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## World's Greatest Religious Convention Sixty-first Annual Session

### Seraphic Singing

BY FLEETWOOD BALL.

The Southern Baptist Convention, in its sixty-first session, and its auxiliary bodies, met in Asheville, N. C., a city justly termed "America's Beauty Spot in the Land of the Sky," Wednesday, May 17, at 3 p. m. The scene of the opening session was the Chapman-Alexander Tabernacle, a crude wooden structure with a seating capacity of 8,000. The tabernacle, although rustic, had almost perfect acoustics and was altogether quite a convenient place of meeting for the body.

Asheville, situated in the Blue Ridge plateau, at an elevation of 2,250 feet above sea level, is a city set on a hill, in the midst of the most beautiful mountain country on this continent, a modern city of 34,000 population, including suburbs, cosmopolitan in its make-up, progressive, liberal, and given to hospitality.

Announcing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" as the initial hymn of the opening session, E. L. Woleslagel of Atlanta, Ga., singing evangelist of the Home Mission Board, conducted the music in a skillful and spirited manner. With terrific, yet sweet, volume, the more than 1,200 delegates broke into singing. "Higher Ground."

Messrs. J. P. Scholfield, E. L. Woleslagel, W. P. Martin and I. E. Reynolds, constituting the Home Mission Board Quartette, sang a beautiful number.

Advancing to the front of the platform, President Lansing Burrows of Georgia, said in stentorian voice: "Let the Southern Baptist Convention in its sixty-first session be in order. I want this Convention to be much in prayer. I shall call to lead us in our first approach to a throne of grace, Father Buckner of Texas, one of our veterans whose feet are upon the borderland, but on whose face shines the glory of the Eternal."

Dr. R. C. Buckner of Texas thereupon offered a very unctuous prayer.

Sang "How Firm a Foundation."

Referring to him as a man in middle life, strong and virile, President Burrows called on Dr. W. L. Pickard of Georgia to lead in prayer, which he did fervently.

#### Enrollment at Opening.

Secretary Oliver F. Gregory of Maryland announced that up to the hour for the opening session there had been an enrollment on the Financial Basis of 1,045, and on the Associational Basis of 145. Total, 1,290, with 100 standing ready for enrollment when he left the office at Convention headquarters in the Battery Park Hotel. These and those who should enroll subsequently were made to constitute the Convention.

#### Election of Officers.

The election of officers being announced as the order of business, Dr. W. W. Landrum of Kentucky secured recognition and nominated for re-election for President, Dr. Lansing Burrows of Georgia. He was referred to as "almost the concentrated Southern Baptist Convention." The nominating speech was a unique effort. Dr. John E. White of South Carolina seconded the nomination of Dr. Burrows.

Rising about midway of the tabernacle, Rev. O. L. Powers of Louisiana placed in nomination M. H. Wolfe of Dallas, Texas, for president.

Revs. J. M. Shelburne of Alabama, T. J. Shipman of Mississippi, R. M. Inlow of Tennessee, E. W. Stone of

Georgia, O. N. Marshall of Missouri, C. P. Scott of Kentucky, and J. D. Crump of Virginia, L. T. Wilson of Virginia, and J. B. Lawrence of Mississippi were appointed a committee of tellers to take the vote.

When the ballot had been counted, the tellers reported that 1,375 votes had been cast—Burrows, 720; Wolfe, 655. The Convention immediately adopted a resolution making the election unanimous. Dr. Burrows feelingly accepted the honor, remarking, "I thank this Convention for the honor; I will serve you the best I can; I know that I am not perfect; some day I will be perfect and that day may be nearer than we think. I serve notice that next year I will not permit my name to be mentioned for this position. Again I thank you."

#### Vice-Presidents.

The Convention elected Dr. B. C. Henning of North Carolina; John D. Mell of Georgia; J. B. Lawrence of Mississippi, and J. C. Stalcup of Oklahoma, as vice-presidents. Rev. Oliver Fuller Gregory and Rev. Hight C. Moore were re-elected secretaries by acclamation. W. P. Harvey of Kentucky as auditor, and George W. Norton as treasurer, both of Louisville, Ky., were re-elected by unanimous vote.

Dr. H. A. Porter of Georgia nominated A. B. Hill of Nashville for vice-president, and Dr. J. S. Dill of South Carolina nominated Dr. Z. T. Cody of South Carolina for the same honor, but their names were withdrawn in order to avoid the tedium of a ballot.

Dr. O. L. Hayley of Texas reported for the Committee on Order of Business offering a suggestive program for the Convention, which was adopted.

#### Address of Welcome.

Rev. C. B. Waller, pastor of the First Baptist church, presented Judge Jesse C. Pritchard, who delivered the address of welcome.

#### Judge Pritchard Said:

"We are honored by having this representative body of Baptists hold their annual Convention in our city, and I assure you that it is a source of great pleasure to the entire people of this section to have you with us. The people of the nation appreciate as never before the fact that the churches constitute the chief cornerstone of our government and that without their benign influence our government and its institutions would share the fate of those nations whose people refused to recognize the existence of an All-Wise Being. At a time not far distant in the past, in many communities, the influence of those engaged in evil was considered of the greatest importance, and the Christian, as a general rule, was deemed to be a necessary incumbrance, tolerated but not to be encouraged.

"In those days, the protest of one evil-minded person against a proposition, which had for its object the advancement of the intellectual, moral and spiritual condition of the people, was more effective than the demand of a great number of Christians for the same, and this was due to the fact that evil-doers were organized and of one mind in regard to anything calculated to effect their business.

