Sunday night (previously met at monthly business meeting on Saturday). Indicated that this had largely solved the night service problem. (p. 370f.) Board spent over \$52,000 in this rural work during the past year. (p. 368)
- 19.(1) S.S. Board appropriated \$10,000 to the W.M.U. to use in developing the Union's work in rural churches in co-operation with state organizations, each state to match the amount expended from this appropriation by the South-wide W.M.U.; this work to be the counter-part of the Board's S.S. and B.Y.P.U. promotion among rural churches. (p. 371)
4. S.S. clinics and enlargement campaigns proving to be effective means of S.S. promotion and growth. Southern Baptists reported a S.S. enrolment of 2,536,953, a gain of 155,236 for the year. (p. 371)
5. Declared that one of the most "striking phases" of Southern Baptists' work during past six years was the development of B.Y.P.U. Now 17,665 organizations reported an enrolment of 546,193, (past half-million mark for first time) a gain of 1,646 unions and 51,044 members during past year. Enrolment represents about one out of every six church members. Effective in training young people in Baptist principles and work. (p. 376)
- 17., 4., 5. S.S. Board stated that it had for many years conducted its work in close co-operation with the various state board organizations and has sought to help build up effective S.S. and B.Y.P.U. departments directly responsible to the conventions in the several states. Declared this to be a more effective policy than trying to send its own agents into these states. Stated that the S.S. Board assumed no authority over these state workers but worked in close co-operation with them. (p. 376) S.S. Board reported six general field workers: B. W. Spilman, S.S. work; Harvey Beauchamp, largely architectural service; W.S. Wiley, training school work; E.E. Lee, B.Y.P.U. work; Miss Annie L. Williams and Miss Margaret Frost, special field workers in Elementary Department. (pp. 378-79)
- 4., 19.(2) Board called attention to the possible abuse of "special days" in S.S. through the increasing requests made for such days. Emphasized the need for keeping the S.S. as an agency for Bible instruction. (p. 379)

- 7., 1. (2), 24. The Board reported a co-operative arrangement with the American Baptist Publication Society for the joint publication of a new Baptist hymnal. Both to have a set of plates, publish the book, and merchandise it according to joint agreement. (p. 380)
19. (1), 22., 23. An appropriation of \$2,500 was made to the Laymen's Movement by S.S. Board during the year for the preparation of their stewardship materials. The Board continued to refrain from issuing tracts on stewardship, leaving this to the Laymen's Movement. (p. 383)
- 17., 22. Board continued to co-operate with the states in stewardship promotion by furnishing free study books on stewardship and free envelopes for churches initiating the envelope system. (p. 382)
- 17., 19. S.S. Board made its final report as fiscal agent of the 75-Million Campaign. It had handled \$427,878.11 for the Campaign account and had provided office space for headquarters, without charge to Campaign funds. (p. 384)
18. The Board reported that it had financed the new Commission on the 1925 (Cooperative) Program, as requested. The State Boards were to reimburse the S.S. Board for most of the \$25,637.60 spent by the Commission to date, April 30, 1925. (p. 385)
1. (1) New quarterly periodical issued by Board: The Cradle Roll Home. Report contains complete circulation figures for all Board periodicals. (pp. 386-87)
- 17., 4. Campaign for promoting training courses conducted in co-operation with the states. Set up goal of 50,000 diplomas for the calendar year. (p. 394)
- 4., 20. Organized Class Department of the S.S. Board was promoting evangelistic campaigns through Organized S.S. Classes. (p. 398)
12. Since its beginning in 1917, the Architectural Department of the Board reported serving 5,394 churches. W.J.H. Wallace, architect, resigned his position with the department to open a private office in Nashville. (p. 403f.)
- 4., 17. In co-operation with the State S.S. Secretaries, the Intermediate Department of the S.S. Board was seeking state approved workers to conduct Intermediate work in all the states (five secured to date). (p. 410)
- 15., 17., 19. Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Board called on State Boards and ministers for their co-operation in its newly accepted task of revising the list roster of Southern Baptist ministers monthly or quarterly. Six revisions during the past year cost the Board \$2,500. (p. 417)

- 5., 15., 17. At request of the State B.Y.P.U. Secretaries, The Board's Department of Survey...prepared and published a 179-page book, Southern Baptists Working Together, to tell the story of all phases of Southern Baptist work. (p. 417) Southern Baptist Handbook for 1924 contained the results of a comprehensive survey of Southern Baptist town and city churches. Continued to gather and preserve historical books, minutes, papers, etc.
4. Secretary Homer L. Grice of the Board's Daily Vacation Bible School (D.V.B.S.) Department reported the preparation of promotional materials and text-books for Bible school work during the summer of 1925. Stated that its promotional work was being done through the State S.S. Departments, without setting up "new machinery" in the local church or in the state. Declared its purpose "is to get the churches to use their idle Sunday school plants in the summer months...for four weeks...organize the school...grading the children by departments as in the Sunday school; and give them a daily...program of teaching that will minister to their physical, mental, social, moral and spiritual needs." (pp. 418-19)
6. Inter-Board Commission reported approval of the name "Southern Baptist Student Union" for its unified plan of work on campuses which seeks to "co-ordinate and unify all Baptist units of religious activity into one concerted whole." Announced the following objectives; (1) to hold each student in the religious activities of his church and denomination, (2) to aid his spiritual development, (3) to offer vocational guidance, (4) to strengthen Christian convictions and denominational loyalty, (5) to help recruit young people for Christian service, (6) to provide denominationally sponsored assemblies, conferences, and conventions; "and in it all to magnify...the local church..." (pp. 81ff.) Promoted a meeting with all student secretaries to help plan and promote student work. Emphasized evangelism among students. Conducted 14 state student conferences in co-operation with the student workers in the various states; 3,000 attended. The Commission reported that it was still operating on the same budget it had during the first year of its work. Indebtedness of the Boards prohibited an increase. (pp. 81-85)
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18. SBC instructed the S.S. Board to pay the expenses of the Committee on Business Efficiency in making "a full, complete, and analyzed survey of the work, policies, activities, and other matters of the convention and all of its agencies..." (p. 29)
- 18., 19.(1). SBC Executive Committee received Convention approval for its recommendation that the S.S. Board again appropriate \$2,500 to the Baptist World Alliance in 1926 and in 1927 as it had done last year. Also indicated that the expenses of the Convention committees authorized by the Executive Committee including expenses of the Social Service Commission, were borne by the S.S. Board. (p. 35)
7. Convention committee on Better Church Music presented a three-page report on the importance of church music, the current situation in Baptist churches, and made 13 recommendations toward the improvement of these

conditions. Courses in church music were being offered at the three seminaries of the Convention. The Committee encouraged attendance at the "Better Church Music" conference at Ridgecrest conducted by the Education Board. (pp. 41-43) Upon this Committee's recommendation, the SBC instructed the S.S. Board "to give careful consideration at its earliest convenience, as to the advisability of establishing and fostering a Church Music Department for the purpose of improving the musical conditions in the stated church, Sunday-school, and B.Y.P.U. services of the various churches of this Convention." (p. 43)

- 19.(2), 15. Committee on the new "Service Annuity Plan" of the Relief and Annuity Board expressed appreciation of the assistance of the S.S. Board in gathering data for the committee's survey of the above plan. (p. 82) This work cost the Board over \$4,000. (p. 326)
- 2., 25. S.S. Board employed R. L. Middleton, formerly with the State Mission Board of N.C., as head of its Accounting Department. H. C. McGill, formerly head of the Accounting and Sales Department, now devotes full time to the Sales Department. Board's receipts for year (still runs from May 1 to April 30), totaled \$1,710,471.43, an increase of \$235,540.15. The new book store arrangement accounted for a good part of the latter. (pp. 325-26) Reported an investment of \$88,936.01 in Associated Book Stores. Total assets of Board near \$1,700,000. (p. 327)
- 17., 19. S.S. Board report contains a detailed account of the Board's comprehensive denominational service on which it spent \$380,344.35, during the year. (p. 326)
- 1.(1), 4., 17. The Board declared that its chief task was to promote S.S. work. Now publishing seven monthlies, 20 quarterlies, and five weeklies. Board now has 20 employees who do field work, and helps support 312 workers connected with State Mission Boards. Also continued to co-operate with the State Boards in employing special workers, particularly in rural church enlistment and city-wide enlargement campaigns. The Board spent \$28,887.50 in co-operative S.S. and B.Y.P.U. work with state boards and \$55,498.49 on the Rural Campaign during the last year. (pp. 326-28) Enlarged the scope of its Department of S.S. Administration to include promotion of annual clinics and training camps in S.S. work. S.S. enrolment showed gain of 154,875 during the year. Issued 87,838 training awards. (p. 328)
- 4., 5. Board declared that it had sought to make the S.S. and B.Y.P.U. church controlled and church building agencies. (p. 328)
11. A total of 1,425,000 tracts distributed during the past year.
22. Through state workers Board continued to supply envelopes to churches inaugurating a church budget for the first time. Estimated that to date over 3,000 churches had been served in this way. (p. 329)

- 19.(1) Contributed \$5,700.24 to W.M.U. rural extension work. Continued annual appropriation for general expenses of the W.M.U. (p. 329) Continued annual appropriations to the seminaries and W.M.U. Training School for religious education work. (p. 330)
2. S.S. Board reported that it was now joint owner of the book stores conducted by the State Boards in Va., N.C., S.C., Ga., Fla., Tex., Ark., La., Okla., and N.M. Because it seemed "the best policy", the S.S. Board secured control of the Baptist Book Concern in Ky., with the approval of the State Board. Reported that this new venture had generally been very successful. Conducted conference with book store managers in June, 1926. (p. 331)
10. The Board reported that it had approved at its meeting in June, 1925, the establishment of a "Department of Church Administration," which would issue a monthly journal. Expressed hope to establish such a department in the near future. Stated that the Board had been studying the administrative side of church life; had been supplying bookkeeping systems, church envelopes, letter forms, and other such materials to the churches. Declared that a greater systematization in the administrative work of the churches was needed; also special information for church officers. Related a growing demand for a church bulletin service. (p. 331)
10. Convention authorized the Board to establish a "Department of Church Administration, with the publication of a monthly journal devoted to the general subject of the administrative side of church life." (p. 45)
4. A "new conception of the Sunday school" was being emphasized by the Board. Stated that the S.S. was now accepted as "an agency for church efficiency and development." Declared the whole purpose of the S.S. is "to train, develop and utilize the active forces of the church..." Stated that the S.S. was an evangelistic agency, an enlistment agency, an agency for promoting the policies, programs, and services of the church. Predicted a new day in the S.S. movement as pastors and others recognized this new concept of the Sunday school. (p. 332)
4. The S.S. Board declared the S.S. must continue to be the chief reliance of Southern Baptists and not week day religious education as many were currently advocating in various denominational circles. Board reported adopting the following statement relative to this matter (pp. 332-33):
1. The Baptist Sunday School Board is in thorough sympathy with the spirit back of the movement, namely, to reach all the children in the public schools with the religious message and to find more time in which to teach it to them.
 2. While Week-Day Religious Education may seem to offer unusual opportunities for teaching the Word of God, it is attended by many and serious difficulties, and subject to many limitations and conditions that will, most likely, keep it from ever becoming a practical and effective method in so far as most communities are concerned.

PROTECT BAPTIST PRINCIPLES

3. The Baptist Sunday School Board urges all Baptist pastors and churches especially to be on their guard against types of Week-Day Religious Education that in any way infringe upon the principle, dear to all Baptists, of the complete separation of church and state, or that seek to foster a system of community religious instruction that will in any way tend to take from the local church its full right to say what shall be taught, how it shall be taught and who shall teach it, -- a right that is clearly enjoined by Christ upon the local church that can be surrendered wholly or in part only at grave peril with reference to ultimate consequences.

4. The Baptist Sunday School Board looks with favor only on that type of Week-Day Religious Education in which the children of the public schools, upon written request of parents, are released for stated periods of time by the school authorities in order to attend individual churches for religious instruction where each church will give such additional teaching in the Bible and Christian living under its own direction and control and in such relation to the other teaching units in the church educational work as it may deem proper and wise.

5. The Baptist Sunday School Board will give advice and counsel upon request to pastors and churches that are contemplating Week-Day Religious Education in harmony with the method the Board approves and suggest textbooks and teaching material for use in the several grades.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOLDS FIRST PLACE

6. The Baptist Sunday School Board is of the steadfast conviction that the Sunday school must, in the future as in the past, be the center of all local church educational endeavors and that all other educational activities must be so related to it as to safeguard its continued growth and influence; that such training schools as the Baptist Young People's Union must be introduced into all of our churches and fully utilized in reaching all of our young people and training them in both Bible doctrine and Christian service; that all of our churches ought, so far as possible, to utilize the free time of the children in the summer months, when the public schools are closed, in promoting local church Daily Vacation Bible Schools before asking for released time from the public schools for Week-Day Religious Education. These three teaching units in the educational program of the local church offer yearly, sixty-five hours, fifty-two hours, and sixty hours respectively, or a total of one hundred and seventy-seven hours, in which to educate our children and young people in Christian truth and living.

4., 5.

Board's report stated that the instruction in S.S. was one part of an adequate scheme of religious instruction which also included devotional exercises and singing in S.S. assembly period, church worship service, B.Y.P.U., evening worship weekly, and vacation Bible school in summer months. (pp. 333-34)

4. Convention approved the plans projected by the Board for a combined meeting of all S.S. forces with separate conferences for each group (age groups, administrative forces, etc.) in 1927. (pp. 45, 335)
- 1.(2), 2. S.S. Board announced plans for a venture in reprint publishing. A series of five 300-page volumes, containing seven basic books, were to be issued as "The Baptist Home Library," and to sell for \$2.95 per set. Expected to sell large quantity to justify the low price. (p. 336) Board stated that its policy was not to enter the general book publishing business but to publish books as a "method of promoting our common work." Continued relations with the George H. Doran Co. The Board published 37 books during past year. Made arrangements with W. Hersey Davis of Southern Seminary to prepare a Bible dictionary for publication. (p. 337)
23. According to 1925 Convention action the S.S. Board began to share equally with the Foreign and Home Boards in financing the work of the Laymen's Missionary Movement (changed name to Brotherhood in 1926). Thus S.S. Board discontinued the special literature appropriation previously made to the organization. (p. 339)
4. The name of the "Organized Class Department" of the Board was changed to "Sunday School Young People's-Adult Department." William P. Phillips is now secretary in charge of this department which promotes the work of young people and adults and also the "Home and Extension Department" of the Sunday School. Continued to emphasize the organized class but promoted departmental organization. (pp. 356-57) Sunday School Young People, a quarterly publication for Young People's departments and classes, for free distribution, was discontinued at the end of 1925. (p. 357)
12. Architectural Department issued a new book, How to Plan Church Buildings; continued to offer A Complete Guide to Church Buildings (1923) and Church and Sunday School Buildings (a 1920 revision of the 1917 edition); numerous booklets and pamphlets distributed; offered annual exhibit at meeting of SBC; to date the Department had served 5,797 churches. (pp. 363-65)
4. The Board employed Miss Mary Alice Biby as associate to Miss Mary Virginia Lee, Secretary of the Intermediate Department. This Department
20. placed much emphasis on evangelism through its literature, Intermediate Superintendents' Councils, Intermediate Parent-Teacher Meetings, etc. (pp. 371-73)
- 15., 25. Department of Survey, Statistics and Information reported a six-months survey of the Great Revivals of America and their influence on Southern Baptist life and work -- results published in 1925 Handbook.
4. D.V.B.S. Department published the Daily Vacation Bible School Guide by Homer Grice in Jan., 1926; also issued the "Principal's D.V.B.S. Guide." Department indicated that 209 of the approximately 300 Bible Schools held in 1925 reported to the S.S. Board. New text-books produced for use in 1926. (pp. 380-82)

5. The Board reported that the B.Y.P.U. movement, by wise, effective methods had guided the development of young people "along useful lines and at the same time thrown upon them the initiative in these enterprizes." (p. 339) To date (April) reported 18,858 unions with a total membership of 531,415, a net gain of 1,193 unions for the Convention year. The 1925 circulation of the B.Y.P.U. Quarterly was 1,035,000, Intermediate, 358,500, Junior, 407,000, Intermediate Leader, 28,000, Junior Leader, 22,000 .
5. J. E. Lambdin, former B.Y.P.U. Secretary of Alabama, joined the staff of the B.Y.P.U. Department of the Board to help with the editorial work and field work of the Board. To promote B.Y.P.U. methods, Lambdin edited the new B.Y.P.U. Magazine, a monthly publication launched in demand for magazine containing "a survey of B.Y.P.U. methods and progress in the Convention as well as interesting reading matter for our young people; this reading matter to bear a direct relation to Christian growth and training in service...In it will be found news items of our Convention and from foreign fields...also...helps in all phases of B.Y.P.U. work for the local unions, as well as for associations." (p. 374)
5. B.Y.P.U. Department now offered a B.Y.P.U. Administration Course for B.Y.P.U. directors, general officers, all Senior officers and committees, pastors, and Junior and Intermediate leaders. Offered three books: A General B.Y.P.U. Organization, by J. E. Lambdin, Senior B.Y.P.U. Administration, by Arthur Flake, and Junior and Intermediate Leaders' Manual, by Ina Smith Lambdin. The Department offered twenty different free tracts on B.Y.P.U. methods and promotion, and numerous plays for use by the unions. Continued to list the State Secretaries and Workers. (pp. 357f.)
6. Inter-Board Commission recommended continuation of the promotion of the Baptist Student Union (B.S.U.) through the State Mission Boards. Declared the purpose of B.S.U. was "to unify and co-ordinate all of the Baptist religious organizations of any campus into one inclusive program of activity...It unifies and harmonizes present activities and assists and strengthens each separate unit organization in its particular function." (p. 93) Inter-Board Commission staff in Jan., 1926, conducted a meeting with one student representative from each of 16 states and three B.S.U. secretaries present to plan the program of the first "All Southern Baptist Student Conference" which was held at Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 28-31, 1926. (Baptist Student, April, 1926, p. 11) This first southwide conference registered 1,531 students; was considered an effective means of promoting the student movement. (Annual, 1927, p. 11) Inter-Board Commission conducted its first Student Retreat at Ridgecrest Assembly--asked student secretaries and two leading students to attend. Considered a "southwide summer student assembly" to be premature at this time. About 60 attended the retreat. (1927, p. 23; 1926, p. 93) S.S. Board contributed \$5,475 to the support of the Commission in 1926; also continued to publish the Baptist Student. Board promised additional aid to enable the Commission to employ another field worker. (p. 91)

1927

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On recommendation of the Commission on Baptist Papers, the SBC requested the S.S. Board, W.M.U., and the editors and managers of Baptist papers to "consider the advisability of taking immediate steps toward organizing the subscription lists of all our papers and periodicals into a syndicate looking to the securing of larger advertising revenues..." (p. 36)

19. (2),

Observing that during the 75-Million Campaign the observance of "Denominational Day", as initiated by the S.S. Board, had fallen into disuse, the Commission on Co-operative Program received Convention approval for its recommendation that the S.S. Board "be requested to re-establish 'Denominational Day'" and promote its observance so as to "increase the amount of information on the part of the average Baptist concerning our distinctive doctrines and our denominational history, traditions, polity, and work." (p. 38) Also approved the Commission's recommendations that renewed emphasis be given to "Missionary Day" in the Sunday School; that the offerings received for this day, for Education Day, and Denominational Day be devoted to the Cooperative Program as a whole rather than exclusively to the objects emphasized on these special days. Stated that the S.S. Board had agreed to these recommendations. (p. 38)

18.

Convention adopted the recommendation of the Committee on Business Efficiency for the enlargement of the functions of the Executive Committee; instructed the S.S. Board to pay its expenses. The Board was to "advance to the Executive Committee, from time to time, funds sufficient for the Committee to discharge its duties without financial embarrassment." (p. 69)

19. (2),

SBC discontinued the Cooperative Program Commission and charged the Executive Committee with its responsibilities. The Executive Committee, Presidents of the Seminaries, Secretaries of the Boards, head of the W.M.U. and the Brotherhood, State Board Secretaries, and editors of the state Baptist papers were to constitute the "Promotional Agency of the Convention" in promoting the Cooperative Program. (p. 69)

25.

Convention directed all agencies to "keep all trust funds and designated funds...sacred to the trust and designation...that they/ not be used even temporarily for any other purpose..." (p. 70)

1. (2)

A proposal for the appointment of a Textbook Commission of the Convention to produce textbooks for Baptist schools, such books to be published by the S.S. Board was referred to the Executive Committee with power to act. (p. 90) This Committee in 1928 reported after investigation of the matter that it considered the appointment of such a textbook commission impractical at this time. (1928, p. 28f.)

18., 19. (1)

Convention commended the S.S. Board for its appropriations to denominational work"...now largely going into channels of work where these funds...can directly help the Sunday schools, and develop the denominational life." Total appropriation, \$444,028.41. (p. 99)

25. SBC authorized the S.S. Board to accumulate a reserve fund to apply later to the growing need for additional building space for its operations. (p. 99)
2. Convention approved the Board's current operation of a chain of 15 book stores in the various states. The Board owned half interest in the stores (its investment totaled \$107,581.43) operated in co-operation with the state Boards. (p. 99)
- 1.(1), 19. Convention instructed the Board to continue publication of Home and Foreign Fields, the Baptist Student, and B.Y.P.U. Magazine at the present subscription rates. Stated that they "...fill a needed place and ...the money lost on them may well be considered as a missionary investment." (p.100)
25. The S.S. Board reversed its policy and again opened the columns of its periodicals to commercial advertising. (1930, p. 304)
25. The SBC approved the Board's proposal "to work out some satisfactory plan for the retirement of the Board's employees who have been in its service for many years, with proper annual allowance in recognition of said faithful services." (p. 100)
4. S.S. Board reported employing W. A. Harrell of Texas as associate in the Young People's-Adult Department in December, 1926. (p. 367) Also employed J. N. Barnette of North Carolina as an associate in the Department of S.S. Administration in charge of Rural S.S. Administration. (p. 329)
12. Church Architecture Department of the Board reported having a supplemental office in Dallas, Tex., with Field Secretary Beauchamp in charge. Employed three draftsmen in the Nashville office. To date, 6,273 churches have been assisted. (pp. 334, 371)
25. The Board's report contains a "Ten Years Survey" of its work from 1917 to 1927. During this period the Board added to its Business, Editorial, and Education Departments the following new departments: Home and Foreign Fields, Young People's - Adult, Intermediate, Elementary, Sunday School Administration, B.Y.P.U., Architectural, Statistical, Book Editorial, Daily Vacation Bible School; these were directed by 17 secretaries and assistants. Board had a total of 58 employees in 1917; 202 in 1927. The Board reported 8 field workers in 1917; the states had 17. Ten years later, the Board had 5 and the states had 59 regularly employed for S.S. and B.Y.P.U. work (salaries supplemented by the Board) and 350 "approved workers" who are called upon to serve in training schools, enlargement campaigns, etc. Annual receipts of the Board increased from \$515,821.14 in 1917 to \$1,806,416.26 in 1927. Appropriations of the Board during its first 26 years (1891-1916) amounted to \$965,559.64; during last 10 years (1917 to 1927) totaled \$2,673,250.18. (p. 333ff.)
- 4., 5., 17.
19.(1) During the decade, the S.S. Board had spent \$300,000 on rural church development in co-operation with the State Boards which had spent a like sum,

since inauguration of the program in 1918. Board also appropriated \$21,110.51 to the W. M. U. for its rural work. (p. 335)

4. The Board indicated that its "Normal Course" books were taught regularly in 110 academies and colleges. (p. 334)
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24. To date, 333,000 copies of Kingdom Songs issued by the Board. (p. 335) The New Baptist Hymnal issued during the year in co-operation with the American Baptist Publication Society. (p. 341)
4. S.S. Statistics revealed growth from 18,394 schools with 1,784,922 enrolled in 1916 to 21,777 schools with 2,724,367 enrolled in 1926. (p.336)
- 1.(1), 25. Convention approved the Board's decision to renew its printing contract (5 year) with the Marshall & Bruce Company in 1928. Considering future building needs for its growing work the Board indicated that it was "not in a financial condition...to consider the matter of operating its own printing plant." (pp. 336f., 99)
- 1.(1), (2) In 1917, the Board had 51 periodicals with total circulation of 26,881,356; in 1927 had 66 periodicals with circulation of 33,961,756. Up to 1917, the Board had published 62 books. Since then had issued 213 titles. (p. 333) (Included study course books, V.B.S. textbooks, etc.)
- 1.(1) Board announced plans to begin in 1928 to print the covers of all its periodicals in color. (p. 341)
4. First Southwide S.S. Conference was held in Memphis, Jan., 1927. Registered over 1,800 and proved helpful in promoting better methods of S.S. work. (p. 342)
10. S.S. Board reported delay in organizing a Church Administration Department. Unduly heavy demands from many denominational interests resulting in insufficient means for the operation of such a department, difficulty in securing a proper person to direct it, and other factors caused the Board leadership to consider it "wise under these circumstances not to proceed with the organization of this new department:" in 1926 even though it was approved by the SBC and S.S. Board in 1926. Requested further instructions from the Convention. (p. 344) At its 1927 meeting, the SBC instructed the S.S. Board to "carry out the previous instructions of the Convention in the organization of a department of Church Administration, and proceed to issue a periodical dealing with efficient methods of church work and administration" (p. 100)
10. In June, 1927, the S.S. Board created a new "Department of Church Administration and Buildings" combining the architectural work of the Board with the work proposed for the new department. P. E. Burroughs, Secretary of the Education Department and the former Architectural Department, was placed in charge of the new Department. A Church Administration Study Course was prepared by Secretary Burroughs. In October, the Department

began to issue a monthly magazine, Church Administration. Board employed Clay I. Hudson as an associate in the new department. (p. 297)

6. S.S. Board inaugurated an annual essay writing contest among Baptist senior students in co-operation with the Inter-Board Commission and state B.Y.P.U. secretaries. The best essay was to be published by the Board. (p. 346)
- 4., 5. J. N. Barnette continued to give full time to rural S.S. work through the Department of S.S. Administration. (p. 361) The Board spent over \$60,000 on rural S.S. and B.Y.P.U. promotion and \$15,410.27 for rural W.M.U. extension in co-operation with the State Boards and W.M.U. (p. 338)
5. B.Y.P.U. Magazine's circulation passed the 12,000 mark by the end of its first year. Board reported that rural churches were being reached by associational B.Y.P.U. work. Literature on methods of associational work was being supplied by the B.Y.P.U. Department. Stated that the "General B.Y.P.U. Organization, as a plan of supervision and leadership, is fast spreading to all the churches." (reported 2,186 General Organizations) Indicated that this had proven an effective means of enlarging and improving B.Y.P.U. work. Study course work growing. Issued 128,389 awards in 1926. Week-long training schools were being conducted as a permanent feature in urban and rural areas where B.Y.P.U. work was established. (p. 382-83)
- 5., 19. B.Y.P.U. Department of the Board "through its literature and periodicals promotes at all times full co-operation with the Baptist unified Program." Not only the Cooperative Program but also other denominational objects were featured in B.Y.P.U. periodicals. Declared that one major purpose of B.Y.P.U. was "to train in denominational loyalty." (p. 383)
15. Statistical department of the Board made a survey of the "financial situation of Southern Baptists" in 1925-26. Published results in the 1926 Southern Baptist Handbook. (p. 388)
4. Board report stated that D.V.B.S. work was an extension of the teaching and training program of the S.S. A total of 38,077 were enrolled in 320 schools. (p. 329f.)
6. Inter-Board Commission added William Hall Preston to its staff in June, 1927. Commission declared that B.S.U. had proven itself as a method for unifying Baptist religious work on college campuses. "It is a connecting link between the college and the church." Stated that Southern Baptists were now in a position to promote a constructive and expanding program of student religious activity. (pp. 22-24) Stated that the B.S.U. was a "recruiting agency for the churches for the state mission boards and for the southwide boards and agencies..." (The Baptist Student Union, by Frank Leavell, p. 12)

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1. (1), 22. Convention approved the SBC Executive Committee's recommendations regarding stewardship promotion for the 1929 stewardship year: that the S.S. Board co-operate by making a stewardship application of lessons in The Teacher when adaptable, and by presenting the stewardship theme for each month in the B.Y.P.U. Magazine and Home and Foreign Fields. Requested the Board to prepare special lesson on stewardship for all age groups and to help promote stewardship study through the Sunday schools; that the Board consider incorporating in its S.S. and B.Y.P.U. study courses "several of the best books on stewardship." (pp. 38-39)
- 5., 22. SBC approved the Executive Committee's recommendation that pastors be requested to consider conducting weekly stewardship classes prior to the mid-week prayer meeting hour, or conducting such classes for adults on Sunday evenings while the young people are in their B.Y.P.U.'s. (p. 39)
- 6., 22. Convention also requested the Inter-Board Commission "to provide and promote courses in stewardship for all our Baptist students..." in 1929. (p. 39)
25. E. C. Dargan retired after ten years of service to the Board. (p. 42) Hight C Moore now in full charge of Editorial Department as Editorial Secretary. Noble Van Ness became Managing Editor. (p. 310)
19. (1) S.S. Board continued annual appropriation of \$1,500 to Southwestern, B.B.I., and W.M.U. Training School "to help in maintaining their departments in Sunday school and B.Y.P.U. instruction." (p. 42) Continued to make appropriations toward the expenses of the W.M.U. and Brotherhood. (p. 42)
- 17., 19. (1) Convention approved the S.S. Board's purpose to "continue to use its surplus funds for development work, which directly touches our churches." Board spent almost \$500,000 on denominational work during past year. It spent \$81,237.55 in co-operation with State Boards in sending trained workers to rural churches to promote S.S. work. Reached 2,500 churches through this program. Continued to pay a part of the salary of every State S.S. and B.Y.P.U. Secretary. Cost the Board about \$16,000 annually to supplement salaries of c. 60 workers. (p. 42, 295)
18. S.S. Board paid the expenses of the Executive Committee, SBC, as instructed by the Convention in 1927. For first ten months of operation, the Board supplied \$24,000 for the Committee's work. Provided \$30,000 for its 1928-29 budget. (p. 295)
19. (2), 21. S.S. Board proposed that the missionary days in S.S., which had largely passed out of its control during the 75-Million Campaign, be again placed in the charge of the S.S. Board. Suggested that special offerings be taken on these days as was done prior to the Campaign. Projected the hope that in the future the Foreign and Sunday School Board would jointly formulate a "Southern Baptist World-Wide Sunday School Program," to be carried out under the direction of the Foreign Board; to be financed through an appeal

on the missionary days for \$500,000. (p. 295f.)