"I have been commissioned to extend an old-fashioned North Carolina welcome to the members of this Convention, which is intended to mean everything that hospitality implies. In addition to our most cordial

greetings, we are prepared to show you some of the finest scenery in the world and give you an opportunity to drink some of the purest water that ever gushed from a mountainside. The people of this city are noted for their hospitality, and we want you to understand that it is our purpose to do everything possible to make your sojourn in our midst one of pleasure and comfort. Our various religious denominations are working in perfect harmony.

"This, I verily believe, is as God intended it should be. The militant hosts are presenting a solid front in their attack upon the enemy; and my prayer is that we may, by concerted action, sooner or later accomplish those things which will insure the spiritual, intellectual and moral development of all the people.

"In conclusion, permit me on behalf of the governor, the mayor of this city, the Baptists and all other denominations, and our people generally, to extend to you a most cordial and hearty welcome."

#### Dr. Hobson Responds.

President Burrows called on Dr. W. A. Hobson, of Florida, to respond. Dr. Hobson said that after the great and gracious welcome we shall not need that the response be long. He reminded the Convention that only one time had he spoken on the floor of this Convention and on that occasion, after making his speech the Convention graciously gave him \$6,000 for a new meeting house at Jacksonville, Florida. "It is good to be here," said the speaker, "good to breathe the mountain air. It is good to be up here and sit on the mountains of physical atmosphere and spiritual inspiration. We are Baptists. That means we are a brotherhood rather than a sect. Baptist spirit is the spirit of brotherhood. We believe in the great fundamentals that go into the making of manhood. We do not put place above character. May God be with us in this mount of inspiration. May the richest blessings of God be with the people of this goodly community."

#### Reports of Boards.

Dr. I. J. Van Ness, of Nashville, Editorial Secretary of the Sunday School Board at Nashville. The report shows a great advance in the Board's business during the year, in some respects the greatest in its history. It was the twenty-fifth annual report. The language used is: "For a quarter of a century now we have walked in this way, the hand of the Lord leading—a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Surely no institution or enterprise ever shared more largely in divine guidance, or more favorably, and at times in ways altogether remarkable, than the Sunday School Board. In celebrating this twenty-fifth anniversary we celebrate the goodness of Him who has brought us thus far, and giving Him our trust and devotion we set our faces to the future for larger things. Every year showed advance in receipts, except one, 1897-8, the exception being occasioned by a liberal reduction in prices, but the falling off was not so great as was expected at the time. Total receipts this year are \$452,729.24, an advance of \$50,772.87. This advance is from a healthy growth in business, though unusually large. It shows a momentum of great force for the business itself, and has been cared for in the

office with the usual skill and efficiency. The present war conditions have not, so far as we can tell, affected either the Board's business or any other of its departments of work. Besides many and liberal gifts in colportage supplies, the Board has given in cash sums aggregating \$113,710.50, and added \$15,000 to its Permanent Bible Fund. Three of the gifts were to the Home Board, \$10,000 to the Foreign Mission Board, \$30,000, and to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary \$30,000.00 to complete the endowment of the Basil Manly, Jr., Chair of Sunday School Pedagogy. The total receipts for twenty-five years have been \$4,070,230.00, and the total gifts \$786,088.26, and the investment from business earnings \$616,908.67. Attention was called to the great work of the six field secretaries and two elementary helpers.

#### Foreign Mission Board.

The seventy-first annual report of the Board was presented by the corresponding secretary, Dr. J. F. Love of Virginia. The report says:

"It is with profound gratitude to God for continued and increasing favors upon the work that the Foreign Mission Board greets the denomination in this annual report. We would also include in these tokens all who in any way, whether by service or gift, by speech or pen, have sought to promote the work of the Board. The faithful labors of the missionaries, the loyalty of our pastors, the leadership of our State secretaries, the help of our editors, the unflinching encouragement of the Woman's Missionary Union workers, and the material support of many generous men and women, have made possible the success which has been attained. We acknowledge, with appreciation, the Sunday School Board's gift of \$5,000 to the general fund and the thorough co-operation given in the interest of Mission Day in the Sunday schools, besides the splendid gift of \$25,000 to the Judson Centennial, of which mention is made elsewhere in this report. Many instances of heroism and sacrifice could be given if the self-effacement of these devoted brethren and sisters did not forbid such recital. Their record is on high!

**General Receipts of the Year.** The receipts for the general work, exclusive of what has been paid on the debt, amount to \$505,485.77, while the total expenditures have been \$598,638.05. Including amounts received on debt and Judson Centennial, the cash receipts have been \$806,729.51. This record is a gratifying one to those who are familiar with the conditions under which it has been made. The year was begun under general conditions, which suggested cautious investment, and throughout the year the world has been filled with war and rumors of war.

**Judson Centennial.** During the year \$302,280.01 have been taken in pledges to the Judson Centennial Fund; \$288,401.13 have been paid in cash; \$2,000 have been received in property; and thus the fund of \$1,250,000 has been secured in cash and subscriptions for the better equipment of our mission stations in Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Japan, China, Africa, and Europe. This achievement adds a new chapter to evangelical Christian missionary history, and makes secure the distinction of Southern Baptists among the honored and adventurous spirits who have led the forces of modern Christianity in missionary advance and in broadly expounding the Commission.

The past twelve months have been the most highly favored in the long history of this Board; 6,471 converts have been baptized, and 77 churches have been constituted. During the year 22 missionaries have gone forth under the commission of the Board. There is immediate need of 156 new missionary workers.

#### Expenses of Board.

A brother writes, while this report is in process of preparation: "It is being circulated in my Association that it takes 90 cents on the dollar to get a dollar to the foreign field. This story bobs up every now and then in different sections of the State, and while we have repeatedly corrected it in both writing and statements, like Banquo's ghost, it will not down. I suggest that you include in your report to the Convention a definite statement as to the amount it costs the Foreign Board to send money to the field."

In actual cash the Board has handled for its general expenses during the past twelve months \$498,772.01.

Of the amount which the Board actually handled \$24,160.34 were paid out for support of the certain objects authorized by the Convention and itemized in Treasurer's report; \$16,121.34 of this amount was for interest.

Therefore, the amount for the expenditure of which the Board is responsible was \$473,711.34. Of that amount \$39,655.00, or 8.3 cents on the dollar was used in home expenditures, including office rent, salaries of all employes, postage, traveling expenses, etc.

Thus it will be seen that instead of ninety cents on a dollar being consumed by the Board in expenses, only 8.3 cents on the dollar were so used. In charging these amounts to expenses, no account is taken, as might well be, of the missionary values of the preaching, speaking and writing done by the Secretaries, whose salaries and traveling expenses are included in the expense account, or of similar work done by the returned missionaries, whose traveling expenses on these missionary tours among the churches are included in the expense account.

Compared with last year the expenses have been reduced from 9 per cent to 8.3 per cent, while the receipts for the general work have decreased from \$537,076.66 to \$518,323.38, and the missionaries increased in number from 298 to 315. Five splendid missionaries have been compelled by poor health to give up the work.

It has been ascertained that the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention operates on a smaller expense account than any mission board in America which serves as large or nearly as large a constituency. This ought to prove and will prove gratifying to all Christian men who want to think well of Baptist enterprises.

#### Statement of Board's Policy.

The churches ought to be assured that their gifts to the Convention boards shall not be diverted to unauthorized enterprises, and misunderstanding, embarrassment and friction ought, if possible, to be avoided.

Therefore, as interpretative of the above, and in the interest of mutual understanding and good-will among all concerned, we offer the following, together with what has gone before, as the attitude of this Board to the proposed union and co-operation in mission work:

1. This Board has not and will not enter into nor be committed to any compact by which arbitrary territorial boundaries or divisions are fixed for its missionary operations. Such division of territory being a part of a general program of federation, and it being impossible for this Board to recognize divisions thus arbitrarily made, we must decline participation in such program. The Board and its missionaries will in the future, as in the past, endeavor to exercise wisdom and Christian courtesy as well as conscience in such matters; will seek to conserve economy of labor and money in locating its forces, and with due regard to need, opportunity, and probable results, but cannot consent to have any limitations fixed upon the Commission under which it operates, nor be put in a position which would forbid its loyalty and faithfulness to any company of Christian converts who may now or hereafter profess a "like precious faith with us."

2. We cannot subscribe to any agreement providing for an interchange of church letters contrary to the recognized custom among the Baptist churches of the South. The churches which are supporting the work of this Board have a well-known standard of qualification for church membership, and we shall seek to foster this standard in every land where this Board sends its missionaries.

3. This Board will not engage in any form of co-operation, hospital, publication, educational or other missionary activity, which is not fully reported to the Convention, and which does not meet the approval of the Convention, under the auspices of which it operates, and to the instructions of which it is subject. We esteem it to be a matter of primary importance that this Board be in a position to control, or control jointly with other Baptist bodies, the religious instruction which is given boys and girls entrusted to its care. This is necessary in order to safeguard what we believe to be our message to the world.

4. To avoid an exhaustive enumeration, and yet to make the statement comprehensive, we add, that we shall seek to foster a policy abroad which is consistent with the denominational policy at home, and no pressure will be allowed to swerve the Board from this course. We make these declarations for the information of our people at home, and with the view of saving the scattered missionaries of this Board all possible embarrassment or confusion from such pressure.

Again, we would remind all that Southern Bap-

tists are on record by repeated action of the Convention in recognition of that spiritual union which exists among all believers in Christ, and in favor of their organic union as soon as it can be perfected on New Testament lines. We reaffirm these settlements. We would have all our people recognize the bonds of brotherhood which unite Christians of every name, cultivate a large spirit of fraternity and strive together with others to secure the closest possible impact of our common Christianity upon the social order for the establishment of righteousness in the earth. We would, however, admonish our people at home and abroad to remain true to New Testament principles of faith and church polity, and by so doing, seek to preserve the unity of the denomination, enlist all of our forces for the holy cause of missions, and thus insure the integrity, support and success of this work. J. F. Love, R. B. Garrett, B. D. Gaw, B. C. Hening, Joshua Levering, Wm. H. Smith, T. B. Ray, Committee.

The 2,602,472 Southern Baptists gave \$518,323.38 to Foreign Missions last year, which is \$18,753.28 less than the contributions of last year. The report favored the consolidation of three magazines—the Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field, and Royal Service. Sixty-three missionaries are at home on furloughs. Five have resigned on account of ill-health. Sixteen missionaries in Mexico have been forced home by the unsettled conditions politically in that country. The missionaries number 133 males and 182 females, 166 ordained natives, 402 male unordained native helpers and 129 female unordained native helpers.

#### A Happy Incident.

Rev. W. W. Landrum, D.D., of Louisville, Ky., was recognized and in gracious manner presented to the Convention an oil painting of Rev. R. J. Willingham, D.D., for years the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. Dr. Willingham died in December, 1914. This painting will hang on the walls of the Board in Richmond, Va.

When the picture was unveiled by Dr. T. B. Ray, the messengers rose to their feet and burst into singing, "The Sweet Bye and Bye."

The committee appointed by the President to consider the report of the Foreign Mission Board was made to consist of Dr. George W. McDaniel, of Virginia, as Chairman, and Dr. W. F. Powell, of Chattanooga, as the Tennessee member.

The prayer in concluding the session was offered by Dr. R. Van Deventer, of Georgia.

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SESSION.