1. (2), 2. Board reported publishing during past year 34 books, many of which were published in connection with Doubleday, Doran & Co. of New York, thus extending their circulation beyond the Convention territory. (p. 298) Board reported 17 co-operative stores in its book store chain. This plan was proving financially and otherwise successful. (pp. 39, 298) From gross sales of \$510,000, the Board realized a profit of \$11,900 for its share. (p. 361)
10. S.S. Board stated that in developing its new Church Administration Department, "it became manifest that the general subject of Stewardship must be and can be kept at the forefront." After referring to its co-operative work in stewardship with the Brotherhood and other agencies, Board stated the opinion that it must through this new department "put forth more direct and positive efforts to supplement what is being done along the line of stewardship." The first tract issued by the department was on stewardship. The report expressed the hope through the leadership of the department "to make effective plans for utilizing the Sunday school to a greater extent than in the past for the development of Stewardship and kindred topics related to church development." (p. 297)
10. Department of Church Administration and Buildings of the Board issued pamphlets on stewardship, deacons, Church Administration Study Course, and one introducing the new department. Conducted the first Southwide S.S. Conference at Greenville, S.C., January, 1927. A second Conference was conducted by the new department during the meeting of the SBC in May, 1928. Policies of the former Architecture Department of the Board, now merged with the new department, remained unchanged. Continued to offer literature, counsel, etc., as before. (pp. 321-22)
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4. S.S. Administration Department now offered a literature that covered almost every phase of the administrative side of S.S. work. Arranged its free literature in five packets: (1) on Standard of Excellence, (2) Work of the Department S.S., (3) S.S. Enlargement, (4) Work of the Rural and Village S.S., (5) on the Six Point Record System; also offered other materials. Prepared special associational literature.
- 4., 13. The S.S. Administration Department began active promotion of S.S. libraries. Published free pamphlets offering suggestions on how to build and maintain a good library; recommended books for reading. Placed Miss Leona Lavender (long time member of the Department's staff) in charge of this phase of the department's work. (p. 332)
4. S.S. Young People's-Adult Department declared that it sought to magnify church control of the S.S. through departmental organization--many organized classes currently operated as independent organizations not responsible to the church. (p. 333)
- 4., 17. The D.V.B.S. Department reported that it had been able this year

for the first time to give financial aid to State S.S. Secretaries for D.V.B.S. promotion. (p. 356)

4. S.S. Board indicated that it had a force of about 100 qualified and trained "Approved Workers" which it employed on part time basis from time to time to help conduct training schools and other special meetings. Stated that this method was more economical and would eventually prove more effective in S.S. promotion than the old method of trying to do this work through a group of general field workers. (p. 367)
- 1.(1) Board stated that it reached c. 20,000 Southern Baptist churches through its periodicals. (27,555 churches in the Convention) pp. 368,421)
- 5.,9.,21.,22. Through the B.Y.P.U. Magazine the B.Y.P.U. Department promoted Standardization, better methods, programs, and social life, soul-winning, enlargement, associational work, Bible reading, denominational loyalty, stewardship and missions, and vocational guidance. (p. 349) Reported that c. 3,000 churches were now following the general B.Y.P.U. organizational plan. Declared that "development of the associational B.Y.P.U. is our plan for establishing B.Y.P.U. in every Baptist church." Through this means developed a force of volunteer workers in the association who conduct training schools, enlargement campaigns, conventions and institutes. Reported that 614 of the 917 associations had associational organizations. Reported granting 158,126 study course awards in 1927. (p. 350)
6. In view of the SBC Efficiency Committee's plans to recommend that the work of the Inter-Board Commission be turned over to the S.S. Board, the Board went on record as favoring the present arrangement of co-operative operation and support of student work, and requested the Convention not to adopt the Committee's recommendation. Stated that the Board had been paying half of the expenses of the Commission; contributed \$9,597.35 during the year 1927-28, plus a loss on publishing The Baptist Student. Indicated that adoption of the Committee's report would add \$8,000 to the Board's annual budget. (pp. 296, 365) In event the SBC adopted the Committee's recommendation, the Board requested the Convention to make explicit the conditions under which it committed the student work to the Board. (p. 296) After reviewing the above matters the Convention adopted the following recommendation of its Efficiency Committee (p. 54):

Your Committee recognizes the importance of the work of the Inter-Board Commission, but in view of the financial condition of Southern Baptists we recommend: First, that the work of the Inter-Board Commission be transferred to the Sunday School Board and all financial obligations be assumed by same. Second, that this be recognized as the agency of student activities of the Southern Baptist Convention and that the other agencies of the Convention be requested to co-operate with it.
6. On June 1, 1928, the S.S. Board took charge of the student work formerly promoted through the Inter-Board Commission; the headquarters remained at Memphis until Oct. 1, when Frank Leavell, Secretary, and

William Hall Preston, associate, moved their offices to Nashville. Miss Ethel F. McConnell was employed as associate field secretary. The Board asked the representatives of other Southwide agencies to act as a consulting committee in formulating plans for student work. (1929, p. 319) Leavell called for the employment of more state student secretaries. There were 26 full-time student workers in 1928, including campus secretaries. Used "Approval Workers" plan by which experienced B.S.U. workers are sent to nearby campuses to assist in initiating B.S.U. work and in teaching methods. Leavell's The Baptist Student Union (methods book) was published by the Board. (pp. 71-72) Reported that State Baptist Student Unions were functioning in 14 states. Helped conduct 14 state Student Conferences, Oct. -Nov. 1928. (1929, p. 387) S.S. Board continued to sponsor annual essay writing contest among Baptist students. (1929, p. 319)

6., 9., 20. Leavell reported conducting a conference with pastors from college centers in May to study campus conditions, problems and plans for ministering to students. (1928, p. 73) Sponsored the observance of Vocational Emphasis Week in April, 1928. Became an annual observance on campuses. Special emphasis given to the ministry and other church-related vocations. Began to promote "student evangelistic week" on campuses--emphasis on personal soul-winning. (p. 71)

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19.(1) SBC, on recommendation of the Executive Committee, classified the Service Commission as a "special committee" which under Convention procedure, item 4, would have its expenses paid by the Sunday School Board. (pp. 62-63)

3. SBC approved the action of the S.S. Board in assuming responsibility for the program and operation of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly for the summers of 1929, 1930, 1931, as requested by the Executive Committee. (The Convention in 1928 had committed affairs of the Education Board, former operator of the Assembly, to the Executive Committee.) (p. 22) The S.S. Board agreed to give the Executive Committee 60% of any profits made on the operation of the Assembly. (p. 322)

18. SBC Executive Committee continued to occupy offices in the S.S. Board building. The Board provided \$30,000 for the 1928-29 budget of the Committee. (p. 318)

25. S.S. Board reported a decline in receipts from \$1,979,093.17 in 1928 to \$1,870,653.97, largely due to decrease in merchandise business of the Board. Receipts from periodicals slightly higher than previous year. The Board's appropriations to denominational work (\$522,548.50), however, exceeded the previous year by \$24,000. (pp. 317-18)

24. Convention approved the S.S. Board's agreement to contribute \$2500 annually for five years to the Baptist World Alliance budget. (p. 22, 319)

19. SBC approved the Education Commission's request to petition the S.S. Board to devote one Sunday each year to a lesson on Christian Education.

Also requested the Board to authorize the Education Commission "to submit manuscript for a book on Christian Education, to be used in training schools." (p. 37)

1. (1), 4. S.S. Board revised its weekly S.S. paper publication changing the names of each and adding a new one, The Intermediate Weekly. Kind Words was superceded by The Challenge, an 8 page weekly for young people. (pp. 320-21)
17. S.S. Board reported a new basis for co-operative work with the State Boards: A general (annual) appropriation of \$100,000 was set up from which specific appropriations would be made toward the salaries of permanent state workers--"to be distributed to each state on the basis of that state's proportionate part of our business." In addition to this, the Board continued its direct co-operation through its (1) donations of printed matter and (2) permission to use the qualified workers employed by the Board on part-time basis to promote S.S. and B.Y.P.U. work. (p. 323)
- 10., 11., 22. In connection with its Department of Church Administration the Board continued to issue tracts on stewardship. Also issued a book by J. B. Lawrence, Stewardship Applied in Church Finance. Demands for the latter were so great that the Board included it as a part of its tract work and provided nearly 36,000 free copies of it to pastors and church classes on stewardship. Total tracts published during the year, 1,808,400. (p. 326) Continued to give a year's supply of envelopes to churches initiating the budget system. (pp. 323-24)
- 4., 17. The Board conducted the third annual Southern Baptist S.S. Conference in January, 1929. Purpose was "to systematize our plans and methods over the whole of our southwide territory..." Planned hereafter to hold these conferences every two years. (p. 325)
- 5., 17. S.S. Board stated that a southwide conference similar to the S.S. conference was needed for leaders of B.Y.P.U. work. Planned and promoted such a conference Dec. 31, 1929--Jan. 2, 1930, in Memphis to help standardize methods and give new impetus to B.Y.P.U. work. State B.Y.P.U. conventions are now active in most states. (p. 325)
10. Board reported that its new Department of Church Administration was commending itself to the pastors and churches. Stated that this work was an experiment for no such work had before been attempted by Southern Baptists or any other denomination. Indicated that its work included the teaching of stewardship and evangelism, but went much further. "It deals with the whole problem of a church's life as reflected in the work of the pastor, and the work of the deacons, or church council. Training schools are now being held setting forth the life of our churches as a whole." The department was giving special attention to the work of treasurers. Prepared a new "Improved Church Treasurer's Record System." Instruction to be given in directing the business activities of the church as well as its spiritual programs. (p. 325) Since it was launched in 1927, the Department had issued 3,601

- 4., 1.(1) The Board began to offer separate S.S. lesson treatments for young people and adults. (Before, one lesson treatment served both age groups.) Miss Verda Von Hagen became associate editor of Sunday School Young People and Adults. (pp. 360, 362)
4. Intermediate Department reported City-Wide Intermediate Councils had been organized in several cities to promote Intermediate work by making reports, discussing problems, exchanging ideas, plans, etc., and by studying the latest and best methods of Intermediate work. (pp. 367-68)
- 4., 5. Reported that the Junior S.S. and B.Y.P.U. departments were both promoting the same "Daily Bible Reading Course" for Juniors.
5. B.Y.P.U. Department enunciated the following "Fundamental principles in B.Y.P.U. work" (p. 378)
 1. B.Y.P.U. a church organization. The B.Y.P.U. is strictly a church organization. Every church should establish, promote, and control its B.Y.P.U. department. All general officers and leaders should be elected by the church, and the election of all others by the unions approved by the church. As a church organization the B.Y.P.U. seeks to train its members to participate in all church activities.
 2. B.Y.P.U. a denominational organization. The B.Y.P.U. sets itself whole-heartedly to the task of training its members in doctrine and in active participation in the world-wide missionary program of the Southern Baptist Convention.
 3. B.Y.P.U. a training organization for young Christians. Training comes through study, worship, expression, and activity. The B.Y.P.U. seeks to enlist all the young members of the church, beginning with the Junior department, and to train them individually in all the duties and privileges of church membership. This statement implies that the B.Y.P.U. does not seek the unsaved for its membership. This is true. It does not. The program material and activities of the B.Y.P.U. are for the development of young Christians. If it is necessary for children below the age of nine to be present at B.Y.P.U. time because their parents are working in the B.Y.P.U. department, a children's story hour, educationally and religiously correct in method and content, should be conducted for them. Not enough of these children are Christians to justify the name Baptist Young People's Union, nor the program of training of the B.Y.P.U., which presupposes Christian experiences.

it considered that such a survey conducted by a special committee would not justify the expense in money, time and effort. The Convention then adopted this committee's recommendation "that the matter of Survey, Statistics and Information, covering all phases of work of our people be left to the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information maintained regularly by the Sunday School Board. Second, that the scope of the work of that department be enlarged from year to year as the financial resources at its command may justify and as the Sunday School Board within its discretion may think proper, so as to attain as far as possible the objective contemplated in the Brough resolution. (p. 28)

Convention authorized the Executive Committee to draw on the Sunday School Board for a budget of \$30,000 for the next year. Last year's expense of \$22,500 was paid by the Board. (p. 88)

19.(1), 21. A resolution that "all of the net profits accruing to the Sunday School Board for the years 1930-1931, be given to the payment of the debts of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards" failed to receive the approval of the Committee on Resolutions. On recommendation of this Committee, the Convention instructed the S.S. Board "to consider the wisdom of aiding the Mission boards out of its annual income." (p.92)

19.(1), 25. In spite of the adverse financial conditions of the country, the S.S. Board reported a slight gain in receipts over the previous year. Total contributions to denominational work from its earnings amounted to \$519,051.79. Of this \$217,871.98 went to maintain the direct work of the various departments of the Board: S.S., B.Y.P.U., D.V.B.S., Student Work, etc. The rest of it was appropriated to : other Convention agencies, W.M.U., Brotherhood, B.B.I., Southwestern, Louisville Training School (\$22,098.82); "fixed Convention expenses" such as S.B.C. committee expenses, B.W.A., etc. (\$35,549.11); co-operative work with State Boards (\$185,416.44); donations of Bibles, literature, tracts, etc. (\$45,635.85); and special denominational work (\$12,479.59). (pp. 297-99) Reported total assets of \$2,243,887.78. (p. 300) Board purchased additional property (60' X 160') fronting on Ninth Avenue and running back to the printing building of the Board, at cost of \$27,500.00. (p. 300)

4., 17. Rural work in co-operating with State Boards was now being promoted on the associational plan. Associational leaders gathered for conference and instruction, then assuming oversight for the work in the association, they visited every church. (p. 301)

3. Board indicated that the income from Ridgecrest Assembly during the past year had paid for the cost of operation but that the Board had spent over \$8,000 out of its own funds for the maintenance and improvement of the buildings and grounds. In addition to the regular summer assembly program, the Board conducted a two-month boys camp with the hope of making this a permanent feature of the work. (p. 302)

"Fifth, We recommend that we ask the Executive Secretary to report on this whole matter in detail at the next annual meeting of the Board."

- 1.(2), 2. The S.S. Board announced the publication of the first two volumes of a six-volume series by A. T. Robertson on Word Pictures of the New Testament; to be issued by contract with Richard R. Smith, Inc. of New York to gain a wider distribution for the series. Indicated that it was using an outside publisher as a means of extending the circulation of the Board's books rather than setting up its own agency for doing this since the latter would be too expensive and the current arrangement was proving satisfactory. The report stated: "While still convinced that publishing books is not our main business, we believe it to be a part of the service which we should render to our people, in discovering authors and in giving them the widest possible constituency of readers." (p. 304)
- 1.(1) Circulation of the Board's 35 periodicals totaled over 12,500,000 for past year. Points for Emphasis had a circulation of 25,000 in English, besides editions in Spanish, Portugese and Chinese. (p. 315) G. S. Dobbins, professor at Southern Seminary, continues to edit Home and Foreign Fields. (p. 319) Miss Robbie Trent joined the editorial staff as editor of lesson materials for elementary grades of S.S. (pp. 317-20)
- 1.(1), 21. In co-operating with Convention emphasis on missions in March and October of each year, the S.S. Board included missionary articles, expositions, etc., in its periodicals for those months. (p. 321)
10. Church Administration and Buildings Department reported that it was seeking to help correlate the work of the S.S., B.Y.P.U., W.M.U., and Brotherhood in the local church and "enable our churches to function smoothly and properly as the units which they really constitute. Our effort . . . has been to strengthen these existing agencies and at the same time to propagate wholesome ideals and helpful methods in our churches." Stated that it sought in all its work to magnify the churches, and "to point the way to a general unified support of the entire church program." Indicated that the above organizations had not given the deacons the instruction and inspiration their office seemed to demand. The Department of Church Administration had therefore provided special instruction and counsel for deacons in its training schools and conferences. (p. 325) Reported 55 Church Administration conferences held between Jan., 1929 and April, 1930, in different parts of the Convention. (p. 326) Stated that its publication, Church Administration was "a technical journal dealing with methods in church administration. While it is especially designed for pastors, deacons, and other church officers, its mission is to deal with the many problems which affect the functioning of a church." (p. 329)
4. S.S. Administration Department reported a new book in its training course, The True Functions of the Sunday School, by Flake, which "reveals the possibilities of the Sunday school organization in promoting many

- 5., 17. The first Southwide B.Y.P.U. Conference, held at beginning of the year, registered 1,500 from outside the host city of Memphis. Attendance up to 5,000. Reported valuable results. (p. 369)
6. Student Department of the Board stated that it was continuing to emphasize "that student work be assumed by the state administrative forces." The S.S. Board was currently supplementing the salaries of statewide student workers (four to date). (p. 380) The "Master's Minority Movement" was officially launched by the Student Department at the Southwide Student Conference in October. Observance of "Student Night at Christmas" was growing. Nine different pamphlets were now offered in the "Cap and Gown" series. (pp. 378-84)
15. Department of Survey, Statistics and Information continued to provide information on request, collected and preserved historical materials, revised the "Roster of Southern Baptist Ministers," prepared the "Statistics and Register of the Convention" for S.B.C. Annual, published the Southern Baptist Handbook, and prepared special surveys. "The Enlistment Task of Southern Baptists," "The Stewardship Task . . ." "The Challenge of the Unfinished B.Y.P.U. Task of the South," and others were completed during the past year. (pp. 385-86)
- 4., 5. 22. Southern Baptist Handbook, and prepared special surveys. "The Enlistment Task of Southern Baptists," "The Stewardship Task . . ." "The Challenge of the Unfinished B.Y.P.U. Task of the South," and others were completed during the past year. (pp. 385-86)
- 1931 -- SBC Executive Committee reported continuing "the Bulletin service, 1., 25. publishing, on an average, 42,000 copies weekly, and serving some 250 churches scattered throughout the . . . Convention." (p. 20)
- 1., 18. S.S. Board gave the SBC Executive Committee use of the back covers of its monthly periodicals for April, May and June and its quarterlies for the fourth quarter, for advertising purposes. (p. 21)
- 19.(1) Executive Committee, acting under Convention directive, studied the request of the Social Service Commission for approval of its plans to establish a headquarters and employ a full-time worker. The Committee received Convention approval for its recommendation advising against such a move at this time and suggesting instead that the S.S. Board be requested to continue and enlarge its support of the work of this Commission if the latter "shall deem it necessary and the Sunday School Board shall find it possible." (p. 24)
18. SBC again directed the Board to provide up to \$30,000 for the annual budget of the Executive Committee. (p. 33) During past year, Board paid the expenses of the Committee which totaled \$20,000. (p. 320) Instructed the Executive Committee to use part of its budget to provide for the expenses of the SBC Promotion Committee. (p. 60)
25. The 40th anniversary of the S.S. Board was observed during the session of the Convention. (p. 47)

- a small sheet previously issued by the Education Department now was used by it and the Church Administration Departments. Secretary of these two departments, P. E. Burroughs, and his associate, Clay I. Hudson, helped to conduct numerous Church Administration Conferences throughout the Convention, stressing "the essential unity in church life and church ministries;" and offering "guidance in church finance, church evangelism and church activities." (p. 340)
10. Church Administration Department reported that because of the variety of study course work already offered in the churches, it had not pressed the Church Administration Study Course, but the demand for it was increasing. Since the Course was initiated in 1928, the Department had given a total of 12,289 awards; 123 persons had completed the course of eight books. (p. 343) The Department continued to offer free pamphlets on stewardship, tithing, church finance, duties of deacons, the church council, et al. (p. 344)
- 4., 19.(2) Board reported that the seminaries and colleges were still offering some of the courses of the S.S. Board as a regular part of their curriculum. (pp. 345-46) Report emphasized the value of the Standard of Excellence as a stimulus to better methods and more effective S.S. work. (p. 350) Fourth Southwide S.S. Conference was held in Jan., 1931, at Jackson, Miss. Reported conducting a Southwide S.S. Clinic at New Orleans in Feb., 1931, the 12th such clinic in the past seven years. (p. 354) Also conducted the first S.S. Teachers Conference at Ridgecrest in 1930; a similar conference conducted in 1931. (p. 356)
4. Intermediate Department of the Board declared that its work "is to study, test, and adopt the best method for reaching, keeping, and teaching boys and girls . . . /13-16/ for the express purpose of evangelism and Christian development; and to promote these methods through the co-operation of the state Sunday school secretaries and such field workers as may be selected for this work." (p. 364) Expressed desire to secure an Intermediate Leader in every association through whom the work of this department would be promoted. (p. 368) The Elementary Department reported promotion of "Child Study Clubs" in the churches. (p. 377)
5. B.Y.P.U. Department stated that through its "Calendar of Activities" published each year, it had been able to help "correlate our B.Y.P.U. activities and literature in the churches, associations and states." A total of 69 tracts on all phases of B.Y.P.U. principles and methods were distributed by the Department. During past year, 184,549 awards were granted for study courses completed. Offered an Administration Course, and separate courses for Seniors, Intermediates, and Juniors (several books in each.) Report again stated that the Children's Story Hour was "an emergency matter" and not to be "organized, classified or counted as a B.Y.P.U." Circulation of B.A.U. Quarterly for 1930 was 140,500.