The Tabernacle was not nearly so big as the people wanted it to be. There was no standing room and the hundreds who could not even enter the building went away disappointed. The choir of 350 voices, directed by Mr. E. L. Wolslagel, charmed the people in the introductory exercises. Rev. S. E. Ewing, of Missouri, led the opening prayer. The Home Board quartet rendered another gospel message in song.

Vice-President J. C. Stalcup, of Oklahoma, presided.

The songs rendered were: "Be Like Jesus," "Jesus Is Able to Save From Sin," "The King's Business."

Secretary Hight C. Moore, of North Carolina, announced the following committees:

On Report of Home Mission Board, B. H. Dement, of South Carolina, Chairman; A. B. Hill, of Nashville, member from Tennessee.

On Nomination of Trustees of Seminary, B. J. W. Graham, of Georgia.

On the Report of the Sunday School Board, R. G. Bowers, of Kentucky; Ryland Knight, of Clarksville, member from Tennessee.

#### Consolidation of Boards.

Immediately following the announcement of committees last night, and prior to the annual sermon, a Texan—one of the great laymen of that great State, M. H. Wolfe, offered a little resolution—then moved that it be referred to a special committee and the motion carried—and the resolution, brief as it is, if adopted, will completely remodel the affairs of the Southern Baptist Convention. Mr. Wolfe made a few remarks in support of his motion—remarks which received a chorus of "amens" in which he stated plainly in unmistakable language that the time had come to adopt modern methods in the conduct of the affairs of the Convention and Mr. Wolfe said that by so doing the Convention would save one hundred thousand dollars, which he claimed was being wasted. He knew personally and loved devotedly every mem-

ber of the Boards, but they were trying to do business in an antiquated manner.

The resolution provides for the change of two articles of the constitution and the establishment of a strong executive board to "direct all of the work and enterprises fostered and promoted by the Convention." This is a proposed tremendous step and in a sense almost revolutionary. The fact that the Foreign Mission Board reports a debt of \$179,796.60, and the Home Mission Board reports a debt of \$72,308—making a total of indebtedness on the two Boards of \$252,104.60—leads many of the delegates to suggest that it is the time to consider seriously the possibility of better methods.

The full text of his resolution was:

"Resolved, That Articles 1 to 10 of the Constitution be revised so as to create one strong Executive Board, which shall direct all the enterprises fostered or promoted by the Convention."

Mr. Wolfe said: "The time has come for the Convention to proceed in a safe and sane way to bring the machinery of the Convention up to date. Our forefathers used to come to this Convention in an ox-cart, instead of a Pullman. We are doing business on an ox-cart instead of an up-to-date basis."

The consideration of the resolution was referred to a special committee, of which M. H. Wolfe is Chairman.

Rev. S. E. Tull, of Texas, introduced a resolution, urging that, since the churches have no uniform methods of promoting their financial affairs, the Convention devote time Friday afternoon to the consideration of a remedial and adequate plan of supporting the work of Southern Baptists financially.

A roar of laughter was created when the vote was taken by President Burrows, who on announcing the vote, which seemed to be evenly divided, said: "I am unable to tell which has the majority. There seems to be more sound in the 'ayes' than in the 'noes.'"

#### Convention Sermon.

The Home Board quartette rendered effectively "Sweet Gulliee." Song, "Amazing Grace." Dr. W. D. Nowlin, of Knoxville, read Phil. 3, and prayer was offered by Dr. J. E. Purser, of Georgia.

Dr. Charles W. Daniel, of the First church, Atlanta, Ga., the appointed of a year ago, advanced to the front and delivered the annual Convention sermon, announcing his subject as "A Growing Soul" from the text, Phil. 3:15, "Let us, therefore, as many as are perfect, be thus minded." Said the preacher:

"In the third chapter of Philippians, we see not the great preacher declaring the glory of his message, nor the Christian statesman unfolding his plans for a world-conquest on behalf of Christ, but, Paul, the disciple of Jesus, revealing the ground of his hope and the principles upon which he was ordering his life. He lays bare the very secrets of his heart in quite the most charming piece of spiritual autobiography to be found anywhere.

"The purpose of this revelation is manifest. He is seeking, thereby, to awaken his fellow-believers to a livelier sense of the duty of progress in the Christian life. To Paul the objective facts of the Christian revelation were not more definite and trustworthy, than the spiritual attitudes which condition the acceptance of the gospel and which mark the soul's progress in the appropriation of the same. With all confidence, therefore, he appeals to his own example and says: 'Let us, therefore, as many as are perfect, be thus minded.'

"It is necessary to remember, that in the use of the word 'perfect,' the apostle does not refer to moral excellence, but to the maturity and soundness of their views of the gospel. The contrast is with the 'Judaizers,' that influential body of Jewish believers, who sought to interpret Christianity in terms of Judaism, and to impose upon all believers, as necessary to salvation, the rites and ceremonies of the fathers. The occasion of this conflict has long since passed, but the principles involved appear in every generation. In one form or another the issue is always present as to whether the Christian religion shall be interpreted in terms of law or grace, of works or faith, of flesh or spirit. 'We are the true circumcision,' says the apostle, 'who worship by the Spirit of God, and glory in Christ Jesus, and have no trust in the flesh.'

"The signs of a growing soul were defined to be: 1. The ability to re-affirm in the present the first decision for Christ. 2. The next sign of a growing soul is found in the words: 'I press on, if so be that I may lay hold on that for which also I laid hold on by Christ Jesus.' 3. Another mark of the growing

soul appears in the increasing realization of unattained ideals. 4. A further mark of a growing soul is diligence in the use of present opportunities."

The preacher's closing words were:

"In these ways, Paul the Christian, tells us the secret of the remarkable fact in his life, that though the outward man was decaying, yet the inward man was being renewed day by day.

"Let us as Baptists be thus minded. We stand pledged by our principles, our spirit, and our purposes to Horace Bushnell's dictum, that 'The soul of all improvement is the improvement of the soul.'

"The perplexity of our principles depends upon their preservation, not in dogmatic creeds, not in great institutions, but in their embodiment in the life and character of our people, for 'the faith was once for all delivered to the saints.'

"The value of our doctrines for our fellow men can be established only in the measure, in which we give a practical demonstration of their power to produce in us Christ-like men and women.

"The efficiency of our enterprises is conditioned upon the extent to which our preachers and people are growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

"The worth and the power of our institutions, local and general, missionary, educational, and benevolent are in proportion as they are animated by the mind and passion of Christ.

"Our safeguard against the seductions of a false sentimentalism and the intimidations of the ecclesiastically ambitious is in our maintenance of our loyalty, our loyalty to Christ, and in our steadfastness in one purpose, that we may finish our course with joy and the ministry which we have received of the Lord Jesus.

"For our citizenship is in heaven; whence also we wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who shall fashion anew the body of our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, according to the working whereby he is able even to subject all things unto himself."

The sermon was pronounced universally as one of the greatest ever heard in the history of the body.

Rev. J. G. Chastain, of Mexico, a missionary, offered the closing prayer.

#### THURSDAY MORNING.

The meeting place being changed from the great Chapman-Alexander Tabernacle to the City Auditorium, not quite so commodious a structure, did not in any wise diminish the interest on the part of the messengers, who were present by many hundreds, when President Lansing Burrows, of Georgia, called the Convention to order at 9:30 o'clock.

No professional chorister, the President said: "Let some brother start a song," and immediately a stentorian voice struck up "There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood."

Dr. W. L. Ball, of Virginia, was announced to conduct devotional exercises and read John 15. After leading in an unctious prayer, he spoke briefly, saying that he brought a message to the Convention from the Ministers' Conference of Richmond. First, that they are greatly distressed over the indebtedness of the Boards and the crisis it brings; secondly, they are not discouraged. Though distressed, their hearts are full of hope; thirdly, they are determined, and shall rededicate their lives to God. The Ministers' Conference requested that the Convention appoint a season of special prayer to God for guidance in the critical time.

Dr. Henry K. Carroll, of Washington, D. C., Secretary of the Religious Welfare League for the Army and Navy of America, was introduced and asked that the Southern Baptists join the other denominations in a request to the United States Government that the number of chaplains in the army be increased by about 100. This increase is made necessary, according to Dr. Carroll, by the recent increase in the standing army. The matter was referred to a committee for a later report. It was suggested that the committee get in touch with army officials at Washington in an effort to learn more of existing conditions in the army. Dr. L. E. Barton, of Georgia, asked if it was thought advisable for the committee to communicate with the officials at Washington, as Baptist Conventions have made it a rule to take no part in political or government affairs. It was explained that the duty of the committee was only to consider the request of Dr. Carroll.

Dr. Henry W. Battle, of Virginia, was made Chairman of the committee to report.

#### Home Board Report.

Dr. B. D. Gray, of Georgia, presented an abstract of the report of the Home Mission Board. Before beginning to read the report he said: "I'm in doubt whether to read the report or speak about it." Instantly a score or more voices exclaimed: "Speak! Speak! Speak!" Continuing, he said: "My doubt is somewhat like that of the man who asked his friend how to pronounce the modern word pacifist. The reply was that it was owing to who pronounced it. If W. J. Bryan pronounced it he would pronounce it with the accent on the first syllable; if Teddy Roosevelt pronounced it he would call it pass-a-list.

After many years in which the results of the work of the Home Mission Board have yearly made a substantial increase over the year preceding, we have the privilege of reporting an even larger advance in results than ever in the year just closed. For this reason we are profoundly grateful to God and to our pastors, churches and people, whose support has made possible the happy outcome. We are also gratified at the evidences of increasing interest among our people in the activities of the Home Board as the means whereby our entire Baptist body must give an account of itself as a saving force in the nation.

As an evangelizing agency the Home Mission Board's success outstrips that of all other Home Mission Boards in America, though many of these are great and successful. As measured by baptisms the work of our Board this year shows results 5,000 ahead of the remarkable results of a year ago the total number of baptisms being 43,792. After discounting the proportion of baptisms creditable to co-operative agencies, there still remain 26,680 baptisms creditable directly to the Home Mission Board.

Attention was called in the report to the departments of Church Extension, Evangelism, Publicity, Mountain Schools, Enlistment, Co-operative Work, Cuba and Panama. The receipts for the year have been \$370,500, which is \$16,918, less than the gifts of last year. The debt on the Board is \$72,308. There has been a total of 1,409 missionaries working with the Board.

The Board is to devote its energies to the completion of the Million Dollar Church Building Loan Fund. R. H. Hunt, of Tennessee, is on the Advisory Committee to assist in this work. There have been 20,709 baptisms from the work of the twenty-eight evangelists in the Department of Evangelism. The work among the foreigners, Indians and negroes is showing a healthy growth.

#### Woman's Missionary Union.

The work of the Woman's Missionary Union was presented in a report by Dr. W. C. James, of Virginia. It breathed an optimistic note and reported great progress in the work of the women in the churches.

Dr. James moved that a picture of the late President of the Union, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, of Baltimore, Md., who went to her heavenly reward last August, be published in the annual of the Convention.

In advocating the passage of the motion, Dr. J. B. Gambrell, of Texas, said: "We are moving toward a time when the women will be recognized as Baptists and will be members of this Convention." The sentiment was endorsed with a volume of "amens."