SBC amended its constitution (Art. V) to provide for a rotating system for the members of its Boards. (p. 47)

1.(2), 19.(1) S.S. Board published the Baptist Brotherhood Manual for the Brotherhood of the South. (p. 126)

18. Convention authorized the Executive Committee to draw on the S.S. Board for expenses up to \$30,000 to be divided between this committee and the SBC Promotion Committee. (p. 63) The latter committee moved its headquarters from Knoxville to Nashville where the S.S. Board provided the necessary office space. Board furnished \$26,500 for the work of these Convention committees during past year. (p. 309) The SBC referred to the Executive Committee and S.S. Board for study and report a recommendation of a special committee on Ridgecrest (appointed by the Executive Committee) Authorizing the transfer of the Ridgecrest property (with its indebtedness of \$281,000) to the S.S. Board. (p. 64)

18., 24. SBC authorized an appropriation of \$1,250 from the S.S. Board to the Baptist World Alliance through the SBC Executive Committee. (p. 64)

25. S.S. Board reported a new executive officer, designated as "Business Manager," who worked in co-ordination with the executive secretary, but who was directly responsible for employment, purchasing, and printing. Also signed the checks issued by the Board along with the executive secretary and treasurer. Elected J. T. McGlothlin of Alabama to this position; began work Aug. 1, 1932. (1933, p. 269)

25. S.S. Board reported the death of Miss Annie L. Williams, pioneer Elementary Field Worker of the Board. (p. 305) General Field Workers still in service are B. W. Spilman, W. S. Wiley, E. E. Lee, Harvey Beauchamp, and Miss Margaret Frost. (p. 369)

25., 19.(1) S.S. Board reported another decline in receipts but still made appropriations to denominational work amounting to \$467,715.17. (p. 306)

25. Secretary Van Ness reported that the Board had improved its work by carrying out the recommendations made by a "Special Survey Committee" appointed by the Board last year to make a careful examination of the Board's organization and its methods of work. One change was the employment of an out-of-town auditor, C. G. Robinson & Co. of New Orleans. (p.305)

1.(1), 19.(2) Board announced plans to eliminate commercial advertising from its periodicals with the expiration of present contracts. Space was given to denominational causes and SBC agencies to promote their work. (p. 316)

1. The Board issued The New Style Book for Writers, Printers and Publishers prepared by Hight C. Moore with assistance of Homer Grice. Expected its use to save time, expense and to generally improve the quality of the Board's publications. (p. 317) Writers' Week again held at Ridgecrest. (p. 317)

4. Department of Young People's and Adult S.S. work announced that classes of young people and adults were discovering a new concept of their work; that they are not "Organized" classes but "integral parts of which the department is composed;" that they are "Bible classes with a function as broad as, but not exceeding, that of the school itself . . . thus they "are becoming Bible teaching-centered rather than independent, self-centered promotional agencies." Board emphasized the function of the department in the local S.S.; no longer promoted the old idea of "Organized Classes" as in earlier years. (pp. 335-36) This change in emphasis from classes to the department organization began around 1926. Annual S.S. teachers' conference at Ridgecrest continues. (p. 337) Sunday School Young People and Adults continues to be the "foremost organ of promotion" for this department of work. (p. 339)
5. Secretary Lambdin declared that the aim of B.Y.P.U. work was distinctive training in church membership and therefore was limited in membership to members of Baptist churches, thus does not seek everybody for membership. (p. 348) The southwide department emphasized the need for a correct conception of the Standard of Excellence as not an end in itself but a means to the end or goal of "well-trained, useful, consecrated church members." (p. 348) Stressed the need for "spiritual leadership in this Christian training task." Commended the work of the B.A.U. in training leaders for the other unions and for other work in the church. Warned against "entangling alliances" with interdenominational youth movements, especially city or associational federations and alliances. (p. 349) Lambdin reported co-operation with state B.Y.P.U. departments in conducting training schools, associational and local "B.Y.P.U. revivals and enlargement campaigns," conventions and assemblies. (p. 350) The only staff member of the B.Y.P.U. Department listed in the report is Secretary Lambdin. No mention is made of field work by E. E. Lee, although he is still a general field worker for the Board and continued to promote B.Y.P.U. For first time arranged its study books for Seniors and Adults in ten categories or courses of study: Principles and Methods, Devotional Life, Church Membership, Church Activities, Soul-winning, Bible, Doctrine, Stewardship, Missions, Denominational Life. (p. 352)
5. Second Southwide B.Y.P.U. Conference held in Atlanta, Jan., 12-14, 1932, registered 3,335 people; every state in the South was represented. (p. 351)
6. Reported that The Baptist Student magazine seeks "to keep before the student generation information, instruction, inspiration for their religious life and spiritual development;" also offers "definite plans, policies, and methods of procedure in all phases of campus religious life." (p. 365) Features of annual program include: Church relationship Day, Student Night at Christmas, Student Evangelistic Week, Vocational Emphasis Week. (p. 367) Declared that the philosophy of Southern Baptist student work was to provide the student "such a program of religious activity that through his . . . college life he will live the life of a normal, efficient and effective

7. Convention directed that the S.S. Board "consider the need and advisability of promoting a church music educational program that will aid the churches of the S.B.C. in developing a better program in all departments of the church life." (p. 100)
10. Convention approved a recommendation of the Social Service Commission calling on the churches to provide pastors adequate financial support that they might be relieved of their severe hardships and be able to give their best service to the churches. (p. 116)
- 18., 19(1) Board's receipts of \$1,517,613.46 represented a decrease of \$208,873.81
 25. from previous year. Contributions to denominational work for same period were \$395,314.73 compared with \$467,715.17 last year. Board in its report expressed the hope that in the light of the current financial situation it would "be left as free as possible to control and direct all its expenditures, as has been the practice of the Convention in the past years." (p. 270) Continued to contribute to expenses of the W.M.U. (\$3,466.66), Brotherhood (\$2,285), B.B.I. (\$1,500), W.M.U. Training School (\$1,500), Southwestern (\$850); and expenses of Executive Committee (\$13,750), Promotion Committee (\$16,753.72), and other S.B.C. Committees. (p. 271)
- 4., 5., 17. Board stated that development of S.S. and B.Y.P.U. work was still its major responsibility. Devoted a larger share of its earnings to this than any other phase of its work. Contributions of the Board to co-operative work with State Boards was second only to the amount expended by the Board on its own departments of work. (pp. 270-71)
25. S.S. Board changed its printing contract from a "cost-plus" basis to a definite contract based on specific publications, covering a period of years. Made five-year contract with Marshall & Bruce Co., which had previously been doing the Board's printing. Contract called for a detailed audit of the transactions during the many years of the previous contract. This resulted in an agreement by the printer to make adjustments on the work of the past ten years by which the company passed on to the Board immediate credits of \$70,000, and in addition, \$10,000 annually for the duration of the new contract. (p. 272)
2. The Board stated regarding its book stores that it had "no hope of making these stores valuable from a money-making standpoint, but we do hope to preserve them as service agencies for our people." (p. 272)
- 1.(1), 21. When G. S. Dobbins resigned as editor of Home and Foreign Fields during the year, the Board assigned it to John L. Hill, Book Editor of the Board. This considerably reduced the cost of production. (p. 272)
- 4., 17. Continued to give attention to rural S.S. work. In co-operation with State Boards gave over \$30,000 to this work during past year. (p. 272)

its effort to get the churches to discontinue the independent class movement in favor of "a program of co-ordination and unification" through departmentalization. (p. 295)

5. W. A. Harrell, for six years associate in the Department of S.S. Young People and Adults, was transferred to the B.Y.P.U. Department as Associate Secretary in June, 1933. C. A. Hearn, who had served as associate editor of The Monthly B.Y.P.U. Magazine for the past three years on half-time basis while in Vanderbilt University graduate school, began full-time work as an associate in the department in June, 1933. (p. 309) Secretary Lambdin indicated that the department proposed to build its program around the further development of the associational B.Y.P.U. to extend the work to every church in the Convention. (p. 309) Reported the following statistics at end of 1932: 619 associational B.Y.P.U.'s, 4,476 general organizations, 29,203 unions (a gain of 2,228), 583,842 members (gain of 36,894). (p. 311)
4. D.V.B.S. Department reported that to date over 1,500 Southern Baptist churches had conducted one or more schools. A total of 585 schools reported an enrolment of 55,440 in 1932. Indicated that out of 8,741 faculty members, only 50 were paid workers. (pp. 314-15)
6. Secretary Leavell of the Student Department reported the resignation of associate Ethel McConnell and the employment of Miss Sibyl Brame to succeed her. Miss Nelle Arnold and Miss Mary Browning were now serving as stenographers and associate editors of The Baptist Student. (p. 319) Prize Essay Contest, conducted for five years, was discontinued. (p. 323) Reported rapid growth of B.S.U. work throughout the South. Initiated work in Arizona. (p. 319)
6. Reported that beginning in the summer of 1931 the Baptist students in Mississippi began a summer program of visiting churches in the state to bring them messages of information and inspiration regarding the missionary program of Southern Baptists. They visited 1,200 of the 1,600 churches in the state. The idea caught on and students in other states started a similar summer program. Leavell stated that these student volunteers visited 3,310 churches in the summer of 1932 without cost to the denomination. They spoke on missions, stewardship, soul-winning, church membership, denominational loyalty, and Kingdom promotion at home and abroad. Student workers sought to expand the movement in 1933. Some considered it "potentially the greatest movement started among Southern Baptists within the last quarter of a century." (pp. 321-22)

1934 -- SBC adopted the new By-Law offered by the Executive Committee that:

25. "17. Nothing contained in reports to the Convention shall be construed as actions of the Convention except the recommendations which are definitely listed and adopted by the Convention." (p. 38)

- 19(1), 21., 23. The Board continued to pay the expenses of the Executive Committee of the SBC; the W.M.U. (\$3,200); Baptist Brotherhood (\$2,760); contributed \$3,250 to B.W.A.; contributed funds to the following institutions to enable them to maintain courses of study in religious education: W.M.U. Training School (\$1,875), Southwestern Theological Seminary (\$2,250), Baptist Bible Institute (\$1,500). (p. 280)
2. Report expressed the hope that the seventeen book stores in the Board's chain would at least break even as a whole. During past year had shown a slight profit, when considered as a whole. Stated that the stores "seem to be an essential to the vast textbook training work of the denomination and in the ready securing of supplies." (p. 280)
- 4., 5., 17. Reported that through the State Boards the S.S. Board continued its work with rural churches, mainly emphasizing S.S. promotion. Stated that the "only consistently maintained movement to reach these churches for development, other than financial, has been that committed to us." (p. 280)
11. Since 1917 the Board reported issuing almost 25 million tracts. Stated that few of its ventures had been more effective than its tract work. (p. 281)
25. Board gave a one-page summary of how it had developed from a single program of periodical publication to its current complex program with multiple departments of work through Convention directive and the Board's efforts to meet growing needs. Called this summary "A Plea for Understanding." Written to clarify the Board's "place in the denomination's life and how and why these relationships have come about." (p. 282)
- 1.(1) Board announced that the name of the Home Department Magazine would be changed to The Better Home in Jan., 1935. (p. 286)
4. Editorial Secretary of the Board continued to give a weekly 15-minute radio exposition of the S.S. lesson over Station WSM in Nashville. Began this service over five years ago through the courtesy of the National Life and Accident Insurance Co. (p. 287)
- 1.(1), 4., 5. Board continued to have its manuscripts read by doctrinal readers to help insure the "sound doctrine" of its periodicals. (p. 287)
- 1.(2), 4., 10. New books included Assoicational Sunday School Work, by J. N. Barnett; Vitalizing The Church Program, by G. S. Dobbins; et al. Books published still confined to those necessary for the work of the Board and other SBC agencies and those for which there is real need and immediate demand. (p. 288)
10. Secretary Burroughs of the Department of Church Administration and Buildings indicated that because of current conditions he had necessarily given a major portion of his time to the Education Department of which

4. Elementary Department of the Board continues to promote the following departments of the S.S.: Cradle Roll, Beginner, Primary, and Junior departments. (p. 310)

- 1.(2) On recommendation of Book Editor John L. Hill, the S.S. Board in 1933 adopted the trade name "Broadman Press" for the general books it published so as to open the way to a larger market. The first books published under this new imprint appeared in 1934. (Fallis, "Broadman Press," Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists, I, 194.)

- 5.,21. B.Y.P.U. Department announced launching a graded missionary reading course for Juniors, Intermediates, Seniors and Adults. All unions were co-operating in a campaign to enlist 25,000 subscribers to Home and Foreign Fields. Secretary Lambdin declared that the purpose of the B.Y.P.U. Department was "to train church members who will have a Southwide vision of service. All the denominational agencies are adequately set out in the B.Y.P.U. and B.A.U. literature." (p. 320)

5. Upon instruction of the S.S. Board, the B.Y.P.U. Department conducted a B.Y.P.U. and B.A.U. Leadership Conference at Ridgecrest in 1934. Reported 3,000 attendance at the Southwide B.Y.P.U. conference in Nashville. The department continued to publish a "B.Y.P.U. catalogue" listing tracts, supplies, etc. Reported a Southwide enrolment of 618,283 in 31,624 unions (5,744 general organizations) (pp. 320-22)

4. V.B.S. Department stated that Southern Baptist were reaching about 100,000 pupils a year through V.B.S. out of a potential of 1,500,000. (p. 325)

6. Student Department reported dependable organized activity among the students on the majority of the campuses of the South; also a state organization and program of activity. (p. 329) Continued emphasis on Voluntary student visitation of churches during summer months. Conducted the third "All Southern Baptist Student Conference" in Oct., 1934. Declared that the approach of Southern Baptists to the student task is "to contact the campuses through the pastor and local church, utilizing the students in the organized activities, seeking to tie the students to the church. . . ." (p. 335)

25. Board Business Manager J. T. McGlothlin died June 9, 1934, and was succeeded by J. O. Williams, formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. (1935, p, 293)

5. The B.Y.P.U. Department received the Board's endorsement of its proposal that the name of the general B.Y.P.U. be changed to "Baptist Training Union," June 6, 1934. The churches rapidly adopted the name. (1935, p. 332) At the end of 1934, reported 6,945 Baptist Training Unions (33,864 individual unions) with an enrolment of 649,773. A total of 13,388 churches were conducting Training Union Work. (1935, p. 336)

- 18., 19(1) S.S. Board denominational appropriations totalling \$431,150.40 were made as follows: \$166,801.14 to the ten departments of the Board promoting S.S., B.Y.P.U. and other distinctive phases of denominational work; \$136,964.40 for co-operative work with State Boards; \$36,548.38 to the Executive Committee, SBC, and other "fixed Convention expenses;" \$24,092.80 to other
- 21., 23. Convention agencies (W.M.U., \$2,933.27; Brotherhood, \$3,010.00; regular amounts to Southwestern, B.B.I., and W.M.U. Training School); \$22,038.96 to
21. "special denominational work" including \$1,200.00 to the El Paso Baptist Publishing House; \$44,704.72 in the form of donations of Bibles, tracts, literature, etc. (pp. 294-95) Reported that since 1917 the Board had, out of its earnings, turned back to the denomination \$6,028,531.22 for S.S., B.Y.P.U. development and other denominational work. (p. 296) Net assets of the Board now total almost \$2,000,000. (p. 296)
- 18., 19(1) Board continued to pay all the expenses of the Hundred Thousand Club (\$11,238.73 for 1934) so that full proceeds could go toward debt retirement for the Convention agencies. (p. 296)
2. Secretary Van Ness reported that the 17 book stores as a whole showed a slight margin of profit during 1934. Expressed the hope that the chain would pay for itself. (p. 297)
- 4., 5. Continued rural church program in co-operation with State Boards. Two-thirds of Baptist churches are rural. Stated that the only consistently maintained movement to reach these churches for development other than financial, has been committed to the S.S. Board. (p. 297)
15. Board invited pastors and denominational leaders to use the services of its statistical department: ". . . we will gladly furnish and search for information useful in their work." (p. 297)
- 1.(2) Board announced the publication of several volumes of "Broadman Sermons." (p. 298)
11. Over 2,000,000 tracts issued during 1934. (p. 298)
- 3., 19(2) S.S. Board reported that its purpose in conducting Ridgecrest Assembly for the past five years had been "to relate it to the life of the denomination, and not to develop it simply as a hotel or summer resort." Program for 1935 included: Student Retreat, Y.W.A. Camp, N.C. Baptist Training Union Conference, S.S. Board Conferences (Book store managers, lesson writers, etc.), S.S. Conference, Southwide Baptist Training Union Assembly, State and Home Mission Conference, Foreign Mission Conference, and a final week of preaching by George W. Truett. During the latter P. E. Burroughs directed a "Christian Life Conference." The Board reported that during 1934 the Assembly was operated at a profit of about \$2,000. (pp. 300-301)

4. The Board reported two changes in policy regarding its D.V.B.S. work:
 (1) the word "Daily" was dropped from the title of the Vacation Bible School;
 (2) the V.B.S. is no longer a separate department of the Board but a "division" of the Sunday School. "It is a projection of the Beginner, Primary, Junior, and Intermediate departments of the Sunday school into weekday work soon after the close of the public school, preferably three hours a day, five days a week for four weeks." Indicated that ten years experience has revealed that if the V.B.S. is "to be built into the education program of the churches in a large and permanent way, an organization rather than the pastor must promote it." Declared there was no need for a new organization for this was properly a part of the S.S. work. The pastor would remain the chief officer of the vacation school, but the S.S. officers would help to plan, promote and administer the school. Recommended this plan to the churches. (p. 338) Reported 100,902 enrolled in 753 schools in 1934; 140,878 enrolled in 1,044 schools in 1935. (1936, p. 306)
6. Student Department reported an effort to expand B.S.U. work to reach Baptist students in privately endowed schools, city-controlled universities, schools of other denominations, professional schools, graduate schools, and hospitals of all kinds. (p. 343) Reported an enlarged spiritual emphasis in B.S.U. through the "Master's Minority Movement." Voiced the need for more trained student secretaries on local campuses, in the state, and Southwide. Only two states reported full-time B.S.U. Secretaries, six other states assigned the direction of B.S.U. work to their S.S. and B.T.U. secretaries. There were 35 campus secretaries of which only 19 were full-time on a single campus. (p. 346f.) The 1935 Student Retreat at Ridgecrest registered 1,110. (1936, p. 311) Student Volunteer Summer service to churches continued to grow in number and influence. (pp. 345-46)
7. The S.S. Board employed B.B. McKinney as "Music Editor" on Dec. 1, 1935. Assigned to the Editorial Department, McKinney was to help "produce and promote through our periodicals the right kind of music for our churches." He was also to serve as Music Leader in Training schools, assemblies, and conventions. (p. 273)
25. S.S. Board put into operation during the year 1934-35 a Retirement Plan (as approved by the Convention in 1927) participated in jointly by the Board and employees. (p. 294)
- 1936 -- SBC approved the agreement between the S.S. Board and the SBC Executive
 19.(1) Committee by which the Board would "take full charge of the property at
 3. Ridgecrest, which we agree to use and keep up, and conduct a program each summer through the summer of 1940." (p. 70) Board reported that the assembly had again been operated in 1935 at a slight profit to the Board. Manager R. F. Staples resigned as manager of the Assembly in 1935 and was succeeded by Perry Morgan. (p. 266)
- 23., 19(2) SBC Executive Committee reported that to provide the \$1,000 per month for expenses of the Brotherhood (including the employment of an associate secretary) as authorized by the 1935 Convention, it had been

- 1.(1) The Board currently issued 69 periodicals: one annual, 57 quarterlies, 7 monthlies, and 4 weeklies. Beginning in 1936 the Board formed a small organization within the personnel of the Editorial Department "for promoting general knowledge of all of our publications, and sale of the same to all of our churchesto acquaint our people with the definite ministry of the various publications of the Board" (p. 265) Total circulation for 1935 was 32,329,668 individual copies.

2. S.S. Board declared that the 17 Book Stores, jointly owned with the State Mission Boards, were "operated as a denominational service, rather than for profit." Stated that since the Board had such a large amount invested in the book stores, it was deemed wise "to offer to sell its interest in the various stores to such State Boards as desired to buy, or to purchase their interest, if they preferred to sell." Since adoption of this policy in 1935 the Board had purchased full interest in the stores in Jackson, Miss., Birmingham, Ala., Little Rock, Ark., Shreveport, La., and Carbondale, Ill. (p. 266)

25. Reported that when the growing work of the Board demanded more office space during the past year, the Tennessee Baptist Convention purchased its own quarters and vacated nine offices in the S.S. Board building it had occupied for several years. (p. 266)

- 4.,5. In Nov., 1935 the S.S. Board adopted the recommendation of Executive Secretary Holcomb and Business Manager Williams "to launch a five-Year Promotional Program, using the District Association as the major unit for promoting every phase of Sunday school and Baptist Training Union work." To implement the program the Board first held a meeting with all the State S.S. and B.T.U. Secretaries. This was followed by conducting two-day conferences in each state with selected leaders from each association in the state "to study the possibilities of the District Association as a successful means of informing, encouraging and aiding these workers in undertaking and performing the various duties in promotional work." Hoped to enlist 30,000 volunteer workers for service in the 906 district associations in the SBC. Reported very gratifying results in the conferences held to date. (pp. 267-68)

18. In view of the above promotional program and the resulting increased expenditures, the Board requested "that the Convention in this session make no additional financial demands on it for denominational causes." (p. 268)

5. The various departments of S.S. work set up objectives for the Five-Year Promotional Program: enrolment goals, enlarging department staff, enlisting and training "approved workers" in every state, improvement of teaching methods, more effective associational organizations, etc.

- 1.(1),(3) The Editorial Department of the Board set forth the following objectives for the Five-Year Program (p. 277):

ments. Clay I. Hudson, associate in this department for nine years was transferred to the B.T.U. Department in June, 1936, as an associate for field promotion, especially in the development of adult work. (p. 268) During the past year, Hudson had conducted 83 church, city-wide, and associational Church Administration conferences. (p. 283f)

12. The church buildings and equipment service of the Board was transferred to the Educational Department. Services were rendered through correspondence, free literature and visitation of the churches requesting assistance. (p. 282, 284)
4. H. E. Ingraham succeeded Arthur Flake as Secretary of the S.S. Administration Department in June, 1936, when the latter retired. Miss Mattie C. Leatherwood succeeded Miss Forbes as Secretary of the Elementary Department also in June. (1937, p. 298)
4. After a lapse of five years, the Department of S.S. Administration conducted a Southwide S.S. Clinic in August at Little, Rock, Ark. (1937, p. 321) This department stated that the above clinic demonstrated "that this is the outstanding method available to us for the most intensive vocational and avocational training in Sunday school work." (*Ibid.*) This department announced that it was sending out a monthly bulletin to a specialized list of workers over the Convention. Includes help for associational organization. (1936, p. 288)
- 4., 5. Board announced that J. N. Barnett was appointed as director of the S.S. phase of the Five-Year Promotional Plan and W. A. Harrell Director of the B.T.U. phase. (pp. 293, 300)
5. The Baptist Training Union Department set forth the following general objectives for the Five-Year Promotional Program: (p. 299)
 1. To establish the Baptist Training Union more thoroughly in the thinking of our people as the church program for training all church members and as an essential element in the Christian educational program of every Baptist church.
 2. To make substantial progress in the enlistment of all our people in all our church and denominational life through a permanently effective means of enlistment, namely, the training process.
 3. To present God's challenge to our young Christians to meet the demands of the new day with a complete dedication of their lives to the Master in any life calling into which he might direct them, and to be ready at all times to respond to his call to preach the gospel at home or in the uttermost part of the earth, or to enter any other field of Christian service as a vocation.
 4. To fortify our people with the truth and equip them better through Christian training to meet the issues--social, economic, political and religious--of the complex age in which we live.

(2) To use page 2 of the cover of all these periodicals for picture display, with sufficient reading matter to give the facts of Southern Baptist missionary work.

(3) At least two pages of The Teacher will be reserved for editorial and missionary messages by Doctor Hill.

(4) The Sunday School Builder and The Sunday School Young People and Adults will carry a bound-in insert in the middle. This insert can be detached and used as a missionary poster.

(5) The pictures and materials will be graded to interest the reader of each publication and will be used in harmony with the denominational calendar.

7. The SBC appointed a committee "to make a study of the present conditions and needs affecting our Church Music," on recommendation of a conference of musicians, educators, pastors and others held the day before the meeting of the Convention. Instructed the committee to report its findings in 1938. (p. 54) Appointed J. W. Storer as chairman. (p. 9)
6. SBC Education Commission commended the activities of B.S.U. in "fostering constructive Christian Education emphases." (p. 58)
- 19.(1) Authorized the S.S. Board to pay the expenses of Committee on Preservation of Baptist History. (p. 87) During the year the Board contributed \$762.61 to the committee. (1938, p. 309)
19. SBC appointed a Committee to survey the need for "co-ordinating and correlating the numerous units of our denominational life." (p. 89)
- 1.(2), 10. Convention referred to the S.S. Board a resolution calling for the preparation of "a Baptist Manual for Weddings and Funerals," its publication by the Board, and its subsequent distribution to each pastor. (p. 88)
5. Another Southwide Baptist Training Union Mass Meeting was held on Sunday evening during the Convention. Three addresses were delivered on "The Ministry of Baptist Training Union." (p. 112)
- 19.(1) As a fixed Convention expense, the Board contributed during the past year \$1,709.61 to the work of the Social Service Commission. Continued its regular appropriations to other Convention agencies. (p. 297f.)
15. Convention instructed its secretaries to insert in the next Convention Annual the names of ordained ministers in the Convention by states. (p. 79) The Statistical Department of the S.S. Board had continued to keep a roster of ordained ministers, even when it was not being printed in the annual.
- 4., 25. J. P. Edmunds became an associate in the Board's Department of S.S. Administration, March 1, 1937. (p. 298)

12. Architect Harold C. Wallace was employed March 1, 1937, to help meet the increasing demand of the churches for architectural assistance. (p. 298)
- 1.(1), 4., 5. Board declared its purpose "to publish such quarterlies and monthlies as are needed in the life of our people." The Board began to issue The Story Hour Leader in Jan., 1937. (p. 299) This quarterly contained programs for both Beginner and Primary Story Hours. (p. 309) Also began to publish a monthly called Open Windows to "serve . . . the devotional and spiritual life of both family and individual" Board began the publication of Cradle Roll Cards for two-year olds in 1937. (p. 299)
- 1.(2) During past year the Board published 16 general books and 19 training course books. (p. 299)
- 1.(1) Board continued its plan of periodical promotion through exhibits at conventions, periodical catalogs, advertisements in state papers, mailing samples to those who request them, etc. (p. 300) Circulation for the year totaled 2,240,000 copies. (1938, p. 314)
- 19.(2), 1.(1) S.S. Board declared that it is an evangelistic organization, that its literature is evangelistic in its purpose and spirit, and that its field force is evangelistic in outlook, attitude and service. Stated that the Board "is co-operating with the Home Mission Board and the several State Mission Boards in the work of evangelism." (p. 300)
- 17., 20.
21. The report declared that the S.S. Board is a missionary organization. Emphasis was given to missions in its publications. Co-operated with the SBC Committee on Calendar of Denominational Activities' committees on Missionary Days in the S.S. in the preparation and publication of program materials. (pp. 300-01)
5. In discussing the Five-Year Promotional Plan Secretary Holcomb stated that the supreme mission of the S.S. was "the teaching of the truth of the Bible, winning lost souls to Christ, and church membership." (p. 301)
- 4., 5., 17. During 1937 there were 17 statewide meetings held in the interest of S.S. work in connection with the S.S. Board's Five-Year Promotional Plan. Approximately 9,000 persons from 697 associations attended. During the same year the Training Union forces conducted 16 statewide conferences attended by about 9,000 key persons from 701 associations. These were people who had committed themselves to lead out in the promotion of S.S. and T.U. work. The movement continued to gain momentum and effectiveness in improving current work and in initiating new Sunday schools, Training Unions, etc. (1938, p. 315) These conferences were conducted in co-operation with the State S.S. and Training Union Departments. (1937, p. 301)
2. Since the 1936 Convention the Board reported having purchased full interest in the Baptist Book Stores in Oklahoma and South Carolina. (p. 302)

- 4.,17. Department of S.S. Administration indicated that it worked through the State S.S. secretaries to secure a list of new S.S. superintendents (about one-third of the 22,500 superintendents new each year). Sent each superintendent a letter offering the service of the department, also a sample copy of the Sunday School Builder and free materials offered by the department. (p. 323)
- 4.,6.,17. The Young People's and Adult S.S. Department of the Board in co-operation with State S.S. Departments, state and local B.S.U. organizations, conducted conferences in college centers in 16 states for the purpose of studying "problems, conditions and Sunday school provision for both non-resident and resident students." (pp. 326-27)
4. Educational department of the Board stated that "in every Sunday school associational organization there is a Superintendent of Training. This superintendent . . . is the connecting link between our educational ministry and the churches in the associations." (p. 316)
4. The departments of the Board ministering to the various age-groups in S.S. reported new training course books in the area of teaching and of administration for workers with these age-groups. (pp. 324-335)
5. Secretary Lambdin stated that the dominant purpose of the Baptist Training Union was: (1) Growth in Christian intelligence, (2) Development of Christian Character, (3) Development in Christian efficiency, and (4) Growth in church and denominational loyalty. (p. 337)
5. Mrs. J. E. Lambdin was employed as Junior and Intermediate Editor, Oct. 1, 1937. (1938, p. 310)
5. B.T.U. Department of the Board declared that every city church should have a "fully graded, church directed, church operated Training Union." Stated that there were 12,581 churches in the SBC which do not have Training Union work. Suggested that through associational promotion these churches could be led to establish a graded Training Union, and that this would in turn enable each rural church to have services every Sunday night. Declared that this "would revolutionize the life of our rural churches." (p. 337)
- 3.,5. Reported that the third Southwide Training Union Assembly at Ridgecrest in 1936 with a registration of 1,081 was the largest of any assembly held at Ridgecrest. (p. 339) The Department issued 177,284 study course awards during 1936. Total enrolment of B.T.U.'s showed a gain of 24,256 in 1936. (pp. 342-43)
6. Miss Mary Nance Daniel succeeded Miss Syble Brame as associate in the Department of Student Work in September, 1936. Student Retreat at Ridgecrest registered 1,365 in 1937. (1938, p. 371) During 1937 seventeen State BSU Conventions were conducted with "Today and Tomorrow with Christ"

assemblies, training schools, institutes, and the like, an emphasis on the importance of higher standards of worship in all our churches;" and "that our churches lay the same emphasis upon the quality and character of their music that they do upon the other departments of their work." Suggested that the S. S. Board would "render a valuable service if it will provide tracts and books dealing with matters of music and public worship." (pp. 20-21) Convention reappointed the Church Music Committee: J. W. Storer, chairman, D. I. Purser, Roy Angel, Ryland Knight, Inman Johnson, I. E. Reynolds, E. O. Sellers, E. A. Converse, Jr., B. B. McKinney.

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SBC Committee on Co-ordination and Correlation appointed in 1937 M. E. Dodd, chairman, reported finding duplication and overlapping in: (1) the membership of the organizations, (2) materials of study courses, (3) leadership, and (4) expressional activities. Committee concluded that there is need for "a clear definition of the specific functions of existing organizations in our Southern Baptist churches." Convention approved the following recommendations (pp. 26-27):

1. We recommend to pastors and churches, the formation of a church council, representing the several agencies of the church, to meet as often as may be found necessary, in order to formulate an integrated and comprehensive church program; to devise a calendar of activities; to co-ordinate the work of all the church agencies; and to discover and develop the needed workers and leaders.

2. We further recommend that representatives of the Boards and Auxiliaries of the Southern Baptist Convention responsible for the work of the Sunday school, the B.T.U., the W.M.U., and the Brotherhood, meet as soon as possible, and thereafter at least once a year, for conference and co-operation looking to effectual co-ordination and correlation of programs, calendars of activities, mission study, Bible readings, training courses, socials, associational meetings, standards requirements, and the like. We suggest that this Committee be properly related to the present Committee on Calendar of Denominational Activities.

3. We recommend that a Committee on Co-ordination and Correlation be continued for further study and report, and as advisory to the Committee of Boards and Auxiliaries described above.

4. We recommend that the agencies which set up standards and programs take a sympathetic attitude toward pastors and churches who may feel that their local situation does not permit their having all the things necessary to meet the standards. We request the pastors or others who work out co-ordinated and correlated programs to give this Committee the benefit of their experience.

5. We recommend that all our pastors, leaders, and people acknowledge the distressing lack of full enlistment, and do all things possible to secure the enlistment of the largest number of people in all the worship, work study, and support of all the causes of Christ represented in the church and the denomination.

- 18., 19.(1) Board's receipts for 1938 totaled \$2,091,056.37, an increase of \$224,613.30 over previous year and \$174,709.72 in excess of the receipts of the Board for any single year in its history. The Board appropriated \$483,901.33 of its earnings for denominational work; \$234,227.97 to its departmental work, \$154,969.33 to co-operative work with State Boards, the remainder to Convention expenses, other Convention agencies, etc. (1939, pp. 319-20)
25. S.S. Board purchased for \$17,000 a lot on Ninth Avenue adjoining the other Board property on Ninth Avenue and the property to the rear on which the Printing Building is located. (1939, p. 321)
- 19(1) The Board stated that it had made during 1937, in addition to its regular appropriation of \$1,500, a special appropriation of \$8,500 to Southwestern Seminary to help meet an emergency in its current expenses. (p. 309)
4. Andrew Allen became head of the Elementary Department of S.S. Work. (p. 310)
- 1.(2), 19(2) The Board stated that an agreement had been made with the W.M.U. for the S.S. Board to publish all of its mission study books. First book to be issued under the new arrangement was To Be Continued, by Lonnie B. Thomas. Also published Following in His Train, by Ethlene Cox. (p. 314)
1. Editorial Department stated that one of its principal objectives was "a high standard of literary excellence." Adopted as its standard of literary form A Manual of Style (The University of Chicago Press) to which it added a supplement in order to adapt it to the Board's special needs. (p. 319) Miss Robbie Trent is now listed as "Children's Editor, Uniform Series." (p. 320)
- 1.(1), 8. The Better Home is described as "a quarterly magazine published for the inspiration, pleasure, and betterment of the Baptist home." Circulation for past year was 85,392. (pp. 320-21)
- 1.(1), 4. Elementary Department gave special emphasis to the Cradle Roll Department of the S.S. during the year. A quarterly called The Cradle Roll Home, was published to strengthen ties between the church and the home with children under four years. (p. 322)
- 1.(1), 5. Board stated that the purpose of its Training Union literature was "to provide for each Baptist church the basic materials needed to train all its members in all the privileges and duties of church membership, and equip them for victorious Christian living and aggressive service." (p. 324) Average quarterly circulation of the T.U. quarterlies in 1937 was 620,401. Circulation of Training Union Magazine that year was 20,950 (p. 324)

5. Field program of Training Union Department centered first upon state associational conferences. Worked closely with State T.U. Departments. In 1937 issued 190,952 study course awards. Stated that the large increase in Adult Union work (5,259 B.A.U.'s with an enrolment of 120,985 in 1937) indicated a healthy growth in the Training Union work in the churches. During past year 12,798 churches reported Training Union work, an increase of 705 churches over 1936. The 1937 Southwide Training Union Assembly at Ridgecrest had 1,854 in attendance. (The largest assembly ever held on the assembly grounds.) (p. 358-60)

5. Training Union Department stated that a number of churches had conducted a "Youth Week" during 1937. The Board in June, 1937, approved the project and recommended it to the churches. The T.U. Department published a tract describing "Youth Week," during which a church "uses young people in all the official positions of church life for one whole week. . . ." Reported that churches observing "Youth Week" were enthusiastic about its values. April 10-17 was designated as Southwide "Youth Week" in Southern Baptist Churches in 1938. (p. 360) At request of the Committee on Order of Business the T.U. Department conducted for the third time Young People's Night on Sunday evening of the Convention. (pp. 360-61)

5. T.U. Department's report included recommendations: (1) that every association perfect an associational Training Union organization, (2) that each church establish a graded T.U., (3) that every church conduct an annual enlargement campaign "to enlist new workers, re-grade and re-classify the membership, set up department organizations with department directors, and organize new unions to reach and train more people," (4) that churches contemplating new building consult with the S.S. Board regarding plans to provide for the T.U. as well as the S.S. (5) that every church conduct at least two Training Union study courses annually (March and September designated as Southwide Study Course Months), (6) that Southwide "Youth Week" be observed in the churches annually, (7) that associations work to have its churches represented at the annual Southwide T.U. Assembly. (pp. 361-62) Continued to publish annually a table showing the comparative standing of the states in the various phases of T.U. work. (p. 366-67)

6. Student Department declared that the "ultimate aim of Southern Baptists in promoting work among students is to conserve for the churches, for the denominational program, and for the Kingdom of God the least, as well as the best and the most of our college students." Stated that from these students must come the future leadership of Southern Baptists. (p. 375) The annual program of B.S.U. now includes: (1) "Join the Church Day" in Oct., (2) B.S.U. State Conventions - Oct., Nov., (3) "Student Night at Christmas", (4) "Student Evangelistic Week: - Feb., (5) "Missionary Emphasis Week" - March, (6) "Vocational Emphasis Week" - April, (7) Baptist Student Retreat at Ridgecrest - June, (8) Summer Student Visitation of Churches.

The Convention approved the following recommendation of the SBC Executive Committee (pp. 45-46):

1. That the property known as the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly Property, at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, shall be retained by the denomination and improved and used continuously by all of the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention for Summer Assembly purposes.

2. That the schedule of dates for conferences by the various agencies of the Convention be arranged by the leaders of each of the agencies of the Convention, or persons designated by the agency, with the Executive Secretary of the Sunday School Board as chairman.

3. That in the event of the sale of the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly Property, the Sunday School Board be reimbursed by the Convention for the unpaid balance it has expended on permanent improvements, the amount of this balance to be determined by a conference of the Executive Committee and the Baptist Sunday School Board.

1. That title to the property remain in the name of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

2. That the Executive Committee be authorized to sell at its discretion lots and acreage, at a price to be determined by the Committee or its representative, and the proceeds therefrom shall be used for permanent improvements, or applied on principal advanced for improvements by the Sunday School Board.

3. That the Executive Committee be responsible for keeping the buildings and equipment insured.

Be it resolved, as to the Sunday School Board:

1. That full control of the property for Assembly purposes be committed to the Sunday School Board for the period from the summer of 1940, this being the end of the present agreement, until December 31, 1950.

2. That the Sunday School Board keep the property in good repair.

3. That the Sunday School Board be allowed interest out of the profits of the Assembly at a rate not to exceed 5 per cent per annum on funds expended for permanent improvements already made, or that may be made in the future; all future improvements to be made upon the approval of the Executive Committee.

4. That the Sunday School Board will apply any surplus from the profits of the Assembly on the repayment of unpaid principal expended for permanent improvements on property.

3. No mention is made in the Executive Committee's report on the proposition referred to it by the Convention last year regarding establishing an assembly in the Southwest.

19.(1) Convention instructed the S.S. Board to pay the expenses of the Committee on Preservation of History in a sum not to exceed \$1,000. (p. 118)

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SBC Committee on Church Music stated that a survey of Southern Baptist church music had been made through the Statistical Department of the S.S. Board. Questionnaires were sent to the churches of 54 associations so chosen as to give a cross section of the Convention. The tabulation of the results (1,350 churches responded) was published in the 1939 Handbook. With the approval of the S.S. Board the committee secured the commitment of the State S.S. and T.U. Secretaries to arrange on their various programs for their training schools, an hour for the study of church music. Called attention of S.S. Superintendents, T.U. Directors, and others to the availability of tracts and other publications relative to worship and to the use of music from the S.S. Board. (p. 125) Convention continued the committee and endorsed the recommendation that each state Convention consider the appointment of a music committee to work within the state and in co-operation with the work of the SBC's committee. (p. 125)

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S.S. Board invited the Home Mission Board's superintendent of evangelism to present the program of the Southwide Baptist Revival of 1939 to each of the 14 statewide conferences of associational workers conducted by the Board in the first part of 1939. (p. 128)

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Convention instructed the S.S. Board to provide up to \$1,200 for the expenses of the SBC Radio Committee during the Convention year. (p. 146)

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The S.S. Board reported 234 regular employees, exclusive of the Book Store employees.

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The Board indicated that at the end of its last five-year printing contract with the Marshall and Bruce Printing Co. (which had printed most of the Board's literature for forty years), the Board had awarded a ten-year contract for its printing to the Baird-Ward Printing Co. of Nashville on the basis of competitive bidding. The contract became effective on July 1, 1939, when the Baird-Ward Printing Co. moved into the Board's printing Building and began printing the periodicals for the fourth quarter of 1939. (p. 321) Repairs on the building prior to the printer's move cost the Board \$16,637.31. (1930, p. 314)

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Board projected plans for a \$100,000 four-story building on its Ninth Ave. Property to provide space for its growing operations. (p. 321) Further investigation during the year led the Board to enlarge the plans to "include a modern concrete building to cost approximately \$275,000, to be paid for out of the funds of the Board reserved for building and expansion." (1940, p. 314)

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S.S. Board assigned P. E. Burroughs the task of writing a history of the Board in preparation of its Fiftieth Anniversary in 1941. (p. 322)

- 12., 17. The Board paid the expenses of State S.S. and T.U. secretaries to attend a "general architectural conference" conducted by the Board in Nashville in Dec., 1938. Board reported having two architects, H. C. Wallace and Charles Hoagland, to serve the needs of the churches. Let Us Build, by Educational Secretary Burroughs, was published during the year. (p. 338) Sunday School Builder began to carry a section monthly on church architecture. (p. 341)
4. Department of S.S. Administration made Miss Emma Noland an associate in the department in charge of the Six Point Record System. (p. 339) Reported that around 700 associations were now definitely organized for S.S. work. During 1938 these organizations helped to get S.S. workers' training work in about 6,500 compared with only 3,000 during 1935. Conferences for promotion of associational S.S. work during past year reached approximately 10,000 workers from 750 associations in 18 states. Continued emphasis on organizing new Sunday schools. (p. 341) Monthly bulletin of this department was currently going to about 2,000 selected S.S. leaders. (p. 345) This department outlined its work as follows (p. 339):
1. Planning, preparing, and projecting adequate methods and plans for Sunday school work in the churches. This is the evolving, through experience, study, and observation, of methods of Sunday school work that are right, and projecting them out to the furthest reaches of the denomination.
 2. The preparation and publication of one monthly magazine--The Sunday School Builder--and of textbooks, bulletins, and free promotional literature covering all phases of Sunday school organization and administration.
 3. Office promotion with individual attention to literally thousands of inquiries and responses to promotional leads.
 4. Field work with wide contacts in each of the eighteen states, and with various types of meetings, campaigns, clinics, conferences, conventions, and so forth.
 5. Co-operation in all phases of the work with all of the departments of the Board, under the leadership of the Executive Secretary; and with the various state Sunday school departments and secretaries.
4. Herman L. King joined the staff of the Department of Young People's and Adult S.S. work as associate in charge of promoting S.S. Extension work, succeeding Miss Verda Von Hagen. (p. 347) This department published a monthly bulletin called The Pace-Maker. (pp. 347-48)
4. Reported that during the past year 1,912 new Cradle Roll Departments had been organized. Songs We Sing From Three to Six was prepared by Mattie C. Leatherwood of the Elementary Department. (pp. 356, 58)
- 5., 9. Training Union Department emphasized the contribution of the T.U. to vocational guidance.

the volunteer summer service program. (p. 379) Continued to supply free promotional materials for B.S.U. workers. Leavell made the following statement regarding relationships with other student movements, interdenominational and international (p. 383):

The B.S.U. of Southern Baptists seeks to maintain cordial relations without organic connection with other student movements. Our task is to serve under the direction of Southern Baptists, making and maintaining international contacts through the Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance of which the Secretary is at present a member.

15. Statistical Department stated that the "Survey of Evangelism in 24,671 Southern Baptist Churches", published in the 1938 Handbook, was the largest single survey made in the history of the department. (p. 384)
- 1940 -- 15. The Convention requested the Statistical Secretary of the S.S. Board "to make in 1941 a survey of the country church and the country church environment to be published in the Baptist Handbook for 1941." (p. 27)
3. Ridgcrest property was now free of the mortgage that had been outstanding against it for years. The Executive Committee offered lots for sale on the property. (p. 34)
- 19.(1) Convention instructed the S.S. Board to continue to finance the work of the Social Service Commission, the amount to be "determined between the Sunday School Board and the Commission." Also directed the Board to continue to appropriate \$6,000 to the Brotherhood. Authorized the Executive Committee to draw on the Board for expenses up to \$40,000. (p. 38)
3. Convention approved the recommendation of the Executive Committee that "in view of present conditions . . . the suggestion of a Southwestern Assembly under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention be dropped" (p. 39)
- 19.(2) Through the help of the S.S. Board, reported A. J. Barton of the Social Service Commission, the Commission sponsored an exhibit at the B.W.A. meeting in July, 1939, and distributed thousands of tracts and other literature on social problems. (p. 83)
7. Convention approved the report of its Committee on Church Music which commended the S.S. Board for its publication of tracts entitled "An Adequate Church Music Program" and "Worship, the Act and its Meaning;" commended the "Church Music Emphasis" week projected for Aug., 1940, jointly by the S.S. Board and the Home Mission Board; commended the plan projected by the S.S. Board for promoting "Church Music Singing Schools;"
- 4., 5. urged that "definite emphasis be given to the organization of Juniors,

- 4.,21. Convention approved the action of the Committee on Calendar of Denominational Activities in conjunction with the S.S. Board in changing the procedure in preparation of materials for Home and Foreign Missions Day in S.S. in March. Rather than special program material being prepared and mailed by the S.S. Board for observance of the special day, the Board beginning in March, 1941, was to prepare and publish a special S.S. lesson on Home and Foreign Missions in all its Uniform Series periodicals in lieu of the suggested International S.S. Lesson when the latter was not adaptable to this purpose; voted to make this a permanent lesson feature in March of each year. (p. 117)
4. Board reported that since the present Training Course for S.S. Workers and Graded Training Union Study Course were launched about five and one-half years ago, approximately 1,000,000 copies of the books had been published and distributed. (p. 306)
4. During the Five-Year Promotional Program of the Board in cooperation with State forces, 8,000 persons were enlisted as volunteer associational S.S. officers; S.S. enrolment of 3,523,853 represented a 237% gain over the preceding five-year period; thousands of new units of work were begun. (p. 306)
- 11.,20.,22. S.S. Board published and distributed free to the churches 2,718,000 tracts emphasizing doctrine, evangelism and stewardship during past year. (p. 307)
- 4.,5.,17. In Jan., 1940, conference State and S.S. Board S.S. and T.U. forces agreed to continue emphasis on associational promotion for a four-year program looking to the 100th anniversary of the SBC. (p. 307)
- 19.,21. In Dec., 1939, the S.S. Board sent to the Home and Foreign Boards the cuts formerly used in Home and Foreign Fields (valued at \$5,000) for use in their missionary journals.
25. S.S. Board projected goals for its golden jubilee in 1941 to make the year the most effective in service ever had by the Board. Anticipated in 1941 the completion of the Ninth Avenue office building (basement and two floors with foundation for adding "eight" more stories later) and the publication of the Board's history. (pp. 308-09, 314)
11. The Board announced publication of a "Catechism of Bible Doctrines" by W. E. Davidson, which sells for 5¢ per copy or \$3.50 per hundred. (p. 309)
25. The S.S. Board's special committee appointed in 1938 to study the organization of the Board and its ministry received Board approval for its recommendations that the three-fold functions of Board: Promotion, Publication and Business Management become the basis of its organization. The Board then organized its work into the following three divisions: (1) Education and Promotion - under direction of P. E. Burroughs, (2) Editorial Service - Hight C Moore, and (3) Business Management - J. O. Williams. (p. 313)

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As Editorial Associate Mr. Hearn will be our authority on House Style for all publications, literary examiner of manuscripts (books, periodicals, and tracts), specialist in lessons and literature on such topics as Peace, Temperance, and Stewardship, and for special days as Missions and Education; expert in observance of copyright laws; and writer of special articles and features.

1.(2) Announced the publication of The Broadman Hymnal, compiled and edited by B.B. McKinney. Also published an evangelistic volume, Song Evangel. (p. 319)

1.(1), 4., 5. The Board declared (p. 319):

Our periodicals are planned, prepared, and published with a view to furnishing a balanced biblical curriculum for the teaching and training work of our churches, graded from tiny tots to aged adults, adapted to use in the church and in the home, and helpful alike to the group and to the individual student.

S.S. Board's Editorial Division suggested the following objectives for inclusion in the Board's "Program of Progress" (p. 324):

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(1) Develop and perfect an integrated, balanced, biblical and Baptist curriculum (Sunday school, Training Union, Vacation School, Missionary Union, Brotherhood, family) for every local church and every Christian home.

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(2) Study the possibilities of more extensive and more effective use of visual instruction.

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(3) Wider use of radio by staff and by field workers from headquarters and in the several states.

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(4) Closer correlation with other agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention doing educational work among our churches.

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(5) Closer co-work with our foreign Baptist publishing houses in the preparation and publication of literature in various languages.

4., 5., 6., 12., 15., The Division of Education and Promotion included the following departments of work (p. 329):

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I. The Sunday School Departments

1. The Educational Department
2. The Department of Sunday School Administration
3. The Department of Young People's and Adult Sunday School Work
4. The Department of Intermediate Sunday School Work
5. The Department of Elementary Sunday School Work
6. The Department of Vacation Bible School Work

5. Training Union Department stated that its emphases for the year 1940 were (p. 362):

1. Evangelism.--It is our purpose to do everything in our power to lead all our Training Union members into active participation in revivals--church and associational--through helping with preliminary plans, taking study courses in soul-winning, conducting cottage prayer meetings, holding youth revivals, street meetings, and by personal work.

2. Conservation.--We propose to put greater emphasis on the Training Union as the force in our churches for conservation of new members and all Baptist life:

- (1) Through assimilation of new members into church life and fellowship through training.
- (2) Through indoctrination.
- (3) Through training in stewardship and missions.
- (4) Through growth in grace and knowledge by enlisting all in daily Bible reading and daily prayer.
- (5) Through development of efficiency in church work.
- (6) Through training in personal witnessing to the lost.

5. Secretary Lambdin gave the following report on the progress made in Training Union work during the Five-Year Program (p. 362):

I. Gains in Our Thinking Concerning Training Union During Five-Year Program

1. Development of a deeper conviction that the Training Union curriculum offers courses of study and training in which all Baptists should participate.

2. The development of a denominational conviction that evangelism and training must go hand in hand.

3. Speeding up of the transition from the "Young-People-Only" era to "All-Church-Members" era in our training work.

4. A recognition that the Training Union now offers to Baptist churches the greatest youth program they have ever had the privilege of conducting.

5. A growing conviction that all Baptist churches can have graded Training Unions.

6. A deepening conviction on the part of Baptist leadership that the associational Training Union is the principal means of establishing and maintaining Training Union work in every Baptist church.

II. A Summary of Statistical Gains in Four of the Five Years, January 1, 1936, to January 1, 1940.

1. Study Course Awards: 177,284 in 1936; 190,952 in 1937; 243,808 in 1938; 265,776 in 1939.

2. The Sunday School Board has granted 13,456 requests for free quarterlies for organizing new unions during the four years.

3. Enrolment on January 1, 1936: 669,230. Enrolment on January 1, 1940: 874,791. A gain of 205,561 in four years.

II. Goals for Expansion and Enlargement

1. To Lead All Our District Associations to Organiza Associational Training Unions, with Directors in Charge, by January 1, 1945
2. To Have 800 Functioning Associational Training Unions, with Department Leaders for all Departments, by January 1, 1945
3. To Lead Each Association to Set Up and Follow a Calendar of Activities Each Year, with Schedules of Meetings, Training Schools, and Enlargement Campaigns, Co-ordinated with Other Baptist Work in the Association
4. To Lead All Associations to Conduct Associational Simultaneous Enlargement Campaigns by January 1, 1945
5. To Bring the Total Number of Churches with Training Union Work to 18,000 by January 1, 1945
6. To Have 16,000 Training Unions with at least a Director by January 1, 1945
7. To Bring the Number of Units of Organization in the Training Union to 60,000 by January 1, 1945
8. To Reach an Enrolment in the Training Union of 1,200,000 by January 1, 1945

9. Study Course Goals

- (1) Number Associations Reporting Study Course Work--ALL
- (2) Number Churches Reporting Study Course Work--18,000
- (3) Number Training Union Study Course Awards--1,200,000

10. Number Organizations to Be A-1 Least One Quarter Each Year

	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>1943</u>	<u>1944</u>
Training Unions	150	200	250	300
Junior Unions	900	1,000	1,200	1,500
Intermediate Unions	500	750	1,000	1,200
Young People's Unions	500	750	1,000	1,200
Adult Unions	500	750	1,000	1,200

11. To Lead All Churches Contemplating New Buildings or Remodeling to Make Provision for Training Union Needs by Putting in Movable Partitions Between Alternate Classrooms in the Junior and Intermediate Departments

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Training Union Department recommended that all churches observe "Christian Home Week" May 4-11 in 1941; "youth Week" April, 1941. Continued to urge churches to enrol all new converts in Training Union "in order that they may be assimilated completely into the church fellowship through training in church membership." (p. 367)

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T.U. Study Course for Y.P. now includes Church Music by I. E. Reynolds. (p. 368)

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Department of Student Work reported continued progress being made in providing student centers for BSU work on the campuses. The Architecture Department of the Board offered plans and specifications for such buildings. B.B.I., Southern and Southwestern Seminaries were now offering training courses in BSU work for prospective BSU secretaries. (p. 374) The Southwide Department maintained relations with BSU work in the Orient and in South America, begun largely through the work of Secretary Leavell. (p. 375)

2. Keith C. Von Hagen, formerly connected with the Sales and Advertising Department of the S.S. Board, succeeded M. E. Dunaway as head of the Order Department. (p. 336)
11. Large numbers of tracts published by the S.S. Board were being distributed through the State Boards. S.S. Board published 1,750,000 tracts during past year. (p. 335)
18. S.S. Board paid the expenses of special Convention Committees amounting to a total of \$7,255.40. (p. 334)
- 1.(2), 25. Published Jubilee history, Fifty Fruitful Years, by P. E. Burroughs. (p. 332) Board published 41 new books during past year. (p. 341)
20. S.S. Board declared that one of its immediate objectives was "to keep evangelism as the primary purpose of all our work." (p. 334)
25. A maintenance section was organized by the Board with J. L. McDaniel in charge. (p. 341)
25. R. L. Middleton was head of the Accounting Department of the Board, in charge of keeping accurate record of all financial transactions of the Board. (p. 342)
2. The Sales and Advertising Department, managed by George W. Card, was responsible for preparation of all advertising material for promoting the sale of Broadman Books and the diversified merchandise handled by the Board's twenty-one book stores. (p. 343) Gross sales of the stores for 1940 totaled \$940,000.
- 1.(1) Board merged the Southern Baptist Handbook (an Annual prepared by E. P. Alldredge of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information) with the Pastor's Periscope (a quarterly prepared by George W. Card, manager of the Sales and Advertising Department). The latter had been circulated free of charge to about 17,000 pastors. The new publication was a 96-page quarterly issued at a cost of \$1.00 per year.
- 4., 5. S.S. and T.U. forces announced specific goals for expansion and improvement during the four-year Promotional Program. (pp. 358ff.) Continued emphasis on promotion through the district association. Field workers from Department of S.S. Administration reported working through the associations to assist churches in conducting 350 enlargement campaigns. (p. 365)
5. S.S. Young People-Adult Department of the Board reorganized its work. A. V. Washburn was placed in charge of Young People's work; Department Secretary William P. Phillips, became director of Adult work; Herman King was made responsible for promotion of the Extension department. (pp. 368-69) Reported the organization of 1,121 new Extension departments during past year. (p. 373)

in Training Union, (5) Build for Training Union Work, (6) Conduct Two Study Courses Annually, (7) Observe Youth Week, (8) Observe Christian Home Week, (9) Be Represented at Ridgecrest.