#### Laymen's Movement.

The achievements of the Laymen's Movement was presented in a statesmanlike, scholarly report by the Corresponding Secretary, Dr. J. T. Henderson, of Chattanooga, Tenn., whom Southern Baptists delight to honor. It was little short of a tragedy that he did not have more time to present his work.

Secretary O. F. Gregory, of Maryland, announced the following committees:

On Arrangement for Next Convention—Dr. W. W. Landrum, of Kentucky; member from Tennessee, Roger Eastman, of Nashville.

On Appointment—John E. Briggs, of District of Columbia, Chairman; Tennessee members, Drs. J. W. Gillon, of Nashville, and J. Pike Powers, of Knoxville.

On Religious Services—Dr. C. B. Waller and other pastors of Asheville.

On M. H. Wolfe's Resolution—M. H. Wolfe, of Texas, Chairman.

On State Members of Boards—Raleigh Wright, of Louisiana.

On Woman's Work—Dr. W. C. James, of Virginia, Chairman.

On Nominations—Dr. Z. T. Cody, of South Caro-

lina, Chairman; Tennessee member, Dr. William Lunsford, of Tennessee.

#### Education Board.

For the committee appointed a year ago to consider the advisability of creating a Board of Christian Education, Dr. J. W. Cammack, of Virginia, submitted what was termed by many one of the most scholarly papers the Convention ever heard. The report was a masterly argument for Christian education and closed with a recommendation that the Convention create an Education Board. The motion to adopt the report provoked some opposition on the ground that if the Wolfe resolution looking to the consolidation of all Boards there would be no use for appointing the additional Board. Dr. W. D. Nowlin, of Tennessee, made this point.

A spirited discussion of what should be done with the report was engaged in, the final decision being that it would be brought up for consideration at a subsequent meeting.

#### Pause for Devotions.

The hour being reached for the special order of a period of devotional worship, led by Singer E. L. Wolesslagel, the Convention broke into singing "My Jesus, I Love Thee."

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, of Texas, President of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, read Mark 2:1. "It was noised abroad that he was in the house," and spoke in a superbly spiritual and devotional fashion, lifting the Convention to a high pitch of religious fervor. At the conclusion of his address, the speaker offered prayer and the Convention sang, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

#### Judson Centennial.

Dr. H. A. Porter, of Georgia, Chairman of the Judson Centennial Fund Committee, which has had in charge the raising of the Judson Memorial Fund of \$1,250,000 for the past four years, submitted the final report of that committee. It was stated that the fund of \$1,250,000 for the Judson Centennial had been made up. This enormous sum will be used in erecting churches in the memory of Adoniram Judson, the first Baptist foreign missionary. Dr. T. B. Ray, Foreign Secretary of the Mission Board, who has been untiring in his efforts to complete the fund, was tendered a vote of thanks by the Convention.

A typewritten list of churches throughout the South that had contributed to the fund was placed on display. The list was fully 50 feet long. The Judson Centennial Committee and the field representatives for this work were introduced at the Convention. They were given a rising vote of thanks.

A touching incident occurred during the morning session. Dr. Ray was interrupted during his talk by one of the ushers who told him that a lady wished to see him at the front door. Dr. Ray went out and returned in a short time holding in his hands several pieces of diamond jewelry. He explained that the lady, the wife of a former Baptist missionary, who was at the present in stunted circumstances had brought the jewelry to him with the request that it be sold and the money received from the sale added to the Centennial Fund.

"The poor woman explained that she no longer had use for the jewels." Dr. Ray said, "This is her mite towards this great work. Let us all get the same spirit."

Dr. Ray displayed what he termed the Judson Centennial Life Line, showing the progress of the work of raising the fund within the past four years. He said, in a speech on the campaign, that the Foreign Mission Board had in its possession more notes than all the banks in Richmond, Atlanta and Nashville put together. More than half a million dollars of the subscriptions have already been paid in cash.

As the field men who have assisted in raising the amount were introduced, the Convention rose en masse and sang "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." The scene which ensued beggars description.

Dr. J. Pike Powers, of Knoxville, was recognized and stated that he held in his hand \$1,000 for the fund which had been handed him as he left here. He stated also that he had several thousand dollars worth of notes to be added to the fund.

When it was pointed out by Dr. Ray that a daughter of Dr. J. Pike Powers had built a chapel on the foreign field, the audience applauded with a volume of "amens."

Dr. H. A. Porter, of Georgia, thrilled the Convention with a chaste, scholarly, spiritual address on the Judson Centennial Fund, closing the discussion. He

took the incident in the history of the growth of the Israelitish people of Ebenezer, and swept the Convention with a masterly speech. He said: "I had rather be a field hand on a stony farm than a general secretary of a mission board." He begged the Baptists not to criticize, but to co-operate with their leaders. "The newspapers said that 200 ministers of the gospel were in that preparedness parade in New York the other day," exclaimed Dr. Porter. "I called them ministers of Mars. They were following a military aeroplane sailing above New York's tallest buildings. I deplore that incident. We are not following a military aeroplane, but the Holy Spirit who is a dove of peace."

At the conclusion of the address the messengers sang "Here I'll Raise My Ebenezer."

A telegram of greeting from the Northern Baptist Convention in session at Minneapolis, Minn., comprising 1,500 delegates, and signed by Dr. Shalor Matthews, the President, was read by Dr. Lansing Burrows, and the Secretaries of the Convention instructed to make suitable reply.

The prayer at the close of the session was offered by Dr. J. Pike Powers, of Knoxville.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

At 5 o'clock the Convention was called to order by President Lansing Burrows of Georgia in the City Auditorium, which was practically full at the time the body convened.

Sang "We're Marching to Zion."

Prayer was led by Rev. James Gore of Illinois.