"Religious Focus Week" initiated as an experiment on several Baptist college campuses proved highly successful. This was an enlargement of the Religious Emphasis Week type of program formerly promoted. The Southwide Student Department announced the publication of six small study books for Baptist students called "My Covenant Series." For the first time, in Dec., 1940 the Baptist student secretaries from the local campuses and from the State Mission Boards met in joint conference with the staff of the Southwide Department. Plans were projected for making this an annual event. (pp. 395-96) The Department of Student Work enlarged its work among students in professional schools. Continued to stress the importance of students' active participation in the work of the local church while they are in college. (p. 397) Commended the work of students in conducting youth revivals and other summer volunteer service in the churches. (p. 398) Circulation of The Baptist Student Magazine during the past year reached c. 18,000. Continued emphasis on BSU Standard for "First Magnitude Work." (p. 400)

Church Architecture Department stated that it was maintaining a cordial relationship with architects in every state in the Convention. "It is our purpose to assist all architects as they undertake to serve our churches." (p. 403)

The statistical department under the direction of E. P. Alldredge, continued to gather and preserve historical books and papers. A survey of B.T.U. work (46 pages) was published in the 1940 Handbook. (p. 404f.)

- 1942 -- Report of SBC Executive Committee states that the Quarterly Review of the S.S. Board is devoted to the "work of promotion, surveys, plans, publications, statistics, sermonic suggestions, etc," and that it "seeks to do for the pastor what the Sunday School Builder does for the superintendent. . . ." J. E. Dillard and Walter M. Gilmore of the Executive Committee staff served as associate editors of this publication. (p. 62)
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- 18., 19. Convention instructed the S.S. Board to appropriate \$5,000 to the Radio Committee for the coming year. (p. 102) S.S. Board made a special contribution of \$25,000 to help retire the indebtedness of the SBC. (1944, p. 329)
- 4., 5., 19. SBC adopted the Co-ordination and Correlation Committee's recommendations that the denominational agencies be requested to continue their conferences in the interest of correlation and co-ordination; that all district associations be requested to adopt a calendar of activities to co-ordinate and correlate the

- 2.,25. Wallace Greene was transferred from the Manufacturing Department of the Board to the Sales and Advertising Department as "director of creative advertising and editor of promotional literature." (p. 314)
- 1.(1) The Board is now publishing 77 periodicals: 52 S.S., 8 T.U., 13 V.B.S. and 4 of a general nature. (p. 317) Intermediate Teacher now published as a separate quarterly rather than as a section in The Teacher.
- 1.,21.,24 Board reported co-operation with the following Baptist publishing houses: Spanish, at El Paso, Texas; Chinese, at Shanghai; and Portuguese, at Rio de Janeiro. (p. 322)
- 19.(1),
25. S.S. Board reported that it was promoting a "Crusade Against Beverage Alcohol" under the direction of John L. Hill. (p. 322)
- 4.,5.,19 Board expressed a desire for closer correlation with other agencies of the Convention doing educational work among the churches.
- 1.,4.,5. Editorial Department of the S.S. Board pointed out the need for utilizing "more effectively the newer facilities now available in the field of religious education including: The varied mechanism of visual instruction; a wider and worthier radio ministry; a larger service in Braille for the blind; a more adequate adaptation to all the literature needs not only of all our people in the Southland but of all people everywhere. (1942, p. 324)
7. Board stated that its Department of Church Music established last year would not seek to send out music directors to the churches but would offer the churches "a guiding and helpful ministry as regards sacred song and church music." Reported the publication of Let Us Sing, a book to "challenge the churches to train and utilize in sacred song all the people"; an appeal for a graded choir program. (p. 325)
25. Board reported the resignation of Miss Margaret Frost, for many years a field worker and more recently on the staff of the Education Department, in Nov., 1941. (p. 327)
4. S.S. Administration Department announced the publication of a new book, The Six-Point Record System and Its Use, by Miss Emma Noland, and new record forms. (p. 332)
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13. S.S. Administration Department distributed 928,539 pieces of free literature to the churches and associations. This department continued to direct church library promotion. (p. 334)
4. State and Southwide S.S. forces began to promote "Inside Enlargement Campaigns" to enlist resident members of the churches not enrolled in S.S. (p. 337)
- 4.,20 V.B.S. Department reported 7,112 schools with total enrolment of 590,114 in 1942. These schools reported 12,692 conversions. (1943, p. 338)

in 1942 was 21,349,360. (p. 270) Circulation of On Duty for God and Country exceeded 173,000 for first quarter in 1943. (p. 280)

4. S.S. Extension Departments in Convention reported an enrolment of 250,000. (p. 270) The Extension Department is now included in the S.S. Standard of Excellence. (p. 304)
25. S.S. Board lost numerous employees to the armed forces. Noble Van Ness, head of Production Department, and Troy D. Woodbury, head of the Mailing and Shipping Department, both entered the Army. (p. 279)
24. S.S. Board stated that it had sought to comply with all government regulations regarding publication work. (p. 280)
- 1.(2) Published 1,061,837 volumes of 193 titles of books, of which 42 were new books. (p. 280)
2. Order Department of the Board reported installing a "perpetual inventory system." (p. 282) A new book store was begun by the Board in Phoenix, Arizona. (1944, p. 341)
25. Reported the death of N. R. Drummond, editorial associate of the Board for many years, in December 1942. (p. 287) Hight C Moore retired in July, 1943, and was succeeded as editorial secretary of the Board by W. R. White. (1944, p. 327)
4. S.S. Board conducted a Southwide S.S. Associational Officers' Conference at Ridgecrest, July 7-13. Associational meetings held earlier during the year were attended by 6,000 pastors. Approximately 46,000 people from 7,470 churches had attended these conferences. (p. 289) Continued emphasis on the "Inside Enlargement Campaign." (p. 299)
13. Miss Frances Fraser succeeded Miss Marie Estes as "Library Promotion" worker in the S.S. Administration Department in September, 1942. (p. 293) Reported 1,325 active church libraries in the Convention. (p. 297)
4. The S.S. Department of the Board began to promote "Better Bible Teaching Weeks" in its teacher training program. (p. 295)
- 4.5. S.S. and T.U. forces joined together in the promotion of a "Special Intermediate Emphasis" in an effort to "arouse churches to the need of reaching more Intermediates for Christ now. . . ." (p. 305)
5. Training Union Department reported the following changes in its staff: Joe Davis Heacock succeeded Chester Quarles as director of associational work, January 1, 1943. Henry C. Rogers succeeded Miss Elaine Coleman as director of Intermediate work; Miss Margaret Griffin became acting director of Junior work; Miss Charlotte Tedder transferred from the Book Editorial Department to help with the editorial work of the T.U. Department; Winston Crawley was serving as acting director of Young People's work. (p.313)

3. Associational Meetings

- (1) The one-day meetings of the Four-Year Program. (An analysis of the progress of the Four-Year Program is presented below.)
- (2) The regular associational meetings.
- (3) Associational simultaneous enlargement campaigns and study courses.
- (4) Central associational leadership training schools.

25. Total receipts of the Board for 1943 showed an increase of \$809,430.49 over the previous year. (1944, p. 327)
5. The T.U. Department continued to promote Story Hour work; stating the desire that "every church provide, through the Story Hour, an adequate, educationally sound, spiritual program for its children on Sunday evening." (p. 316)
5. S.S. Board reported that approximately 11,000 churches still had no T.U. work; that approximately one-fifth of the Southern Baptist church members were enrolled in T.U. (p. 318)
6. The Department of Student Work stated that Claude U. Broach had joined the staff in September, 1942, as associate in the department. Full-time student secretaries from throughout the Convention met in conference in Nashville and planned the entire student program for the year ahead. Report stated, "The distinct advantage of this meeting is the unification in effort, motives, plans, and purposes of the B.S.U. leadership of Southern Baptists." (p. 328)
12. Church Architecture Department stressed the need for careful planning of buildings to provide for preaching, teaching and training program of the church.
7. Department of Church Music reported that many churches had taught Let Us Sing and had adopted a graded choir program. Stated that most of the states now had an approved worker in church music. (p. 336)
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4.,21. In co-operation with the Committee on Calendar of Co-ordinated Denominational Activities, the S.S. Board continued to publish special programs for Missionary Days in S.S., and to publish in its literature a special or an adapted International S.S. lesson for the observance for Foreign and Home Missionary Day in March of each year. Also continued to feature in its publications the various emphases in the Denominational Calendar of Activities. (p. 27) This committee commended the T.U. Department for its promotion of the Denominational Calendar in its own monthly T.U. Calendar. These emphases were featured in the eight T.U. periodicals which had a combined circulation of 962,309. (p. 28)
- 17.,19. Convention approved the following statement regarding relationships between the Home Board and the state boards (p. 29):

"We recommend that the agencies of the Convention be requested to set up their own reserve funds as provided for in the Business and Financial Plan and that said agencies be requested to submit to the Convention annually a complete audit of their reserve fund which audit shall include the amount of the reserve and how it is invested."

18., 19. (2) SBC Executive Committee expressed appreciation to the S.S. Board for paying the expenses of the special drive which enabled the agencies and institutions of the Convention to become debt free in 1943, and for the Board's additional gift of \$25,000 to the debt-paying fund. (p. 37)

19., (1),
(2) Executive Committee approved the plans of the S.S. Board for making a gift of \$12,500 to each of the three SBC seminaries and to the American Baptist Seminary for these institutions to use in the erection of library or chapel buildings. Board stated that these gifts were being made "as a voluntary expression of interest in the expanding ministry and pressing needs of these institutions" which, the Board stated, were "primarily responsible for the training of pastors, missionaries, educational and music directors, and general church leaders." Declared that the S.S. Board "assumes major responsibility for mass religious education through our churches." Board stated that "the seminaries and the Sunday School Board are bound by a common task and should work in very close fellowship." (p. 48)

19. (1) In December, 1943, the S.S. Board expressed its willingness to provide office space and \$12,000 annually for the administrative expenses of the SBC Radio Committee, "if the Convention should deem it wise to anchor the Radio Service with one of the Southwide boards, and the Sunday School Board should be chosen. . . ." (p. 330) The S.S. Board report states that the Radio Committee expressed its intention of recommending to the Convention the approval of the Board's offer of the \$12,000, and approval of the office space offered, "when in the judgment of the Committee this seems wise." The Board then in April adopted the stipulation that the \$12,000 would be given "provided the Committee accepts quarters in one of the Board's buildings in Nashville." (p. 331)

The Radio Committee, however, offered to and received Convention approval for the following recommendation: "That the Executive Committee be instructed to provide a sum of \$52,000 for the work of the Radio Committee on an annual basis, beginning July 1, 1944." (p. 118)

19. (1) Convention also approved the recommendation: "That the Radio Committee be instructed to thoroughly study the radio needs of the entire Convention, including the various agencies, boards and institutions of the Convention, and in co-operation with said agencies, boards and institutions to provide the needed equipment and program to meet their needs, when feasible and in keeping with the budget of the Radio Committee.

doctrine and principles, the Christian life, and giving assistance to churches and homes in the function of spiritual teaching. (p. 348)

- 4.,5.,6. Under the direction of J. O. Williams, secretary of the Board's
7.,12.,15 Division of Education and Promotion since June, 1943, the Sunday School Department was organized to do the work formerly done through six departments: S.S. Administration, Young People's and Adult, Intermediate, Elementary, Educational, Vacation Bible school. The change was made in November, 1943, to promote "unity of action, efficiency in service, harmony in co-operation, and economy in operation." (p. 352-353) J. N. Barnett was appointed as secretary of the S.S. Department. (p. 354)
13. "Church Library Service" was established as a distinct unit of the Division of Education and Promotion under the direct supervision of the head of the division. This work was formerly under the S.S. Administration Department. Miss Florida Waite became secretary of the Church Library Service in November, 1943. The report emphasized the value of the church library to all organizations and members of the local church, rather than to the S.S. alone. Expressed the hope that every state would soon have "a full-time person for promoting the organization and use of church libraries." Published monthly The Church Library Bulletin. (p. 353) Began a definite program of promotion through the demonstration library at Ridgecrest and formulated a promotional program with some of the Baptist Book Stores. November 5-12 was designated as Library Emphasis Week. (p. 399)
- 4.,5.,1. In order to meet the "need. . . of visual aids to education. . ." the
(3) Board authorized on Jan. 1, 1944, the creation of the "Visual Education Service" as a unit of work under the supervision of the head of the Division of Education and Promotion. Employed Norman E. O'Neal as secretary of this Service. During the first three months of his work, O'Neal conducted 19 demonstrations reaching 2,000 people from about 60 churches. By April, 1944, 116 churches had requested films or information concerning the use of materials. Conferences on "visual aids and audio" were conducted by O'Neal at S.S. and T.U. weeks at Ridgecrest. (p. 354)
14. Board expressed an interest of longstanding in "seeking to direct recreation along Christian lines." Report stated that the Board "feeling the need of enlarged activity in this field" on Jan. 27, 1944, "authorized Church Recreation Service to be promoted by an efficient leader, under the direction of the head of the Division of Education and Promotion." (p. 354)
4. The Sunday School Department enunciated the following fundamentals of S.S. work (p. 355):
- (1) Our belief in the adequacy of the Bible (2) Our conviction about the necessity of regeneration (3) Our dependence upon Jesus Christ as both Saviour and Lord (4) Our trust in the leadership of the Holy Spirit (5) Our impelling spirit of conquest (6) Our practice of multiplying the number of Sunday schools, departments, and classes (7) Our unique plan of Sunday school promotion--Sunday School Board, state Sunday school departments and the district associations (8) Our practical methods for building Sunday schools and training Sunday school workers (9) Our democratic church polity

succeeded Margaret Griffin as director of Junior work in the T. U. Department. (p. 373-74)

- 5., 17. T.U. Department continued to emphasize grading and departmentalization as the means of building "a modern Training Union." Continued to work closely with state forces in promoting the associational promotional conferences throughout the Convention. Stated that some states had employed a person to give full time to associational T.U. work. The report stated
21. that through the associational organization "our Training Unions are led to use our Baptist people in a special ministry through services in hospitals, jails, to shut-ins, among foreign elements and races, sponsoring mission Sunday schools, Vacation Bible schools, and other worthy forms of missionary endeavor." (p. 375)
5. Announced the publication of The Story Hour Leadership Manual (p. 377) Intermediate work reported marked progress during the year. Continued observance of youth week. Winston Crawley was still Acting Director of Young People's Work. Clay Hudson, director of Adult work, reported
3. 177,879 enrolled in Adult unions. More than 5,000 attended the two T.U. weeks at Ridgecrest in 1943. Began to conduct three T.U. department weeks at the Assembly in 1944. Each week presented a complete, all-department assembly for all states. Recommended that all churches observe Christian Home Week and Youth Week. (p. 379)
5. T.U. Department stated that the ideal of Nashville office was "to do everything we can to help every church to build a better Training Union." (p. 380)
- 5., 20., 21 Objectives of T.U. for 1945 included: "Through training, the enlistment of all our people in soul-winning, the practice of Christian stewardship, missionary endeavor, and sacrificial living for Christ in all the areas of life." (p. 380)
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6. Reported that since Oct., 1943, William Hall Preston had been serving as acting secretary of the Department of Student work, during the illness of Secretary Leavell. (p. 388) Student Retreat at Ridgecrest registered 1,604. (1945, p. 372) (1945, p. 372) Commended the work of the seminaries
21. in providing courses for prospective BSU workers. Stated that Edgar Hallock had been sent by the Foreign Board to South America in 1942 to do student work. (p. 390)
12. Church Architecture Department suggested that every church "will profit to own a pastor's home." Offered plans and other information on the construction of such homes. Continued to offer free literature on building campaigns, financing the building, committees, booklets of church designs, etc. Summed up the services of this department as follows (p. 394):
1. Conferences-- Conferences in the Department and studio with your committees and architects any time you may find it possible to visit us.
 2. Visits-- Visits to your church when possible for discussion, conferences, and a complete study of your situation.

3. Sketches Prepared--After studying your situation, if desired, the department will prepare a floor plan layout and furnish you prints of the sketches (blueprints) for either your new building or your remodeling and enlargement.

4. Consultants--At your request the department, including the full staff, will be glad to serve as consultants with your architect in planning and detailing the new building or remodeling program.

5. Study of Sketches or Drawings--At your request the department staff will be glad to study any sketches, drawings, elevations, or perspectives which have been submitted by your committee or architect.

6. Working Drawings and Specifications--Working drawings (blueprints) and specifications have been prepared for a limited number of small buildings--capacity three hundred or less. The department can furnish these for your guidance. No charge is made for the architectural service. You are asked to pay only for reproducing and mailing the requested copies.

7. General Information--We offer you general information and suggestions regarding materials, acoustics, furnishings, decorations, lighting, heating, air conditioning, and other items. We can also furnish you information regarding church architects and builders.

7. B. B. McKinney, secretary of Church Music Department reported that over 2,000 awards had been granted for the study of Let Us Sing. Training Union Administration Study Course included this book. Many churches now conducted graded choir programs (Juniors, Intermediates, Young People, and Adults). Conducted church music conferences and schools in 13 states. Expressed appreciation for co-operation of the state boards. (p. 398)

- 1.(3),2. Visual Education Service unit of the Board in the last quarter of 1944 began publication of a quarterly bulletin containing "general information about the use of visual aids; suggestions for appropriate films, slides, and other materials to be used during the quarter; and the latest information about new films and equipment. (p. 384)

- 1945-- The Centennial Session of the SBC was not held in 1945 by action of the Executive Committee in response to the appeal of the U. S. Government regarding the war effort. Boards, etc., were continued for another year. (p. 21) Same SBC operating budget continued with S.S. Board appropriating to it \$60,000 a year. (p. 36)

- 1.,25. W. R. White returned to the pastorate and was succeeded as secretary of the Board's Division of Editorial Service, Jan. 20, 1945. (p. 305)

- 17.,18., 19.(1) The Board reviewed its policy of making appropriations: annual contributions to the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, in addition to its regular work and co-operative ministry with state boards during the years 1891-1916; contributions mainly to enlarge and develop the S.S. and T.U. promotional departments of the Board and all the states during the years 1917-1935. A blending of the two former policies since 1935 by increasing its co-operative relationship with all the states and by making contributions to special objects: Seminaries, Mission Boards, etc. (p. 306)

1.(2) War restrictions continued to limit the number of books published by the Board. First volume of S.S. commentary, Broadman Comments, was issued for the year 1945. Centennial edition of the Handbook contained a history of SBC boards and institutions. Seven of the 24 new books issued during
19(2), 21 past year were mission books published for the Foreign Mission Board.
(pp. 309, 332)

6., 17., 19 The S.S. Board, at the suggestion of its Department of Student Work, proposed a plan of co-operation with Baptist schools and colleges in the employment of student secretaries. The plan specified some qualifications of the persons to be employed; also, that they were to be employed and to work under the direction of the school's administration. Agreed that the "promotion of the work in any school shall be consistent with the principles employed by the Southern Baptist Convention in its general program of student religious work." The Board further stated (p. 310):

Upon such working basis the Sunday School Board agrees to participate financially to the extent of one-fourth of the salary of such a student secretary on any one campus for at least the first three years effective September 1, 1945, or thereafter. It is further agreed that the salary scale shall be such that for junior colleges the Sunday School Board shall pay not less than \$400 nor more than \$750, and for the senior colleges the Sunday School Board shall pay not less than \$600 nor more than \$900 per annum. It is further agreed that the secretary shall be employed on the basis of the full calendar year unless in specific cases satisfactory adjustments be made in lieu thereof.

It is to be agreed further, that this plan shall be satisfactory to the secretary of the Mission Board of the state in which any college is located. It is agreed further that requisitions shall be made by the college through the secretary of the State Mission Board to the Sunday School Board.

4., 5 S.S. Board declared its purpose to continue using the district association as the main unit for the promotion of its "teaching and training ministry."

19. The S.S. Board continued to provide literature, Bibles, tracts, etc., to chaplains and military service men in co-operation with the Home Mission Board. (p. 311)

3. Due to war conditions, Ridgecrest Assembly was closed for the 1945 season, but Manager Perry Morgan did conduct the annual Boys' Camp at Ridgecrest. (p. 311)

11., 20. A large number of the 3,410,000 copies of tracts published by the Board were distributed for use in the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade of the Convention. (p. 311)

1.(1) The work of the Periodical Promotion Committee of the Board was transferred from the Production Department to the business manager's office. (p. 320) Periodical circulation totaled 26,193,273 in 1945, a gain of over two million. (1946, p. 371)

1.(1)4.,5. Secretary Allen of the Editorial Division named the following objectives of the editorial ministry of the Board (p. 326):

(1) Knowledge of Bible truth (2) Interpretation and evaluation of Bible truth as it relates to life now. (3) Indoctrination and denominational loyalty. (4) Guidance in the methods of Christian leadership and the duties of Christian service. (5) Moral conviction and spiritual inspiration.

5. Secretary Allen declared that the purpose of Training Union curriculum materials "is the enrichment of Christian understanding, the deepening of Christian conviction, the development of Christian habits and skills, the improvement of Christian service, and the full consecration of life to the work of the church." (p. 329)

1.(1)4., 5.,6.,15. Report stated that four publications of the Board were devoted primarily "to the purposes of administrative leadership, guidance, and promotion." The Sunday School Builder, The Baptist Training Union Magazine, and The Baptist Student "interpret the function and mission" of the S.S., T.U., and B.S.U. respectively. They offer "guidance in the most fruitful methods of Christian Education." The Quarterly Review makes available to pastors and others important information on the work of the denomination; its "records and interprets the facts which Christian workers need" in leading churches to fulfill their mission. (p. 330)

8. Projected plans for providing enlarged and improved home curriculum materials. (p. 331)

1. The art work of the Board is now classified as the "Art Department" with Herman F. Burns as art director. (p. 332)

4.,5.,6. Division of Education and Promotion now included 90 employees, of whom 7.,15.,12 thirty-five were field workers. (p. 334)

4.,17 The S.S. Board conducted a two-week S.S. clinic and Rural Training Conference in Nashville with a threefold purpose: (1) the study of a set of textbooks on S.S. work (2) laboratory experiences in the process of S.S. building, (3) a study of practical ways of helping rural churches. Also conducted a teaching clinic in Birmingham to train potential volunteer teachers from various states who would be available for service each year. (pp. 334-45)

4.,17. Jesse Daniel was employed by the S.S. Department as "Secretary of Enlargement." A goal of 10,000 S.S. enlargement campaigns was suggested for 1945 as a part of the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade. Conducted one-day associational S.S. enlargement conferences in several states to promote the use of enlargement campaigns in the churches. (pp. 346-47) Declared that evangelism among Southern Baptists is closely tied to their Sunday school work. Study revealed that the number of baptisms was in direct proportion to the increase or decrease in S.S. enrolment. (pp. 336-37)

to American Baptist Seminary (Nashville), and a special contribution of \$10,000 through the Executive Committee for the "new Southern Baptist Foundation." The Board also made a special contribution of \$5,000 to the Foreign Mission Board for the Relief and Rehabilitation Campaign and \$600 for work in Brazil. (1947, pp. 176-77)

4.,5. Board reported 25,435 Sunday schools with a total enrolment of 3,738,924, (gain of 213,614), 232,019 S.S. Study Course awards issued, 13,911 churches with T.U. work (increase of 868), T.U. enrolment of 802,859 and 323,965 T.U. Study Course awards issued by the end of 1946. (1947, p. 176)

4.,25. The following men returned to the Board's staff after serving in the armed services: Noble Van Ness resumed his position as production manager, A. V. Washburn became secretary of teaching and training in the S.S. Department, and Herman L. King became secretary of standards and records in the S.S. Department. (p. 357)

6. S.S. Board stated that several Baptist colleges had accepted its offer of financial help in employing student secretaries for their campuses. (p. 358)

13. Church Library Service announced most of the Book Stores had secured special church library workers as authorized by Board action in 1945. (p.426) Church libraries now number 2,322. Emphasized the need for training church librarians. Projected plans for a church library clinic in Nashville and a church library school at Ridgecrest for this purpose. New promotional materials included four leaflets and also a filmstrip prepared with the help of the Board photographer for use in teaching The Church Library Manual. In March, the Library Committee of the Board authorized the promotion of home libraries throughout the Convention. (p. 427)

1.,(3),25. The Board employed Earl Waldrup to direct its Visual Education Service. Stated that the Board had recently signed a dealership contract to handle the visual aid equipment of the Bell and Howell. Reported a rapidly growing enthusiasm among Southern Baptists regarding the use of visual aids in religious education. (p. 428)

3. J. N. Barnette of the S.S. Board staff was now manager of Ridgecrest Assembly. Perry Morgan was in charge of lots, buildings, and Boys' Camp. (p. 359)

1.(2) S.S. Board reported progress toward the publication of children's books, a "new venture" for the Board. (p. 358) Mrs. Clifton J. Allen was serving as "editor of children's books." (p. 383)

1.(1) The Board authorized the publication of a quarterly in Braille to begin in October; to contain condensed Bible study helps related to the Uniform Lessons and a digest of selections from other Board and denominational publications; to be a gratuitous service--called on churches to send in names of their blind who wanted to receive the publication. (p.358)

all age groups (now included 58 books); (3) the Daily Bible Readers' Course (published in the quarterlies); (4) guidance materials for all phases of Training Union work in The Baptist Training Union Magazine and in pamphlets, also Standards of Excellence; (5) worship programs for all age groups, published in the Magazine.

8. The Department of Home Curriculum authorized by the Board in Oct., 1945, officially began its work in Jan., 1946, when Joe W. Burton became head of the department. Burton had served as secretary of education for the Home Mission Board for previous ten years. (p. 381) Stated that the function of this department "is to create materials for family guidance in Christian home living." Projected plans for merging Cradle Roll Home and The Better Home into a monthly family magazine to be called "Home." The new department stated the following objectives (p. 383):

1. HOME, a magazine for family guidance such as we plan to publish, beginning in January, 1947
2. Textbooks in the home field for Sunday school and Training Union study courses
3. General reading books on family living
4. Radio broadcasts of family worship programs
5. Motion pictures prepared for home use, which would have entertainment, cultural, and guidance values
6. Publication of pamphlets and tracts
7. Enlisting Baptist colleges to add to their curricula courses on planning for marriage and the home
8. Feature articles in the denominational papers dealing with pointed problems in family living
9. Enlistment of all church organizations in an integrated promotion of Christian family living through the circulation of materials now available, and the larger list of materials which we hope to make available

- 4.,17. Board's S.S. Department conducted two Southwide S.S. clinics and 14 state-wide clinics in co-operation with State S.S. forces in 1946. Some of these dealt with better Bible teaching, others with S.S. organization and administration. The Sunday School Builder now had a monthly circulation of 87,000 copies. (pp. 386-87) This periodical continued to carry worship and Bible study programs for churches with part-time preaching. (p. 388)

- 4.,20. The Board stated that for two decades approximately 85% of additions to Southern Baptist churches, by profession of faith or letter, "have come out of the Sunday school enrolment." Suggested the following methods of evangelism toward a perennial evangelistic program for a church: "A good Sunday school; personal visitation for evangelism, the use of Sunday morning opportunities; evangelistic services in the Sunday school classes and departments; revival meetings; periods of study and special efforts; special days; Vacation Bible schools; branch Sunday schools; street and highway preaching and personal work." (p. 388)

4. The S.S. Department emphasized the "Weekly Officers and Teachers' Meeting" as the "most productive means of improving teaching." (p. 391)

- 1947 -- SBC instructed the S.S. Board to provide \$60,000 of the \$129,800 operating budget of the Convention. (p. 35)
- 4., 5., 21. Convention adopted the report of a committee appointed at the 1946 session
23. "to study the problems of duplications, overlappings, and possible over-organization in our churches." (p. 333) Approved recommendations for continuation of the committee for further study and report to the 1948 Convention; and that there be conducted a joint meeting of this committee and a representative from the S.S. and T.U. departments of the S.S. Board, from the W.M.U., Baptist Brotherhood, and the Educational Departments of the Home and Foreign Boards. (p. 44) S.S. Board sent to all pastors a statement that the "purpose of the Sunday School Board through every approach to the churches is to help, serve and strengthen them." Called on pastors for constructive criticism. (p. 177)
3. Report of the Committee on Southwestern Assembly recommending the immediate acceptance of the Paisano Assembly (Texas) was not approved by the SBC. The Convention then adopted the motion (p. 46):
- That the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the Convention appoint a committee consisting of one representative from each state west of the Mississippi River to make a study of the matter of a Western Assembly be approved, and when the committee agrees upon a site it shall report to the Executive Committee which shall have power to act in as far as the action does not conflict with the Convention's Business and Financial Plan.
25. S.S. Board announced the death of former Secretary I. J. Van Ness, February 12, 1947. (p. 175)
- 1., 2., 17., 18., From its total receipts of \$6,402,223.04 for 1947, (including
19., (1), \$3,969,875.45 from Book Store sales), the S.S. Board contributed \$489,902.64
25 to the work of the SBC, its agencies, state conventions, and other denominational causes; expended \$495,956.55 on the work of the promotion departments of the S.S. Board--a total of \$985,859.19 to denominational work. This included the continuation of the annual appropriation of \$3,200 to the expenses of the W.M.U., \$1,200 each to the W.M.U. Training School, Southwestern and New Orleans Seminaries, and \$500 in scholarships to the American Baptist Theological Seminary. (1948, p. 214)
- 19 (1) The S.S. Board reported a gift of \$10,000 through the Executive Committee as the initial gift for the new Southern Baptist Foundation. (p. 176)
- 1., (1), 4., During 1947 the S.S. Board circulated over 32,000,000 copies of its 60
5. periodicals. (1948, p. 232)
7. Reported that five state mission boards had employed music directors "to work with their churches in the development of better music programs." (p. 179)
25. The S.S. Board continued to promote alcohol education crusade through its literature, tracts, etc. (p. 180)

5. Adult department of the Training Union continued to lead all others in its gains in enrolment, periodical circulation, etc. Stated that the grading of adults in T.U. was proceeding satisfactorily. Recommended multiple unions for adults even in small churches. T. U. Department continued to promote Youth Week in the churches; Speakers' Tournament and Sword Drills at Ridgecrest.
6. Department of Student Work stated many State Mission Boards were now appropriating money for the construction of Student Centers on Baptist and non-Baptist campuses. (p. 224) Circulation of the Baptist Student for the year 1946-47 was approximately 12,000. International B.S.U. continued to expand. Organizations were being perfected in China. Baptist students in the South contributed \$2,390 to furnish a Baptist Student Center at the University of Shanghai. Student evangelistic teams, under direction of William Hall Preston of the Convention-wide Student Department and W. F. Howard, student secretary of Texas, enhanced the student work in Hawaii. Two missionaries to South America were designated for student work. The Student Department continued to work through the Youth Committee of the BWA. (p. 223) Assisted in conducting 18 State Student Conventions in 1947 with an attendance of about 10,000. The Ridgecrest Student Retreat registered 3,000, the largest to date. (1948, p. 265) Circulation of The Prescription, published by the Student Department for students in professional schools, continued to increase. (1947, p. 224)
15. Department of Survey, Statistics and Information inaugurated a new plan for faster collection of data from the associational clerks making possible fairly accurate estimates of gains and losses by January 1st of each year. Published a record of every church in the Southern Baptist Convention in the 1946 Handbook. (p. 227)
16. Miss Helen Conger was appointed full-time librarian of the Dargan Memorial Library, succeeding Mrs. Agnes Kennedy Holmes. This library "serves the staff members of the Board, especially the editorial staff, for purposes of reference and research." Reference books and "available historical material related to the Board's work" were being secured. (p. 193)
- 12., 17., 19(2), 21. Church Architecture received more than 4,328 requests for service during past year. Stated that professional architects were calling on the department for supervision and suggestions with increasing frequency. Offered service to state, home and foreign mission forces. Assisted churches in Brazil, Columbia, Canada, China, Hawaii, Mexico, and Nigeria during past year. Two architects and six draftsmen assisted department secretary W. A. Harrell. (p. 227)
7. W. Hines Sims joined the staff of the Department of Church Music as associate secretary. Secretary McKinney stated that the new church music training course (outlined on p. 231) is designed "to develop leadership in the many subjects included in a comprehensive church music program." (pp. 230-31)

3. That recognition be made of the heavy demands made upon pastor and people by the great number of occasions which demand that they come together, often involving the same people and for similar purposes; and that plans and calendars of activities promoted by the several organizations calling for week-day and Sunday meetings be correlated before they are published, so as to avoid unnecessary meetings both of churches and associations, combining meetings wherever possible and seeking to improve the quality and fruitfulness of those held.

4. That in view of the fact that many of our churches have little or no system of financing and others have confused and conflicting plans, the agencies be requested to formulate a flexible plan of stewardship-financing, adapted to the needs of the varied churches, and that this uniform plan be promoted by the agencies.

5. That, by voluntary agreement of representatives of the several Convention agencies at the joint meeting in Memphis January 27-28, 1948, definite conference or conferences be held during the coming year with a view to further consideration of these problems and others of like nature; that the recommendations made above, if adopted by the Convention, be considered and so far as possible carried out in consultation and conferences with the Committee on Church Organizations and representatives of agencies and auxiliaries; that the report of results be made to the 1949 meeting of the Convention; that the Committee continue its study of needs not covered in the report, and that the Executive Committee be authorized to provide for expenses of the Committee in the same amount as heretofore.

22. SBC approved the report of the Committee on Evangelism which called on local churches to elect a committee on evangelism, composed of representatives of the S.S., T.U., W.M.U. and Brotherhood to plan and promote evangelism in the local church. (p. 21)

3. SBC Committee on Western Assembly appointed in 1947 reported that three sites (Piasano, Tex., Hollister Hill, Mo., and Valley Ranch, N. M.) had been considered, but that other sites were yet to be investigated. Convention continued the committee for another year. (p. 48)

1.(3), 2. SBC Executive Committee reported making a study of the production and distributions of audio-visual aids by the agencies of the Convention upon the request of these agencies. The Executive Committee adopted the following recommendations (p. 65):

(1) That the sound picture offers to Baptists a practical medium for extending the kingdom of Christ.

(2) That the inspiration--worship--educational--promotional--and entertainment type of picture will best serve the needs of our people.

(3) That the Sunday School Board in co-operation with representatives of all other agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention serve as source of supply and distribution of films, using experienced and established producers for the production of such films as are not otherwise available.

- (1) Verification of statements, quotations, authors, copyrights, etc.;
- (2) assembling of supplementary source material for editors and writers;
- (3) advising editors of current magazine articles in the field of curriculum;
- (4) supplying lesson writers with books and materials related to their assignments;
- (5) calling the attention of editors to new books of special value;
- (6) preparation for indexing articles published in our periodicals to make available helpful information to seminary, college, and church libraries;
- (7) conserving Baptist historical material.

- 1(1), 21. Literature of the Board continued to feature denominational emphases. Board continued to prepare and distribute special programs for missionary days in S.S. (p. 233)
- 4., 17. At the request of the S.S. Department, members of the Board's editorial staff participated in Better Bible Teaching Clinics promoted in the various states. (p. 236)
- 1(1), 5. Story Hour Leader was increased in size from 48 to 64 pages. Now contains graded material for Nursery, Beginner and Primary Story Hour work. (p. 237)
- 1.(1), 8.,
4., 5. Board indicated that after considerable study, it was determined that "the most effective approach in a positive ministry designed to cultivate Christian family life would be through existing organizations." Contemplated "a vigorous home ministry functioning through every organization of Baptists, both local and denominational." Thus the home curriculum will not be a body of new materials but will be comprised of lessons, programs, and other materials with a home emphasis offered through the existing quarterlies and periodicals for use by existing organizations." (p. 238) Continued to promote Christian Home Week through S.S. and T.U.
1. Art Department reported that W. D. Kendall, recently returned from five years' service in the Navy, was made an associate in the department. After two years without a photographer, the department added Bryce Finch to the staff. (p. 239)
- 19.(2), 21. S.S. Board continued to publish study course books for the Foreign Mission Board and the W.M.U. (p. 239)
4. S.S. Department of the Board enunciated the following objectives for use in the churches (p. 242):
1. A session of the Sunday school each Sunday.
 2. A Vacation Bible school for a minimum period of two weeks each year, and one or more mission Vacation Bible schools.
 3. A week of Bible study the first full week in January of each year.
 4. Daily Bible reading and family devotionals in each home.
 5. The Sunday School Training Course, with its Bible and doctrinal books.
 6. A branch Sunday school maintained in every unchurched community.

the Library Service of the Board at the end of 1948. (1949, p. 274)

1(3) Visual Education Service of the Board projected the following needs to be met in the future (p. 277):

(1) the production of certain types of material especially needed by our churches, (2) the establishment of a distribution system which will enable churches to rent and purchase visual materials recommended by the Board, (3) definite steps toward correlating visual aids--those now available and to be produced--with lessons, programs, study course books, and so forth, (4) an increased emphasis on our program of education and promotion with special emphasis on associational and state leadership.

14. Following an address by Chestor Swor on "Our Youth and the World Tomorrow," the Convention approved a motion requesting the S.S. Board "to set up a department or service of church recreation." (p. 51)

1949 -- SBC operating budget was increased to \$217,500. The S.S. Board's annual contribution to this budget remained at \$60,000 by Convention action. (p. 36)
18.

1(3), 2. Convention approved a recommendation which grew out of a study made by
19. a special committee of the Executive Committee in conjunction with representatives of State and Southwide agencies already doing work in the audio-visual field (p. 62):

(1) That the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention be requested to broaden the scope of its functions and to serve as the central agency which shall work in co-operation with the other agencies and states in the production of audio-visual materials.

This central agency shall be charged with the responsibility of planning and producing audio-visual aids for the churches and shall work in co-operation with the visual education departments of the agencies and the states. It shall make its studios, laboratories, and technical services available to the agencies and to the states at such rates and in such manner as shall be mutually agreed upon.

(2) That the Sunday School Board and its affiliated book stores be requested to have charge of the distribution of audio-visual materials.

1(3), 2., S.S. Board reported that 17 of its Book Stores had newly established or enlarged film depositories. (p. 220) Employed J. L. Minton to promote audio-visual aids through the Book Stores. (p. 231)

3. Committee on Western Assembly brought a majority report recommendation that a Southern Baptist Assembly be established at a site near Harrison, Ark. Convention adopted a minority report which substituted the name Glorieta, N.M., as the site. The Convention then referred the matter to the S.S. Board "for study as to what is involved in the development of the site at Glorieta. . . ." To report to 1950 Convention. (p. 45)

1., 19 An arrangement between the Executive Committee and the S.S. Board for the

1. Editorial Secretary Clifton J. Allen indicated that it was the Board's purpose "to provide adequate material for a well-rounded educational program for all our churches: for Bible study and teaching; for the development of an adequate leadership; for the training of Christians; for building Christian home life; and for the cultivation of evangelistic fervor and missionary zeal." (p. 233)

1. Board enunciated needs which it soon hoped to fill: (1) materials for week-day Bible teaching, (2) a journal for the promotion of church music and for the provision of music need by the average choir, (3) an expanded book editorial program, et al. (p. 233) Board continued to conduct annual Writers' Conference at Ridgecrest with the following purpose: "To provide a refresher course for persons at work in editorial positions; to offer a workshop in creative writing; to help students interested in Christian journalism as a profession and persons who wish to devote part of their time to writing as a means of Christian service; to discover and develop a competent staff of writers; and to provide the values of instruction and fellowship for a growing Southern Baptist authorship." (p. 234)

- 1(1), 4., 5., S.S. Board announced plans worked out in co-operation with the Promotion 17., 19(2), Committee of the SBC Executive Committee and state mission secretaries 22. for the promotion of stewardship in the various periodicals of the Board. (p. 234)

- 1(1), 4. Reported that Adult S.S. editor, Gay L. McGlothlen, and Young People's S.S. editor, William J. Fallis, had also served as general associates in the Department of S.S. Curriculum under the direction of Clifton J. Allen. (p. 235) Fallis became book editor of the Board June 1, 1949. (pp. 213-14)

- 1.(1) Board continues the publication of three illustrated weeklies: Upward, The Sentinel, and Storytime. (p. 236)

- 4., 5., 8., 21. Home Curriculum Department, currently engaged in a campaign for 17., 19(2), 100,000 new family altars, enlisted the services and co-operation of all 23. denominational forces; S.S., T.U., W.M.U., Brotherhood, state mission boards, state papers, the Radio Commission, the seminaries, the colleges, the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, et al. Reported wide distribution of the small guide book, The Church and Family Life, published by the Board. (pp. 238-39)

4. William P. Phillips, for 18 years secretary of Young People's and Adult S.S. Work and for past five years superintendent of Adult Work, was elected as a general associate in the S.S. Department. Jesse Daniels, formerly secretary of enlargement, was also made a general associate in charge of standards and records and working directly with S.S. superintendents. 10,000 churches observed January Bible Study in 1949 as sponsored annually by the S.S. Board. (p. 244)

- 4., 20. S.S. Department emphasized that all S.S. work should be "keyed to winning to Christ." Announced a three-year program for S.S. work, Oct., 1949 - Oct., 1952. (p. 245) Projected plans for closer co-operation between the home and the S.S. (p. 246)

conveyed to the SBC by N. M. Convention, offered to match up to \$100,000 any amount raised by Baptists in the area for development of the site, elected John L. Hill as director of promotion for Ridgecrest and Glorieta Assemblies to help raise funds for developing them, and pledged the Board's "very best efforts" if the "building of Glorieta is assigned to the Sunday School Board." (pp. 41-42) The SBC then adopted the Executive Committee's recommendation authorizing and instructing the S.S. Board "to develop the Glorieta Baptist assembly as funds will permit and to operate it as a Southern Baptist assembly representing all phases of Southern Baptist work, and that the Convention request all its agencies to co-operate with the Sunday School Board to this end." (p. 42) The S.S. Board employed E. A. Herron as manager of the Glorieta Assembly in June, 1950. Willard K. Weeks became manager of Ridgecrest Assembly in November, 1950. (1951, p. 255)

1(3), 2., The Convention approved the following recommendation of its Executive
17., 19. Committee regarding audio-visual education (p. 43):

We recommend the following in the field of audio-visual education:

(1) That Southern Baptists should approach seriously and with great vision the matter of audio-visual education as a means of promoting their program of kingdom service and in teaching and inspiring their people to understand the Christian truth, with the view of enabling and stimulating them to live it.

(2) That, in the interest of efficiency and economy and co-operation, Southern Baptists should assign to one central agency the promotion of audio-visual education, the production of the films and their distribution; and thereby make it possible for all institutions, boards, and agencies, whether they be Southwide or statewide, to have technical guidance of experts in this field, and have available the necessary equipment in producing their materials.

(3) While we recognize that the possibilities in the field of audio-visual education are unlimited, and that Southern Baptists are already late in entering this field, we recommend that Southern Baptists should begin work in this field on such basis as their available financial resources make possible and their needs make necessary, but with an openness of mind to expand and enlarge their use of audio-visual aids as their wisdom may direct. It seems now that we should plan, first to produce audio-visual aids primarily for promotional purposes, but with willingness and purpose to explore their greatly enlarged uses in the field of teaching.

(4) Since, in the providences of God, Southern Baptists have the Sunday School Board, and since audio-visual education belongs in its general field of service, we recommend that Southern Baptists make the Sunday School Board their central agency for the promotion, production, and distribution of visual aids, with the understanding that the various sponsoring agencies will have the right to work out with the Sunday School Board the costs of their respective productions, and will have the further right to distribute their promotional and educational films in whatever way and by whatever means they may deem wise.

- 1.(2) William J. Fallis indicated that Broadman Press Book Policy remained unchanged since the S.S. began publishing books: "The ultimate aim is a great book publishing house whose output shall represent the sentiment of our people and hold commanding place with the best evangelical literature." Stated that the purpose of the Board's book publishing program would continue to be "to solicit, produce, and promote books for growth in Bible knowledge and Christian character among Southern Baptists." (p.238)
11. Large increase in tract circulation led the Board to print 8,735,000 copies of tracts during 1950. (1951, p.257) Donald F. Ackland, who joined the Board's editorial staff last year was placed in charge of the general tract publishing work. (p. 252)
- 7.,24. S.S. Board Production Department indicated that its Music Typographic Service was "available for other denominations, and music plates have been set up and made for a wide group of musicians even to producing music plates in foreign languages." (p. 250)
- 1(1),7. Board began publication of a monthly periodical, The Church Musician, in October, 1950, "to set forward all that our Church Music Department is doing in the promotion of a better program of church music and the training of the church music leadership in our churches." Also, to "provide material for use by church choirs." (1950, p. 253, 1951, p. 265)
8. Department of Home Curriculum added Mrs. Frank H. Leavell to its staff as "home life counselor." (p. 258)
- 4.,17.,19(2) S.S. Board co-operated with the Home Mission Board and the state boards in the promotion of Evangelistic Simultaneous Campaigns in 1950 and 1951. Conducted "Convention-wide Sunday School Conference in Dallas, Tex., in Dec., 1940," to positionize the Sunday school work as a major factor in providing effective soul-winning opportunities in the churches during the Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign. . . ." in 1950. (p. 266f)
- 1(3),4. S.S. Teaching and Training program of the S.S. Board had filmstrips and slides produced to promote improved S.S. work. (p. 269)
5. Secretary J. E. Lambdin emphasized the important place of the Training Unions in training for and promoting personal evangelism. Stressed the work of the Training Union in conserving the converts and training them for service. (p. 277) Discontinued The Story Hour Leader and began publication of The Nursery-Beginner Leader and The Primary Leader in Jan., 1950. (p. 280)
6. G. Kearnie Keegan became secretary of the Board's Department of Student Work May 1, 1950. (p. 291) The department reported that its aim "is to conserve this strategic sector of the life of Southern Baptists for the churches, for the denominational program, and for the kingdom of God." (p. 293)
15. Department of Survey, Statistics and Information stated that its four main functions were: (1) Publications, (2) Research, (3) Information, and (4) Maintenance of list of ministers. (p. 301)

1. Editorial Division enunciated the following "Guiding Principles" of the S.S. Board in preparation of periodicals and books: (1) Emphasis upon the truth of the Bible, (2) Emphasis upon a life-centered approach, (3) Conformity to sound educational principles, (4) Recognition of the practical situation in the churches, (5) Recognition of the need for spiritual appeal, (6) Utilization of literary method and artistic appeal. (pp. 270f)
- 1.(1) Board continued to publish and offer to blind people without charge The Braille Baptist, now in its fifth year. (p. 271)
- 1(1), 5. The Training Union Department set forth the following "ideals" for its periodicals (p. 278):
 1. To help all our Baptist people develop unshakable doctrinal convictions.
 2. To give all church members thorough instruction in church life and activity.
 3. To help all church members to develop Christian skills for church work and for daily living.
 4. To help all to gain a workable knowledge of the Bible.
 5. To help all of our Baptist people develop good habits of church membership.
 6. To inspire and instruct all of our people to become personal witnesses for Christ.
 7. To help every church member become a faithful Christian steward.
- 1.(2) Book Editorial Department's survey of book needs of Southern Baptists summarized the more significant book demands in order of importance (p. 279):
 - (1) Christian family life, (2) Baptist history and doctrine, (3) Bible knowledge, (4) doctrine for laymen, (5) Christian approach to social problems, (6) history and doctrine of other Christian groups, (7) Bible stories for children, (8) personal problems of Christian living, (9) program material.
4. Reported 20,832 Vacation Bible schools in 1951 with total enrolment of 1,926,100. Over 60 per cent of the churches in the SBC conducted schools. (1952, p. 298)
- 5., 20 Training Unions in the churches promoted "Big C Night" on the closing night of the Simultaneous Revivals, emphasizing "CONSERVATION, CONSECRATION, and CONTINUATION in the work of soul-winning." T.U. Department of the Board prepared special materials for this event and for general promotion of evangelism and conservation. Promoted "Doctrinal and Church Membership Weeks" in the churches to "help. . . conserve all of the results of evangelism. . . ." (p. 294-95)
5. Reported T.U. enrolment of 1,554,660 in a total of 16,886 churches. Combined circulation of T.U. literature surpassed 2,000,000 copies. (1952, p. 300f)

equipment have been provided for this service. It is hoped that through the co-operation and support of all Baptist agencies and institutions, the Sunday School Board (Broadman Films) will be able to offer a quality production service at a price below that normally charged in the commercial field. In setting the expense of items to the requesting agency or institution, the purpose in each case is to determine actual cost to Broadman Films for maintaining and performing such a service.

1. Script Development

(1) Broadman Films will write or have written, in co-operation with the requesting agencies or institutions, such scripts, as may be needed in the proposed production.

or

(2) Broadman Films will counsel with the requesting agency in the development of its own scripts written by its own staff or by such professional writers as may be employed by the requesting agency.

2. Photography

(1) Broadman Films will make or have made, in co-operation with the requesting agency or institution, such pictures as may be needed to visualize scripts which have been developed as outlined in paragraphs (1) and (2) above.

or

(2) Broadman Films will accept pictures submitted by the requesting agency or institution for inclusion in the finished production, when the pictures meet mutually agreed-on technical standards.

3. Laboratory Service

Broadman Films will secure, in co-operation with the requesting agency or institution, such laboratory service as may be needed to convert pictures, still or motion, into the finished production.

4. Recordings

Broadman Films will, in co-operation with the requesting agency or institution, have recorded in established recording studios by professional talent such records as may be needed to accompany slide sets and filmstrips.

5. Manuals and Study Guides

Broadman Films will print such manuals, study guides, and other leadership guidance materials as are needed to accompany a production when distributed to the local user.

2. Distribution Service for Other Agencies and Institutions

Though distribution is in charge of the Sales and Advertising Department, the following distribution service has been made available to other Baptist agencies and institutions as a part of our over-all production-distribution program and, therefore seems to warrant listing here:

In order to co-operate to the fullest with the requesting agency or institution in making available to the local user audio-visual aids produced by the plan just described, Broadman Films and the Baptist Book Stores offer the following distribution service when such service is desired by the requesting agency or institution.

church activities for which the Sunday School Board is responsible for providing materials. With this in mind we are directing much of our attention to materials in these fields.

(1) Through Our Facilities

Thus far this year we have released three motion pictures: Baptist Students at Ridgecrest, Training Union: A Family Affair, and Bible on the Table and one filmstrip Choose You This Day in an effort to meet these needs. Other filmstrips and slides are scheduled for summer and fall releases.

(2) Church-Craft Contract

An arrangement has been made with Church-Craft Pictures, of St. Louis, producers of films, filmstrips, and slides to produce for us a series of Bible-story filmstrips designed to meet our needs. These will be released as Broadman Films' releases and the first are scheduled for an early summer release.

(3) S. V. E. Contract

Another arrangement has been worked out with the Society for Visual Education, of Chicago, for the use of several hundred art Bible pictures which are owned by them in the production of other filmstrips on themes and subjects related to the Training Union curriculum. The first of these is scheduled for release in the fall or winter.

1(3), 17. Convention commended the "education and promotion activities of the
19(1) above department in conducting two Convention-wide workshops, conferences at Ridgecrest, and in state meetings, and through Board publications." Continued its program of counseling with other film producers so as to make their productions usable in Southern Baptist churches. (p. 458)

19(1) S.S. Board provided office quarters for the Historical Commission of the SBC upon the election of its first executive secretary, Norman W. Cox. (p. 427) Also provided office space for the Education Commission when its headquarters were moved to Nashville in 1951. (p. 399)

2. S.S. Board reported purchasing North Carolina Convention's half interest in the Book Stores at Raleigh and Charlotte. This gave the Board complete ownership of all stores except the one in Atlanta, Ga. (p. 270)
Book Store sales in 1952 totaled \$7,014,835.73. (1953, p. 261)
3. Pioneer Week was conducted at Glorieta Assembly Aug. 7-13, 1952. Housing was not yet available, but other provision was made. Construction was begun on the major Assembly buildings. (p. 271)
25. Personnel Department of the Board defined its areas of work as follows: (p. 274)
 1. To provide qualified workers (exclusive of professional workers) in sufficient numbers to meet the employee requirements of the Board.
 2. To project and promote activities such as employee educational and improvement processes, an employee relationship program, including insurance, service recognition, fellowship work, hospital visitation, and counseling that will tend to keep the employee a happy, co-operative and productive worker.
 3. To make various studies such as job analyses, job evaluation, employee turnover, employee motivation, employee morale, salaries, and others as needed.
 4. To keep complete and accurate records of all employees.