A telegram was read by Dr. E. Y. Mullins of Louisville, Ky., from the Business Men's Club of that city, as follows: "Auditorium will assuredly be completed by fall. Louisville invites Southern Baptist Convention to meet in this city in May, 1917, simultaneously with Northern Baptist Convention."

The Home Board Quartette sang sweetly: "I Want My Life to Tell for Jesus."

#### Student Volunteer Movement.

The Baptist Student Volunteer Movement was brought to the attention of the Convention in a report by Rev. F. C. Routh of Texas. The paper called especial attention to the Student Volunteer Convention for American Baptists, held in March, 1916, at Fort Worth, Texas.

Dr. B. W. Spilman of North Carolina was introduced and spoke glowingly of the value to the great body of Baptist college students of the Volunteer Movement looking to calling out prospective foreign missionaries. He plead for greater emphasis being placed on the development of the character of the young people. Said he, "Southern Baptists are missionary in saving souls, but when it comes to saving the life for Jesus they are rank Hardshells."

Dr. L. R. Scarborough of Texas recounted the profitable and pleasureable experiences of the Convention held in Fort Worth, and commended the work of Dr. C. T. Ball, its promoter and moving spirit.

Dr. C. T. Ball of Texas spoke briefly about the same Convention.

#### Return Missionaries.

A matter of ever-recurring and vital interest to the Convention is the introduction of those missionaries who are at home on a furlough. These were presented by Dr. T. B. Ray of Richmond, Va., Foreign Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

Missionary J. G. Chastain of Mexico was the first. He said: "The eyes of the civilized world are on Mexico. The present war has been going on for five years. Its horrors are beyond language to describe. We missionaries who were on the field before war began have decided that out of this war will come great blessing to Mexico politically, socially, educationally, financially and religiously. It makes but little difference which faction wins in Mexico, for both are opposed to Roman Catholicism. They have executed priests and closed up nunneries. In a protracted meeting which recently closed in Mexico City there were 250 baptisms. We have only eight missionaries who have remained in the war-stricken republic. One of them, Frank Marrs, received the other day a stab by a drunken Mexican, but I'm glad to report that it will not necessarily prove fatal. Oh, brethren, we ought to give Mexico the gospel."

Missionary E. G. MacLean of Saki, Africa, who has been in charge of an Industrial School, recounted the eagerness of the natives to hear and respond to the gospel and gave a glowing account of the progress of the work.

Missionary J. P. Stuart of Rome, Italy, delivered an unusually striking address on the outlook of the work in the seat of Roman Catholicism. He said: "The relig-

ious battle of the world is between the Baptists at one end of the line and the Roman Catholics at the other. A prominent Italian citizen in St. Louis told me the other day that he heard the gospel preached and Bible read for the first time in the little Baptist chapel in Rome. He secured a copy of the Bible, but his priests took it away from him telling him it was a book of the devil."

Missionary J. L. Galloway of Macao, South China, stated that there was only one Baptist missionary in his sector for 800,000 people.

Missionary E. T. Snuggs of Pakhoi, China, made a brief address telling of the joy of his service of twenty years as a worker in foreign lands.

Missionary J. B. Webster of Shanghai, China, a member of the Shanghai Baptist College and Seminary, spoke encouragingly of his work.

Missionary C. N. Hartwell of Hwanghien, China, who is a teacher in the Boys' College at that place, referred with glowing optimism to the great work being done at his field of labor.

Missionary B. P. Roach of Yingtak, China, a native Tennessean, was presented.

When Missionary E. M. Louthan of Pingtu, China, was presented, the vast assemblage was melted to tears by the statement from Dr. T. B. Ray that, although on the field only a short time, he was forced to return home by the critical condition of his wife and child, the former being at present in a hospital in Asheville and the latter a victim of spinal meningitis in Virginia.

Dr. Z. T. Cody of South Carolina offered an unctious prayer in behalf of the afflicted family.

Other missionaries introduced were C. J. Lowe of Kwei Lin, China; P. W. Hamlett of Soochow, China; S. G. Pinnock of Abeokuta, Africa, and John W. Lowe of Laichow-Fu, China.

#### Telegram from Seminary Students.

President Lansing Burrows read a telegram from the students in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, saying: "God has called us to China. We have answered with our lives. Our lives against your money." The names of eight volunteer missionary students were appended to the telegram. The telegram had a magic effect.

#### Russian Pastor.

Rev. William Fetter of Petrograd, Russia, exiled from the country of his nativity by the Czar of Russia because of preaching the gospel, was introduced by W. D. Upshaw of Georgia, and thrilled the Convention in an incomparable style.

As Mr. Fetter advanced to the front of the platform, President Burrows encircled his arms about him, exclaiming: "Here is a man who comes out of the dungeon to speak to you." The delegates instantly arose to honor him and extended the chautauqua salute.

Mr. Fetter proved one of the most thrilling speakers the Convention has heard in many years. In an animated style with a bewitching foreign accent in his speech, he plunged into a recital of the trials and triumphs of the work in Russia which lifted the Convention a high pitch of enthusiasm. He said: "It is interesting to me that I am to address this Convention on the anniversary of the Russian Emperor, Nicholas. I want you to understand that I am by no means an enemy of the Russian country, my native land. Our Russian Baptists are orthodox. If the Czar himself should come and ask for membership, we won't receive him unless he is born again."

At the conclusion of his fervid address the Convention stood and sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

W. D. Upshaw of Georgia introduced a resolution pledging sympathy to the Russian Baptists and their great leader, William Fetter, in their struggles for religious liberty.

Dr. Arthur Brooks of New York, Secretary of the Judson Memorial Church, was introduced and spoke briefly about the school work for Russian preachers.