As of December 31, 1951, there were 497 employees on the monthly pay roll, 13 on the biweekly pay roll at Nashville, and approximately 400 in the Book Stores. This makes a total of 910. The number of temporary and extra workers varies during quarterly shipping periods from 50 to 150.
4. Howard P. Colson was elected by the Board (Dec. 1951) as Editor-in-Chief of S.S. Curriculum Department, relieving Editorial Secretary of the Board, Clifton J. Allen from this responsibility. (p. 279)
- 10., 11. General Tract editor Donald Ackland announced the publication of a booklet entitled "The Ordination of Baptist Ministers" a joint statement issued by the faculties of Southern, Southwestern, and New Orleans Seminaries. (p. 280)
- 16., 19. SBC Historical Commission headquarters and Dargan Memorial Library of the Board moved into new Administration Building on fourth floor. Historical Society collection was moved to Nashville and integrated with the Dargan Library. Editorial Secretary Clifton Allen and Historical Commission Secretary Norman W. Cox became joint operators of the integrated library. Historical Commission purchased microfilm equipment and began operations in Oct., 1952. (pp. 280, 425-26) The Sunday School Board provided the staff for the operation of the joint library. (p. 280)
- 1(1)4., 17., 19., 22. The Board continued the plan initiated in 1950 by which special stewardship S.S. lesson leaflets were published for use of the churches in the every-member canvass. (p. 283)

- 2., 25. Business Division of S.S. Board was reorganized by the Board. Changes included the formation of an Advertising Department in Oct., with W. D. Kendall, director, and a Book Store Department in June with John Williams, Director, replacing the former Sales and Advertising Department. The Order Department was reorganized as the Merchandising Department with Keith C. Von Hagen, Director. The latter had a fourfold responsibility: purchasing, wholesale sales promotion, order billing, order filling. (1953, pp. 273-276)
- 5., 20. The T. U. Department stated that the T.U. forces "continue to play a vital role in the Southern Baptist program of evangelism." Graded books on soul-winning were used to train people to witness effectively. Continued to promote the plan for churches to conduct a "class for new church members as a part of the Training Union program." Declared that this practice among churches was widespread. Over 100,000 copies of the booklet, Your Life and Your Church, by James L. Sullivan, had been distributed in this program to conserve the results of evangelism. (p. 303)
6. Student Department announced a circulation goal of 25,000 for The Baptist Student. Continued to distribute large quantity of free literature (p. 306). Assisted in conducting State B.S.U. Conventions.
- 7., 17. Board announced that New Mexico, Tennessee and Georgia Conventions had employed church music secretaries and entered the "field of church music education." (p. 317) Secretary McKinney of the S.S. Board Music Department died September 7, 1952, from an automobile accident. The Board elected W. Hines Sims, Secretary. Also added two associates: Loren R. Williams and Clifford A. Holcomb. (1953, p. 301)
- 4., 20. The S.S. Board employed Charles L. McKay July 1, 1952, as secretary of "Enlargement and Enlistment for Evangelism through the Sunday school." (1953, p. 258)
15. New Secretary of Department of Survey, Statistics and Information, J. P. Edmunds, stated that through the use of IBM machines, "we are able to study intelligently our opportunities, needs, achievements, based on accurate information from the churches." (p. 319)
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18. SBC directed the S.S. Board to contribute \$60,000 to the Convention Budget for the year 1954. (No further mention will be made of this annual directive of the SBC unless it is changed.) (p. 37)
25. Upon T. L. Holcomb's retirement, he was succeeded by James L. Sullivan, June 1, 1953. (p. 52) Holcomb became Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation.
- 17., 21., 23.
4., 5. SBC Executive Committee reported co-operation of the S.S., T.U., W.M.U., and Brotherhood forces in the promotion of Schools of Stewardship in the fall of 1953. The Committee pledged its co-operation and urged the co-operation of Southern Baptists in the "Board's program of reaching one million additional people in Bible Study", Oct, 1953-Sept. 1954, (p.73)

- 20., 22. work of teaching God's Word to increasing multitudes of people." This also involves enlargement and "Bible teaching for effective evangelism and full Christian stewardship." (p. 289)
5. Training Union Department appointed C. Aubrey Hearn, formerly associate editor of Training Union publications, as director of the T. U. study course, to edit the textbooks and promote study course work. (p. 292)
- 5., 17. The T. U. Department of the S. S. Board stated that it co-operated with the T. U. departments of the states in developing all plans for promotion. Conducts annual conference in Dec. at which time "the promotional plans for a year hence" are drawn up by the group. All phases of T. U. work are promoted through Convention-wide and state assemblies, state conventions, associational events, and through training schools and enlargement campaigns in close co-operation with state workers. (p. 293) Goals projected for 1954 included 3,000 additional churches with T. U. work, 400,000 increase in enrolment, 800,000 study course awards, et. al. (p. 293)
6. Student Department enlarged its staff by appointing Bill Cody to the
20. new post, associate in charge of "Student Evangelism and orientation of high school students." Secretary Keegan and his five associates conducted an extensive program of campus visitation. The Department was now publishing a monthly news bulletin, "The Key". Baptist students and student leaders participated in the fourth Baptist Youth World Conference in Brazil, July, 1953. (pp. 296-97)
1. (2), 7. Sales of Broadman Press hymnals and songbooks continue to average about 750,000 copies annually. (p. 302) Stated that a substantial portion of the time of the Music Department staff was "spent in service to the various associations, states, and churches." Difficult to meet the demand. California's addition of a secretary of church music brings the total of state departments to 12. Total awards issued in 1952 for the Church Music Training Course was 10,562. (pp. 301-02)
- 1(3), 19(2) Audio-Visual Aids Department indicated continued co-operation with other Convention agencies in the productions of motion pictures and filmstrips. The 1953-54 program included productions in co-operation with the SBC Executive Committee and the Home Mission Board. "That They May Hear" was a co-operative motion picture production with the Foreign Board. (p. 307) Convention adopted the report of its Committee on Visual education (progress report on the productions of various SBC agencies" and continued the Committee for another year. (pp. 54, 440f.)
13. Church Library Service stated that in co-operation with the state library consultants, tours or state meetings were held which reached over 5,000 people. Expressed the hope that the monthly "Church Library Bulletin" published by the Library Service and sent free to pastors and church librarians might eventually become a monthly church Library magazine. (p. 313)
- 17, 18, 19(1) During 1953, The S. S. Board contributed \$79,900 to the SBC agencies; almost \$400,000 to help pay the salaries of S. S., T. U., music and student

may be paid in part by the said agency." (p. 53)

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In his first report to the Convention, S.S. Board Executive Secretary James L. Sullivan outlined the Board's method of operation: indicating that the Board was not a recipient of Co-operative Program funds, he stated that it was operated as an efficient business, returning all earnings beyond operating costs to the work of the denomination; that its policies and management were under the control of the SBC through the 47-member Board elected by the Convention; that the Board exists to serve the churches; that the Board's building programs are kept on a cash basis. (p. 252)

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Sales of the S.S. Board in 1954 totaled \$17,747,276.29. Education, promotion and service expenditures totaled \$757,769.13; denominational appropriations totaled \$960,449.97. (1955, p. 243)

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During the year the S.S. Board reorganized the administration and operation of its work. The purpose of the reorganization and a description of the new organizational pattern which went into effect September 1, 1954, are presented in detail as follows (1955, pp. 229-30):

The Board revised and enlarged its administrative organization during the year in order that Board policies might be administered efficiently and that the denomination's requirements for enlarged service might be met. The new organization attempts to define responsibilities of divisions and departments, to prevent overlapping of functions and duplication of effort, to unify editorial and educational activities in purpose, direction, and administration, to provide adequate supervisory personnel with sufficient delegation of responsibility to insure a smooth flow of work, and to make use of the best business and merchandising procedures in order to provide an increasing support for educational and service activities.

Executive and administrative functions are assigned to the administrative staff which is composed of the executive secretary-treasurer, administrative assistant, editorial secretary, contracts and investment counselor, personnel manager, and the directors of the four divisions. Each of these staff members have assignments of responsibility as follows:

1. The executive secretary-treasurer develops objectives, policies, and programs; directs the over-all operations, recommends staff and divisional personnel, defines the functions and responsibilities of the professional workers, and delegates commensurate authority to them, maintains a high level of performance in meeting established objectives, provides leadership in the nation-wide relationships of the Board, and receives, holds, and disburses the funds of the Board.

2. The administrative assistant assists the executive secretary-treasurer in co-ordinating and administering the work of the professional staff reviewing and adjusting divisional objectives, preparing budgets, co-ordinating public relations, and administering the approved salary program.

25. The Administrative Staff of the Board included the following upon perfection of the new organizational pattern (1955, p. 244) : James L. Sullivan, Executive Secretary-Treasurer; Norris Gilliam, Contracts and Investment Counselor; Leonard E. Wedel, Personnel Manager; J. M. Crowe, Administrative Assistant; Clifton J. Allen, Editorial Secretary; Keith C. Von Hagen, Director of Merchandise and Sales Division; W. L. Howse, Director of Education Division; H. E. Ingraham, Director of Service Division; and R. L. Middleton, Director of the Business Division. Each Division included several departments. (1) Merchandise and Sales Division included: Merchandise Control Department, H. S. Simpson, Manager; Merchandise Selection Department, E. Odell Crowe, Manager; Sales Department, J. O. Turner, Manager. (2) Education Division included: Audio-Visual Aids Department, Earl Waldrup, Secretary; Broadman Books Department, W. J. Fallis, Secretary; Home Education Department, Joe W. Burton, Secretary; Student Department, G. Kearnie Keegan, Secretary; Sunday School Department, J. N. Barnette, Secretary; Training Union Department, J. E. Lambdin, Secretary. (3) Service Division: Advertising Department, W. D. Kendall, Secretary; Art Department, Herman F. Burns, Secretary; Church Architecture Department W. A. Harrell, Secretary; Church Library Service, Florida Waite, Secretary; Church Recreation Service, Agnes Durant Pylant, Secretary; Dargan-Carver Library, Helen Conger, Librarian; Survey, Statistics, and Information Department, J. P. Edmunds, Secretary. (4) Business Division: Accounting and Control Department, Ben R. Murphy, Manager; Contracts and Insurance Department, John H. Williams, Manager; Glorieta Baptist Assembly, E. A. Herron, Manager; Operations Department, Noble Van Ness, Manager; Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Willard K. Weeks, Manager.
2. S.S. Board stated that its book stores: "are set to life the general culture, to emphasize evangelism and missions, to distribute the Bible, to provide spiritual help for individuals, and to support every phase of individual church and general denominational life." (p. 259)
- 20., 21. S.S. Board reported investing \$1,765,707 in establishing Glorieta Assembly, including \$256,907 in contributions received from state boards, churches and individuals. (p. 234)
3. The Multigraph Section of the Board's Production Department (changed to Operations Department in Sept., 1954) reported that work done in this section represents a large economy to the Board in the production of printed forms, letters and other materials used by the various departments and the 47 book stores of the Board. Projected plans for enlarging this department toward the end of increasing economy in the production of these materials. (p. 268)
- 1., 25. Dargan-Carver Library reported receiving approximately 7,000 volumes from the libraries of Homer L. Grice, Hight C Moore and J. E. Dillard. Through the microfilm operations of the Historical Commission, thousands of pages of valuable historical materials were added to the library. Several early periodicals of the Board were microfilmed. (p. 271)
16. Projected plans for a new series of V.B.S. textbooks. (p. 274)
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4. S.S. Department continued to press the campaign for "A Million More in '54." By the end of the year, almost a net S.S. enrolment gain of 600,000 was reached. (1955, p. 239) Declared that the purpose of S.S. work was: "(1) to extend our reach through a constantly growing enrolment; (2) to make our work effective and significant by developing leaders who are better able to meet the spiritual needs of men and women, boys and girls through the teaching of God's Word." (p. 287)
4. The percentage of churches conducting a V.B.S. rose from 26.6% in 1944 to 70.5% in 1953. (p. 288)
3. Camp Crestridge for Girls (adjoining Ridgecrest Assembly) was completed and operated for the first summer season in 1955. (1956, p. 245) The camp, plus improvements at Ridgecrest and Glorieta and in Nashville increased the Board's fixed assets by almost \$700,000. (1956, p. 221)
- 5., 19(2) Training Union Department indicated that during Youth Week in April, 1954, a new feature was added: a College Orientation Workshop which was incorporated into the activities of the week in co-operation with the SBC Education Commission. Expected this to be an annual part of Youth Week. (p. 290)
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20. Reported that the T. U. forces of the S.S. Board and of the states were cooperating with the Home Mission Board's Department of Evangelism in the Simultaneous Revivals. Promoted soul-winning study courses prior to revivals and study courses in doctrine and church membership following the revivals. Announced plans for a revised edition of the book for the conservation of evangelism, Your Life and Your Church, by James L. Sullivan. Stated that the "class for new members has been a huge success" and that it is a "regular part of the Training Union on Sunday evening." Called on all churches to conduct such a class. (p. 291)
- 6., 17., 20. Student Department sponsored as an annual campus activity in October Student Evangelistic Week, an emphasis on personal soul-winning of individual students. Sponsored youth-led revivals. Co-operated with state student departments in planning and promoting State Youth Evangelism Clinics. (p. 295)
The S.S. Board's Student Department continued to conduct an annual "State Secretaries Seminar" with this purpose: "to continue to unify the Baptist Student Union, share ideas, successes, problems, and to make plans for the coming year." (p. 295)
- 6., 19(2) Student Department employed Jane Ray Bean to help extend its ministry to international students. (Lynn E. May, Jr., "A Decade of Expanding Ministries," The Baptist Student, Dec., 1961) Approximately forty overseas students attended the Ridgecrest Student Retreat in 1953 through the generosity of the Foreign Mission Board and the students on the campuses. Other international students were among the 1,037 students attending "Pioneer Student Week at Glorieta" in 1953. (p. 295)
7. Music Department began publishing a quarterly Associational Church

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22. At the request of the Promotion Conference and the Executive Committee's Division of Promotion, Broadman Films (S.S. Board) produced a dramatic film and two filmstrips on the Cooperative Program. (p. 93)
- 1(3)..,19(2). SBC Committee on Baptist Film appointed in 1954 reported favorable response from the American Baptist Convention, the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec in Canada regarding the proposal for the production of a major film on some Baptist Personality. Also reported that plans were underway by the S.S. Board and Foreign Mission Board "to produce historical films that will emphasize our distinctive Baptist beliefs and witness..." The Committee stated that each of the SBC agencies "indicated their full purpose to coordinate their productions and thus avoid any possible overlapping and duplication of effort." (p. 356) Convention continued the committee and instructed it to confer with representatives of other Baptist bodies regarding the "possibility of producing a major Baptist film" and to report its findings to the Convention in 1956. Also instructed the committee to co-operate with representatives of the SBC, particularly the S.S. Board and Foreign Board, "in the production of Baptist films..." (p. 49)
- 19(2)..,25. Convention approved the "Crusade for Christian Morality" launched co-operatively by the agencies of the SBC and called upon the churches to support the movement. (p. 50) Approved a resolution calling for a more intensified anti-alcohol program following a study of this problem by a committee representing the Executive Committee, S.S. Board, and Christian Life Commission. (p. 61)
11. The S.S. Board now had in print 89 general tract titles classified as follows: Evangelistic (22), Doctrinal (27), Stewardship (4), Servicemen (9), Anti-alcohol (6), The Christian Life (3), The Christian Home (7), Fallacious Doctrine (5), Miscellaneous (6). During the past year, the Board distributed directly and through the state board offices 8,556,700 tracts at a cost of about \$50,000 to the S.S. Board. The 1955 evangelistic crusade resulted in even larger demands for these materials. (p. 235)
17. Appropriations to state boards to assist them in maintaining a corps of workers to promote Sunday school, Training Union, church music, and student work in the states in 1954 totaled \$407,591. The Board indicated that the "choice of workers and direction of the work are prerogatives of the state boards but there has been the finest spirit of fellowship and co-operation between these workers in the states and the educational workers of the Board." (p. 235)
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21.,22. S.S. Training Course contains 70 books arranged in the following categories: Bible, administration, teaching, doctrines and evangelism, department administration and teaching, and special studies. T. U. Study Course contains 75 books in these categories: principles and methods, the church, the Christian life, the Bible, doctrine, the home, missions, stewardship, soul-winning, and the denomination. Church Music Training Course "will be enlarged" to include 26 books in 6 areas: general, choral, instrumental, training, promotion, and integrating courses. During 1954,

Warren that we double the number of our preaching stations before the celebration of our Third Jubilee in 1964." (p. 37)

- 19.,24. SBC adopted the Baptist Jubilee Advance program and instructed the agencies and institutions of the SBC to plan their five-year program from 1959 to 1964 within the frame work of the BJA emphases where possible. (p. 40)
- 19.,25. Convention appointed a special committee to study the total Southern Baptist program with one member from each co-operating state and three members at large. Douglas M. Branch was appointed chairman of this committee which the Convention directed "to study the functions of the agencies and boards of the Southern Baptist Convention and their relationship with the churches, with the state conventions, and with other agencies and boards of the Convention, with a view of finding the most effective way of promoting the Kingdom through the Southern Baptist Convention." The Committee was authorized to employ professional assistance, to spend up to \$25,000, and to bring recommendations to the 1957 Convention. (p. 44)
- 1(3).,19.,24. SBC Committee on Baptist Film reported that at a meeting of representatives of the SBC and several other Baptist bodies at the BWA in 1955, definite interest was expressed in the proposed production of a major Baptist film. Expressed hope that these Baptist bodies would soon give official approval of the project. Preliminary study was given to the possibility of a film on Religious Liberty. (p. 356) SBC continued the committee for further study and added to its membership: Paul M. Stevens, Norman W. Cox, Albert McClellan, Earl Waldrop, Fon Schofield, L. O. Griffith, and H. H. McGinty. (p. 46)
9. In view of the growing need for more people to serve in church-related vocations, the SBC appointed a "committee of representatives of the various areas of our denominational life to study this matter and report its findings to the Executive Committee for appropriate action." (p. 42)
25. Convention approved the recommendation of the S.S. Board that the amount of the reserve of the S.S. Board "for contingencies to provide for deficits that may occur either through decreased receipts or through emergencies or both, an amount which is the equivalent of that needed for the operation of the Sunday School Board a period of three months. (pp. 47-48)
25. The S.S. Board's recommendation that its name be changed to "The Board of Education and Publication of the Southern Baptist Convention" was referred to a committee of seven to report back to the 1957 Convention. (p. 48) W. Perry Crouch was appointed chairman. (p. 19)
- 10.,19.,25. The SBC adopted a resolution requesting the churches of the Convention "to have their minutes and other vital records microfilmed by the Historical Commission of the SBC." (p. 55)

Home and Foreign Boards, Brotherhood Commission of South Carolina, and the General Association of Kentucky. (pp. 223-24)

1(2), 19(2) Miss Mary Christian became missions book editor of Broadman Books Department and liaison person between the S.S. Board and W.M.U. General books now receive the Broadman imprint. Books prepared for denominational distribution only received the Convention Press imprint. Announced that 1956 was the largest general book production year in the history of Broadman Press. (p. 224)

1., 7. Church Music Department reported a circulation of 7,000 for its quarterly bulletin; that the Standards of Excellence for music departments in churches and associations had experienced their first full year; that 16 states now had music secretaries; published several graded song books; produced three albums of records for children during 1955. (pp. 225-26) Published the Baptist Hymnal. From its release in March, 1956, to end of the year, 500,000 copies were sold. (1957, p. 242)

6., 19(2) Student Department announced the inauguration of a "Baptist Faculty Fellowship" as a movement "to strengthen the spiritual witness of this important segment of our denominational family in both Baptist and non-Baptist institutions. The department enlarged its publication of promotional, educational, devotional and other types of material. By the end of 1955 the department had distributed 550,000 pieces of free literature. Began in 1955 to publish Key News, a professional journal for B.S.U. workers designed to promote the work of the denomination and to provide personal resources and techniques for B.S.U. work. These and other steps were taken to enlarge the scope of B.S.U. to minister to the total academic community in all types of schools. The department led in conducting the Baptist Student World Missions Congress in Nashville, Tenn., Dec., 1956. Promoted vocations emphasis. Reported that the conference with the three seminaries offering courses of instruction for B.S.U. directors in Dec., 1955, had determined definite principles and objectives for the training of these workers. (pp. 227-29)

1(1), 4 S.S. Department expanded its editorial staff to include a separate editor for each age group in the S.S. The S.S. Program for 1956-1957 projected by the department focused attention on specific objectives, goals, and methods. Began publishing four new periodicals: Sunday School Young Adults, Sunday School Married Young People, The Adult Teacher, and The Young People's Teacher (the latter two replaced the Teacher.) (p. 229-32) Guidance and curriculum materials for use in church kindergartens were in process. (p. 232)

5. Report stated that to reach its aim of "Training in Church Membership," Training Union keeps the following "educational principles" in view (p. 232): (1) increase in knowledge of the Scriptures; (2) Christian growth, including the deepening of the spiritual life, the development of skills for church work and for daily living, the development of Christian attitudes, increasing concern for lost people, and the development of all the traits of Christian character; (3) education in Baptist life, including

1957 -- SBC continued its committee on Church-Related Vocations, enlarging it to include five pastors, two religious education workers and two church music workers. (p. 48) The committee reported Executive Committee approval of specific recommendations regarding materials needed for church-related vocations guidance and promotion: series of special tracts, an annotated bibliography of free materials on church-related vocations now available from Southern Baptist agencies, special features in Baptist publications, a book, audio-visual aids, and library materials on church-related vocations prepared and made available. To implement these recommendations, the committee proposed that the S.S. Board employ a person in staff relationship with its Education Division, to serve in the church-related vocations field. Suggested the following responsibilities for this worker (pp. 85-86):

1. To plan with editors of lesson courses, magazines, state papers, and leaders of conventions, clinics, and assemblies a continuing educational program relative to the church-related vocations field.
2. To work with Convention agencies and institutions in co-ordinating all activities in the church-related vocations field.
3. To edit such additional special materials in the church-related vocations field as needed.
4. To assist the various agencies and institutions in the stimulation of interest, dissemination of information, definition of tasks, and the conservation of personnel for church-related vocations.
5. To work with the Education Commission, Baptist colleges, universities, and seminaries in seeking the enrolment and training of volunteers for church-related vocations.
6. To maintain a permanent file of volunteers for church-related vocations so that information regarding them may be constantly available to Convention agencies and institutions.

9. In April, 1957, the S.S. Board secured John M. Tubbs to serve as its church-related vocations counselor. (1958, p. 260)

19.(1) SBC Executive Committee approved the request of the S.S. Board that it be allowed to give \$50,000 to Southeastern Baptist Seminary for a Children's Building. (p. 84)

10. Lloyd Barnes was added to the Education Division staff as church records consultant; responsible for "developing and promoting a comprehensive system of church records for Southern Baptist churches and their educational organizations." Under the direction of Howard Foshee, editor of Church Administration materials, pamphlets on church committees and booklets on the church clerk, treasurer and church council were published. (1958, pp. 260-61)

18. SBC approved the Convention Operating Budget of \$260,000 for 1958 with the provision that the S.S. Board pay \$75,000 toward the budget by agreement with the Executive Committee. (p. 49)

19.(2), 24. S.S. Board's executive secretary was appointed on a Joint Committee which was to "guide the process of the S.B.C. - Canadian Baptist Cooperation. . . ." (p. 50)

8. Home Education Department stated that its field promotion was limited to the engagements of the secretary and home counselor. Continued to publish tracts on home life. Published pamphlet series for distribution through the Baptist Book Stores. (p. 243)
- 6., 17., 19(2), 21. Student Department continued to help plan and promote the summer student mission program in co-operation with the Home and Foreign Boards, and the state student departments. During 1957 state B.S.U.'s chose and financed 75 student missionaries to home fields and 26 to foreign fields in this co-operative program. Also continued to hold annual State Student Secretaries' Seminar in Nashville for planning and correlating the Convention-wide program of student work. Reported that state secretaries had approved "the new emphasis of Bible discussion groups on the campuses and have promoted this important phase of our program in their several states." (1957, p. 244)
- 1(1), 4., 5. S.S. and T.U. Departments began to publish jointly Church Nursery Guide and Living with Children.
- S.S. Department conducted 13 S.S. clinics in different parts of the Convention in 1957; in co-operation with the state secretaries, the department planned "to conduct a training-planning period in each of the 1,049 associations for the purpose of training the associational officers and helping them plan a program of work. . . ." Participation in the 30,000 movement was a major activity of the year. (p. 248)
- 1.(1), 5., 21 Special emphasis was given to world missions in the 1957 curriculum materials of the Training Union Department. Published a series of books on alcohol education in 1957. Education and service program of the department was centered in the Training Union Calendar. Representatives from state T.U. departments come to Nashville annually to help set goals and plan promotion of T.U. work for the year. (p. 249)
- 10., 25. Service Division conducted Church Public Relations Conferences at the Assemblies for the second year in 1957. S.S. Board began to do more to make known to Southern Baptists the nature and extent of the Board's work; ten advertisements were run in each state paper promoting the work of the Board as an institution. Enlarged its public relations activities. (p. 251)
- 1., 19. Board indicated that 85 per cent of churches with 500 to 750 members were now using the Baptist Bulletin Service edited by the Executive Committee and merchandised by the Board. (p. 253)
1. Art Department enlarged its photography section.
- 12., 17. Church Architecture Department reported conducting statewide meetings on church buildings in several states. At request of the states this program was enlarged in 1957. Also conducted conferences at the seminaries at their request. (p. 255)

their work." One of these recommendations stated that the functions of the Inter-Agency Council should be to:

- (1) Consider program problems of importance to Convention agencies and plan ways to overcome them through co-operative effort.
- (2) Consider the need for co-operation in establishing and carrying on new programs authorized by the Convention and plan the ways in which that co-operation should be achieved.
- (3) Consider the need for co-operation to overcome problems, eliminate duplication of effort, or otherwise improve the effectiveness of existing programs and plan ways in which that co-operation should be achieved.
- (4) Recommend to Convention agencies the measures they should take to correlate their programs with those of other agencies and to strengthen their programs so they can contribute more effectively to the total Convention effort.
- (5) Develop specific plans for conducting programs co-operatively.
- (6) Prepare a proposed denominational calendar for consideration by the Convention's Committee on Denominational Calendar.

Recommendations of the above committee relative to the S.S. Board were adopted by the SBC as follows (p. 60):

17. Recommendation 18
To assure that all persons interested in the Sunday School Board's supplementary appropriations to state conventions have adequate information, the Board should include in its annual report to the Convention information on the amount of funds transferred to each state convention during the preceding year.
- 19.(1) Recommendation 19
The Sunday School Board should not be permitted or required to transfer funds to other Southern Baptist Convention agencies or committees.
- 18., 19.(1) Recommendation 20
The Sunday School Board should be required to transfer funds to the Southern Baptist Convention each year to be used as the Convention determines.
(1) The Sunday School Board should continue to contribute a minimum fixed amount of money each year. It is suggested that this amount be fixed at \$60,000 per year, the amount the Board is currently required to transfer to the Convention.
(2) The Board should contribute additional funds to the Convention when its financial position will permit it to make supplementary appropriations without impairing its own program of work.
The additional funds should be distributed on the basis of an agreed formula. It is suggested that the supplementary appropriations of the Sunday School Board be divided 20 per cent to the Southern Baptist Convention and 80 per cent to the state conventions, provided, however, that the allocations to the Southern Baptist Convention should never be less than the minimum fixed amount; that is, \$60,000.

(1) That the Home Mission Board and the Sunday School Board shall recognize that Baptist brethren as individuals, local churches, associations, and state conventions are each autonomous bodies with the right to determine their own affiliation and co-operation with each other and with other Baptist bodies. Therefore, we would not question their own rights for mutual co-operation and promotion.

(2) We recommend that the Home Mission Board and the Sunday School Board as agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention may accept invitations from any Baptist church or group of churches in Canada to help them in the promotion of their programs of education, stewardship, missions, and evangelism for the development of their own members.

(3) That no worker of the Home Mission Board or the Sunday School Board whose salary is paid in part or in full shall seek to align existing churches or new churches with our Southern Baptist work. This statement is to be understood as our policy in dealing with all missionary personnel employed in part or in full by the Home Mission Board.

(4) That, in accord with our generally accepted policy, it shall be the hope of the Home Mission Board and the Sunday School Board to render all assistance possible in helping the Baptist forces in Canada to develop an indigenous denominational program that will win Canada for Christ.

25. Report of the S.S. Board declares: "The underlying purpose of the Sunday School Board is to help God's people know God's Book, and that knowing it they might practice it diligently and teach it fervently. Therein comes the training program for new converts, the enlistment program for new workers, and the intense study program for the masses." (p. 249)
25. Construction on the new Operations Building was begun by the S.S. Board. Announced long-range building plans based on a forecast of growth and sales up to 1980. (p. 250) John O. Jackson became policies and procedures analyst Jan. 1, 1958. Through The Standard Procedures Manual helped to correlate the work of all departments, sections, and units or organization. (p. 250)
25. Organizational studies resulted in the formation of new section in the Operations Department for the storage and shipping of church literature and another section for special operations. (1959, p. 247)
17. The S.S. Board made the following statement about its policy of appropriating funds to the state Conventions to aid in their field work programs: "The amount received by each state is calculated on the basis of a formula which has been worked out by the Board after consultation with state executive secretaries to assure the Board that the amount available would be equitably distributed for furtherance of work in the Sunday school, Training Union, Baptist student, church music, and church architecture work in those states." This was first time church architecture was included as a regular part of the appropriations to the states. (Minutes of the Executive Committee of the S.S. Board, Nov. 20, 1958, p. 1930) Total of such appropriations during 1958 amounted to \$624,891.84. (1959, p. 246)

8. Home Education Department initiated a proposed study of Southern Baptist family life education. (p. 267) Donald W. Minton was added to the staff in May to fill the new position of editor of family life curriculum. Circulation of Home Life in 1958 averaged 800,000 copies per month. (1959, p. 264)

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Student Department of the S.S. Board outlined its 1958 program of activities as follows (p. 271):

1. Co-operating with the 30,000 Movement as it relates to the enlistment and utilization of college students in establishing mission points.

2. Working with the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee on Evangelism in planning and projecting a special evangelistic mission to the academic community for 1959.

3. Correlating our efforts with the denomination's emphasis on church-related vocations as it relates to volunteers on the college campus. This includes work with the Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

4. Planning for and promoting Focus Week on 16 Baptist college campuses and in six Baptist schools of nursing.

5. Developing a program of campus evangelism which will train students in personal witnessing.

6. Encouraging campuses to maintain Bible Study Groups through direct promotion and publication of Bible discussion outlines by Broadman Press.

7. Enlisting and training students for volunteer summer service in their home church and association.

8. Promoting a year 'round ministry to international students with special attention given to state retreats, seminars, and groups at Ridgecrest and Glorieta.

9. Following through on ministry to the Baptist Faculty Fellowship, making regular contacts with the more than 5,000 Baptist faculty personnel.

10. Co-ordinating the Student Summer Mission Program which involves liaison with the Foreign and Home boards and the several state student departments.

11. Expanding our "Off-to-College" emphasis to reach every Southern Baptist church and every high school graduate entering school in the fall.

12. Publishing a new series of pamphlets on the duties of B.S.U. officers in line with those set forth in the B.S.U. Manual.

13. Providing publicity and program suggestions as well as participating in 24 state student conventions.

14. Planning, promoting and directing Student Weeks at Ridgecrest and Glorieta.

15. Attending, encouraging attendance, and participation in the Fifth Baptist Youth World Conference which convenes in Toronto, Canada, June 27-July 2.

16. Visiting campuses in the interest of promoting the Baptist Student Union.

working together more closely (2) Contracts (3) Supplementary appropriations--revised formula in accord with 1958 action of SBC; budget for 1959 called for appropriations of \$914,809, with \$731,845 (80%) allotted to the state and \$182,964 (20%) to SBC; (4) Investments--transferred Board's Printing Equipment Reserve Fund to Baptist Foundation. (1959, pp. 248-49)

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Convention approved the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the Bulletin and Mat Services be assigned to the S.S. Board subject to the following conditions (p. 47):

(1) The Executive Committee shall continue to provide editorial service and direction for the Bulletin Service and the Mat Service.

(2) In exchange for this assignment the Sunday School Board joins with the Executive Committee in requesting the Convention to change the formula for the distribution of supplementary appropriations from 80 per cent to state conventions and 20 per cent to the Southern Baptist Convention, as approved by the 1958 Convention (Recommendation No. 20, p. 60 of the 1958 Annual), to 75 per cent to the state conventions and 25 per cent to the Southern Baptist Convention, provided, however, that the allocation to the Southern Baptist Convention should never be less than the minimum fixed amount, that is, \$120,000.

(3) It is further understood that the Sunday School Board will promote the Baptist Bulletin Service, only, for regular Sunday bulletin service except in the case of Christmas, Easter, and other special holidays which are handled through the bookstores, effective January 1, 1960.

18. SBC also approved a 1960 Convention Operating Budget of \$320,000 of which the S.S. Board was to provide no less than \$120,000 according to the above action. (p. 47)

25. Convention approved recommendation of Executive Committee amending Bylaw 7 so that all Convention committees, boards and commissions "shall include both ordained and lay persons as members." Not more than two-thirds were to be from either category. (p. 49)

19.(2) SBC adopted the following as Bylaw 13: "The Inter-Agency Council shall serve as the organization through which the various agencies of the Convention will correlate their work." (p. 51)

17., 18., 19(1) The Convention adopted the following as Section XIII-3 and Section XV, respectively, of its Business and Financial Plan (p. 53):

Recommendation No. 29

"The Sunday School Board shall include in its annual report to the Convention information on the amount of funds transferred to each state convention during the preceding year."

25. Operations Building was completed by the S.S. Board. Began to remodel old shipping building as an office building. (p. 245) Regular employees of Board now total 1,315 of whom 632 were in the Book Stores. (p. 249)
- 19.(2),20. Related departments of the S.S. Board worked closely with the Department of Evangelism of the Home Board during the special evangelistic emphasis in 1959. (p. 246)
- 4.,5.,7. The S.S., T.U., and Church Music Study Courses were merged in Oct., 1959, into a single "Church Study Course for Teaching and Training." (p. 248)
- 1.,19.(2),21.,24. S.S. Board gave assistance to Baptist groups in Europe and on the mission fields "in the development of Bible teaching materials." (p. 248)
25. New group insurance plan with extended coverage including major medical benefits for employees was initiated. The plan was opened to the Executive Committee staff and employees of agencies of the Convention located in Nashville. (p. 252)
25. Special Operations Section of the Operations Department set up in March, 1958, had direct supervision of Addressograph, Mailing Service, Microfilm, Multilith, Music Typographic Service, and Post Office Units. (p. 253)
3. Ridgecrest Manager Willard Weeks reported that a camper's father had given \$15,000 for the construction of a chapel at Camp Crestridge for Girls. Arvine Bell continued as director. Wayne Chastain succeeded Harry McCall as director of Camp Ridgecrest. (p. 255) Several buildings were completed at Glorieta during past year. (p. 256) Board continued to lose money on operation of the assemblies. Net deficit was \$12,645 at Ridgecrest and \$160,908 at Glorieta during 1959. (1960, p. 183)
- 1.(3) Audio-Visual Aids Department was now producing more materials for specific programs and emphases. This was in contrast to the general materials produced when the department began production several years earlier. Expected this trend to continue. (p. 258)
- 1.(2),2. Broadman Press indicated that four of its six sales leaders were juvenile books. (p. 259)
- 1.(1),(3),10. Church Administration Department developed a Church Finance record system: Church Finance Record System Manual and companion forms. Filmstrips were produced: "The Church Usher"; "The Church Council"; "Effective Church Committees." Began publication of a monthly 40-page journal, Church Administration, in October, 1959. (p. 261) Conducted Church Administration and Public Relations Conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta; also special Church Administration conferences during the T.U. and S.S. weeks at the assemblies. Second annual association-wide Church Officers and Committees Clinic was sponsored jointly by the Church Administration
- 4.,5.

4.,17. Board's S.S. Department employed Lawson G. Hatfield as "Superintendent of New Work" to help especially in the 30,000 Movement S.S. promotion. (p. 267)

4.,17.,19(2) S.S. Department of the Board reported that its plan of "pastor-led associational enlargement campaigns" was being accepted enthusiastically across the Convention. The S.S. Department and the Home Mission Board's Department of Evangelism were currently engaged in a joint campaign to enlist 200 associations to have pastor-led campaigns in the fall of 1959, to be followed by simultaneous revivals in the spring of 1960. (p. 269)

1.(1),4. First of the new series of V.B.S. textbooks were issued for use in 1959. Began publication of The Extension Department Quarterly in Jan., 1959. Announced forthcoming series of new graded lessons for Juniors and Primaries; also additional weekday Bible study materials. (pp. 267-70)

5.,9. T. U. Department reported 1,264 life service commitments made at the Ridgcrest and Glorieta T.U. weeks in 1959. (1960, p. 186)

5.,17.,25. A Southern Baptist Training Union Convention held in Atlanta, Dec. 28-30, 1959, registered 7,306 persons. J. E. Lambdin retired as Secretary of the T.U. Department and was succeeded by Philip B. Harris. A total of 805,856 training course awards were issued in 1959. Over 5,000,000 copies of free promotional leaflets were sent out to churches, associations, and states requesting them. (1960, p. 186)

5.,19(2). Training Union Department reported that members of its staff had visited mission fields in Central and South America, Hawaii, and the Orient to conduct conferences on the use of Training Union literature and the development of Training Union Work. (1959, p. 273) Personal Soul-Winning Study Courses were promoted by the T. U. Department in 1959. (p. 274)

2. S.S. Board was now operating 45 regular Baptist Book Stores, five seminary branch stores, and two summer assembly stores. Indicated that many of them "are operated at a loss but are considered necessary to render the proper merchandising service to the total Southern Baptist constituency." (1960, p. 182)

1.,2.,19(1). Baptist Bulletin Service sales for 1959 amounted to \$591,620. Circulation was about 1,300,000 copies per weekly issue. This service, including the Mat and Stencil Service was transferred to the S.S. Board by the Executive Committee at the end of the year according to Convention authorization. (1960, p. 180)

19.(2),25. Board reported that it had paid taxes on its employee parking lots as per assessment levied by the City of Nashville, but that a suit had been filed to determine the legality of such assessments. Called on the Executive Committee and Joint Committee on Public Affairs to study the over-all problem of taxes involving Baptist institutions. Stated that the Board had previously been paying taxes on property it leased or rented to other firms. (1960, p. 178) Reported that the efforts of Teamsters' Union to organize

2. Broadman Press extends to authors freedom in biblical interpretation and theological viewpoint according to recognized Baptist principles and within the limits of a positive affirmation of Christian faith, a constructive approach to Christian duty, a sound concept of social responsibility, and a wholesome view of Christian practice.

3. Broadman Press seeks to offer to competent authors, especially among Southern Baptists, the facilities of unexcelled publication in terms of editorial guidance, production media, and sales outreach.

4. Broadman Press proposes to foster research and provide incentive leading toward the preparation of significant manuscripts that will contribute to Christian literature of both current appeal and enduring worth.

19(2).

The Board addressograph unit was giving assistance to the Radio and Television Commission in its mailing of promotional material to denominational leaders. (pp. 402-13)

1(3), 19(2).

Board stated that the objective of Broadman Films "is to produce audio-visual aids of the highest technical quality to re-enforce the worship, educational, and recreational functions of a church and to provide instruction in methods and procedures for organizations and activities." To achieve this objective the staff "works closely with curriculum planners, editors, and field workers in all areas of church and denominational life." At the end of the past year, the Board had 54 film titles and 87 filmstrip titles in release, representing an investment of \$1,071,358.06. It was investing at the rate of about \$250,000 per year in new titles. (p. 291) Earl Waldrup resigned and was succeeded by E. Stanley Williamson as Secretary of the Audio-Visual Aids Department. (p. 471)

1., 7.,

Broadman Press was now producing hymnbooks, songbooks, ensemble books, graded choir materials, choral music, and recordings. Since entering the field of religious recordings in 1956, it had sold 42,234 of its four albums of children's records by the end of 1958. The first album of Hymns of the Christian Faith sold 2,500 copies the first year. (p. 292)

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Broadman Press also declared its purpose "to make available to the churches at reasonable cost such supplies as will contribute to the efficiency and success of their work." Broadman Supplies currently offered (p. 292):

1. Complete record systems for Sunday schools, Vacation Bible schools, Training Unions, the music ministry, church clerks, and treasurers.
2. Certificates for promotions, ordinations, membership, marriage, and special recognitions; absentee, prospect, and birthday cards.
3. Maps, bulletin boards, register boards, and periodical binders.
4. Booklets and pamphlets on duties of church officers and committees.
5. Lord's Supper supplies, offering plates, offering envelopes, robes, and garments.
6. Games, novelties, pins, and pennants.

Baptist Bulletins for use in Sunday worship services.

General religious and children's trade books, music and records, and church supplies under the Broadman imprint.

Films and filmstrips under the Broadman Films label.

Books distinctly for use in Southern Baptist churches under Convention Press imprint.

1(1)., 10., 14. Church Library Magazine and Church Recreation (both quarterlies) began publication in Oct., 1960. Church Administration, launched in 1959, reached a circulation of 37,791 from Oct., -Dec., 1959. (p. 180)

1(2). The Board employed W. C. Surber as "Broadman Press Public Relations Representative" in June, 1960. (1961, obid, p. 88)

1(1)., 15. The Southern Baptist Handbook was merged with the Quarterly Review.

1(1)., 4. Board was now publishing 31 titles in its graded series of S.S. publications. Revisions were in process or in the planning stages for all of the series. Circulation during last quarter of 1959 totaled 1,427,719. (p. 180)

1(3)., 2., 19. S.S. Board stated that an agreement had been reached with the Radio and Television Commission whereby Broadman Films became the distributor of the Commission's films for general usage. The films were made available through Baptist Book Stores and trade account film libraries. The Commission retained responsibility for the distribution of its films for television use. Agreements were also reached whereby the Commission may televise Broadman films. (p. 181)

1(2)., 2., 7. By the end of 1959, circulation of the Baptist Hymnal reached 1,800,000 copies. (p. 182)

2., 19., 23. By agreement with the Brotherhood Commission, all of its materials except its periodicals were merchandized through the Baptist Book Stores beginning Aug. 1, 1960. (1961, SBC Book of Reports, p. 89)

2. Total sales of Book Stores decreased to \$12,816,472 in 1959. Net income from book store operation was \$381,205 or 2.97% of sales. (Ibid., p. 88)

3. During 1960 season Ridgecrest registered a total of 32,869 and Glorieta 15,482. Camp Crestridge registered 235 and Camp Ridgecrest 287. (Ibid., p. 89)

4. Report stated that the Program of Sunday School Work "is designed to discover, develop, and promote principles and methods for the establishment, enlargement, and improvement of the Sunday school, Vacation Bible schools, and weekday Bible study in the churches." The S.S. enrolment at the end of 1959 was 7,276,502 giving Southern Baptists the largest S.S. enrolment of any denomination. (pp. 183-84) Estimated that 80,00 people participated in the "Bible Survey Plan" during the first three months following its launch-

17.,6.,21. Reported that 157 B.S.U. sponsored home and foreign summer missionaries were sent out in 1960. Nine state international student retreats were planned and directed with fifteen states co-operating. (1961, Ibid., p. 91)

6.,17. The Student Department conducted workshops and training sessions for student secretaries. (Ibid.)

25. G. Kearnie Keegan, Secretary of the Student Department since 1950, died September 13, 1960. The department staff continued its program of work under the supervision of W.L. Howse, Director of the Education Division.

8. John Tubbs resigned as church-related vocations counselor and was succeeded by Lloyd Householder. Reported that approximately 7,200 more volunteers had been added to the mailing list of the counselor in 1959 making a total of 18,700. (p. 190) During 1960, the total was brought to 25,263. A motion picture on church-related vocations, Take a Giant Step, was produced. Planning was done on units of study on church-related vocations in the lesson course materials and the correlation of all materials on this subject published by the S.S. Board. (1961, Ibid., p. 94)

10. Board's report stated that the Program of Church Administration "offers guidance in church organization and administration and helps the churches define the duties of and train church officers, church committees, and church staff members." (p. 190) Continued to sponsor jointly with the

5. Training Union association-wide Church Officers and Committees Clinics. In 1960 such clinics were held in 165 associations with 2,075 churches represented and 11,031 attending. Conducted a week-long school for church secretaries in co-operation with Southern Seminary. (1961, Ibid., p. 94) Lloyd Barnes transferred to the S.S. Department of the Board. Church Administration Department employed L. J. Newton as Church Administration Consultant. Idus V. Owensby later joined the staff as Church Business Consultant.

10.,19(2). Responsibility for promoting the microfilming of Church Minutes and the gathering of biographical data on Baptist leaders was assigned to the Church Administration Department; to work in co-operation with Historical Commission.

1(1).,11. Tract distribution for the year exceeded 16,000,000 for third consecutive year. Began publication of Intermediate Braille Baptist. (1961, Ibid., p. 95)

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24. Program of Church Architecture Consultation "provides counsel to churches and denominational organizations concerning the planning, construction, and financing of grounds and buildings." (p. 191) Requests for services came from 28 foreign countries in 1960. Gave consultation to several denominational agencies and also to a Commission of the BWA. Conducted 17 state building conference-workshops in co-operation with these states. (1961, Ibid., p. 95)

7. The Church Music Department added R. Paul Green to its staff Aug. 1, 1960, as recording and choral specialist to launch an enlarged Broadman recording program. Projected plans for educational records for curriculum use in the churches and other records for listening pleasure.

3. Facilities at both assemblies were enlarged.

1(1). Board employed R. H. Falwell, Jr., as curriculum consultant to be responsible for "research and evaluation in the field of curriculum materials to provide dependable information to departments and editors and to the Curriculum Committee as the basis for decisions related to improving existing materials and creating new materials." (1961, Ibid., p. 99)

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4. S.S. Board is giving "priority to the promotion of Sunday school work" in 1961 through a nation-wide activity called "Church and Denominational Advance...through enlargement."

18. Executive Committee secured property and projected plans for erecting its own office building in Nashville. This step was taken after the Committee had decided that the Frost Building (offered by the S.S. Board) would not meet the needs of the Committee. The new building is to be financed by the S.S. Board. (1961, Ibid., p. 12.)

3., 19(2), 23. The Executive Committee held the Brotherhood Commission's plans "to develop a camp for training R.A. craft leaders were...in conflict with the Convention policy directing the Sunday School Board to provide and maintain assembly facilities." (1961, Ibid., p. 12)

1., 2., 19. Plans were approved by the Executive Committee for a contract between the Stewardship Commission and S.S. Board for the latter to publish and distribute the materials used by the Stewardship Commission. (1961, Ibid., p. 12)

3. Convention approved recommendation that the 1944 agreement between the S.S. Board and Executive Committee regarding capital improvements at Ridgecrest "be considered as being met by the current procedure of the Executive Committee and the Convention in evaluating both the operating and capital funds of the Baptist Sunday School Board." (1961, Ibid., p. 44)

9., 19(2). Convention adopted the following program statement regarding the S.S. Board's Program of Vocational Guidance (1961, Ibid., p. 42-43):

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

A. Research and Study

1. Studies the fields of vocational guidance in its relationship to Christian concern and commitments.
2. Studies the needs of the churches for pastors, ministers of education, ministers of music, youth activities directors and other trained personnel.
3. Studies the needs of the denomination for journalists, artists, nurses, missionaries, doctors, etc.
4. Notes all available materials and ideas on vocational choice, noting which might be recommended to and adopted by Baptists for their own work.
5. Develops and tests the best methods for use by pastors in vocational guidance.
6. Notes national and regional trends in employment so as to be better

1(1).

Major portion of the Board's income still comes from Church literature sales. During 1960, the Board shipped literature to 50 states and 64 foreign countries. Reported that Training Union lesson course outlines for 1962-65 had been prepared through the work of about 250 people in conferences and study groups and 40 consultants and age-group editors. (1961, Ibid., p. 85)

1(2).

Broadman Press reported launching a new series of paperback reprints to be known as "Broadman Starbooks" in January, 1961. Stated that about 500 colleges, universities and seminaries using Broadman books as textbooks. (1961, Ibid., p. 86-87) Reported that Book Clubs printed and distributed 11,600 copies of Broadman books in 1960.

1(3).

Audio-Visual Aids Department was authorized to be its own producer rather than to contract with an outside production company. Several films were produced through this "experimental arrangement" in 1961. (Ibid., p. 86)

4.

S.S. Department announced that research projects had been launched or completed on: V.B.S. work, Bible knowledge of Southern Baptists, development of new S.S. standards, Sunday school pastor-led soul-winning campaign, and associational work. Representatives of the department in cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board, conducted conferences on S.S. work in Mexico and South America in 1960 and in the Orient in 1961. Staff members of the department participated in 22 state S.S. conventions, conducted Bible-teaching clinics in 11 states and numerous workshops, clinics, and conferences in various states during past year. Vacation Bible Schools in 1960 exceeded 28,000 for the first time. Enrolment passed the 3,000,000 mark. (1961, Ibid., p. 90)

5.

Research program of Training Union Work included study of curriculum, organizational needs and age group work. Conducted nine major clinics and workshops during past year. Reported that 2,075 churches observed Youth Week in 1960. (Ibid., pp. 90-91)

6.

Student Department reported progress on its research projects announced last year. The Board appointed David K. Alexander, Secretary of the department in July, 1961. (Teletype news release, 7-28-61)

7., 17.

Church Music Department reported conducting an Eastern and a Western Church Music Clinic in 1960 as pilot projects. These were the department's first ventures in conducting Convention-wide or regional conferences in cooperation with the associations and states. Indicated that 26 states now had music as a definite part of the state work. Reported increased use of district or regional directors and approved workers. Stated that "all major plans...are discussed with state secretaries in semi-annual meetings in order to develop a united program in advance." Reported a closer working relationship with the seminary and college music schools and departments. During past year the department distributed approximately 833,000 copies of its free promotional literature. (Ibid., p. 92)

Foreign and Home Boards, the Brotherhood, the Radio and Television and Stewardship Commissions. (Ibid., p. 99)

19(2). The S.S. Board invited the faculties of the six SBC seminaries to join Board workers in a three-day conference. Set forth the following values to be sought in this conference which was held in Nashville, May 29-31, 1961. (Ibid., p. 100)

(1) Opportunity for exploration of common concerns in Southern Baptist life and work, strengths and weaknesses affecting our Baptist witness and mission.

(2) Opportunity for consideration of ways the work of the seminaries and the work of the Sunday School Board have mutual bearing on the life and work of the churches and of how there can be co-operation and reinforcement in distinctive responsibilities and long-range objectives.

(3) Opportunity to share information about respective programs of work.

(4) Enrichment, particularly for Sunday School Board workers, through serious Biblical studies, interpretations of theological and educational trends, and discussion of current forces and movements affecting the Christian mission in the world.

(5) Better acquaintance, both among the seminary faculties and between the persons on the faculties and Sunday School Board workers.

25.

At its July 27-28, 1961, meeting, the S.S. Board adopted a long-range plan of organization development, which includes the following:

James L. Sullivan continues as Executive Secretary-Treasurer. The position of Administrative Assistant J. M. Crowe was changed to Associate Executive Secretary-Treasurer. The Office of Management Services, with Ben R. Murphy as Director, was added, "to plan and direct administrative and managerial support services to Board units." (Teletype News Release, 7-28-61)

2.

Two Divisions, Business and Merchandise Sales, were re-organized. A Book Store Division will be established "to plan and direct retail sales through the Baptist Book Stores, with Keith C. Von Hagen (formerly Director of Merchandise Sales Division) as Director. Jay O. Turner, Manager of the present Book Store Department and E. Odell Crowe, Manager of the present Advertising Department, will continue their assignments. A new Publishing Division will be set up with Herman L. King as Director. "This Division will plan and direct the publishing and wholesale distribution of Broadman Press and Convention Press products, the publishing and distribution of church literature, and the jobbing of selected products of other vendors." This Division was to include the Office of Broadman Press and Convention Press, with H. S. Simpson, Director. In this office, three departments will function: Wholesale Merchandise Control (manager to be named), Wholesale Sales, James W. Clark, Manager, and Wholesale Advertising with Wallace S. Green, Manager. Noble Van Ness was assigned the position of Manufacturing Consultant in the new Publishing Division. Other Departments in the Division are: Church Literature, W. D. Kendall, Manager, and Production Control and Procurement Department, John O. Jackson, Manager. (Ibid.)