The concluding prayer of the session was offered by Missionary John W. Lowe of Virginia.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT.

The great Chapman-Alexander Tabernacle proved inadequate to hold the throngs of people who gathered to participate in the proceedings of the Convention.

E. L. Waleslagel of Asheville led the singing, a choir of 200 voices lifting, until the rafters almost rattled, several triumphant gospel songs.

Dr. W. D. Powell of Kentucky offered a fervent prayer.

Vice-President B. C. Henning of North Carolina presided in an unusually skillful manner.

The Home Board Quartette rendered a beautiful and effective solo.

**Report on Foreign Mission Board's Report.**

Dr. Geo. W. McDaniel of Virginia submitted a report on the account of stewardship of the Foreign Mission Board rendered in the printed report of Dr. B. D. Gray of Georgia, Corresponding Secretary.

Dr. McDaniel's report recommended, "in order to the greatest efficiency of the Board:

1. That the publication, the Foreign Mission Journal, be consolidated with the publication of the Home Mission Board, the Home Field, and placed in charge of the Sunday School Board, and that the Woman's Missionary Union be asked to make a similar disposition of their publication, Royal Service.

2. In the event of this consolidation, we recommend the election of two secretaries, the corresponding secretary and one other.

3. That the Field Secretaries of the Foreign Board be discontinued.

4. That the appropriations for the Missionary News Bureau be discontinued.

5. That the current expenditures of the Board should not exceed those of the past year, but that earnest effort be made to enlarge the contributions made.

6. That the State Boards be requested to cooperate with the Foreign Board and let the Foreign Board have direct appeal to the churches.

7. That we are not discouraged by the financial conditions of our Board, but set our faces steadfastly to the task of going forward in the work of extending the gospel.

It was moved that, owing to these vital and serious recommendations of this report, its consideration be made a special order for Saturday morning.

The recommendation of the report pertaining to the consolidation of the mission journals was referred to a special committee, of which Dr. G. W. Truett of Texas is Chairman, to report Friday morning.

The paragraph in the report of Dr. G. W. McDaniel of Virginia on the work of the Foreign Mission Board alluding to the consolidation of the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field, was referred to a special committee consisting of Drs. Geo. W. Truett of Texas, Livingston Johnson of North Carolina, C. E. Perryman of Louisiana, W. D. Powell of Kentucky, B. J. W. Graham of Georgia, E. J. A. McKinney of Arkansas, and N. W. P. Bacon of Mississippi.

The session partook of the nature of a mass-meeting on Foreign Missions, under the general direction of Drs. J. F. Love of Virginia and T. B. Ray of Virginia.

Missionary S. G. Pinnock of Abeokuta, Africa, for twenty-eight years a missionary in the Dark Continent, in an impassioned speech, presented the claims of the work on his field. He told glowingly of the turning to Christ of the people on the continent where he labors.

Missionary John W. Lowe of Laichow-Fu, China, was particularly interesting in the presentation of the trials and triumphs of the missionaries in China. He added spice to his address by singing in Chinese, "Come to Jesus," and leading the vast throng, as it stood, to repeat the simple Chinese language in song. It was a unique feature of the service.

Missionaries E. A. Jackson of Bahia, Brazil, and C. J. Lowe of Kwei Lin, China, were heard in brief and thrilling speeches in recounting the achievements and prospects for development in their fields of labor.

Dr. J. F. Love of Virginia, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Board, was recognized by Vice-President B. C. Henning of North Carolina, who was presiding. Dr. Love is recognized as one of the foremost missionary statesmen of the nation and he, too, is a native North Carolinian.

"We are spending \$25 here at home for every

dollar we give for the evangelization of 700,000,000 people," said Dr. Love, "and yet the Foreign Mission Board last year, notwithstanding all of the obstacles, made the greatest record ever made during its long and successful history. We organized seventy-seven new churches on foreign fields and baptized over 6,000 converts. This is the time when sacrifice is needed. The open doors of the world call. The Baptist brotherhood must do big things. The debt must be paid, and it can be done in thirty days if every paper, every editor, every man and every woman will do the best possible."

As Dr. Love turned to leave the platform, Dr. George W. Truett of Texas stepped forward and started to speak, urging the people to carry forward the work. "I want to know what is the will of the great audience here tonight," said Dr. Truett. "If you mean to do this thing, then I have some things to say. Continuing, the Texan made a magnificent appeal. Eloquent, soul-stirring and impassioned, he gripped the people and moved them mightily.

**The First Response.**

Joshua Levering of Baltimore rose and quietly remarked that he had a proposition to make if the Convention proposed to do this great thing. He would give \$5,000 if the Convention would raise the entire debt. In a few minutes R. E. Burt of Texas announced that he would give another \$5,000, and then the pledges and checks came rapidly. They were of all amounts, and one gift was a diamond ring—the lady who offered it said that she had no money to give and she felt that she could not wear the ring when the Baptist cause was in debt and the great cause of evangelization in peril. When the Convention adjourned the total in cash and pledges amounted to \$84,000 and in addition Dr. Truett announced that Texas would contribute \$20,000. Other State conferences have been called and will be held this morning and it is proposed to cancel the entire indebtedness of \$250,000 and do it now.

Two preachers, Drs. G. W. McDaniel of Virginia and T. C. Skinner of Virginia, gave \$1,000 each.

In his address, Dr. Truett elicited a volume of "amens" by the statement, "A church where a banker and a popcorn vender cannot sit side by side in perfect ease ought to close up its doors."

It was about 12 o'clock when the benediction was pronounced by Dr. J. L. Gross of Texas.

**FRIDAY MORNING.**

The opening song, after President Lansing Burrows of Georgia had rapped for order at 9:30 o'clock, was "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

Dr. E. C. Dargan of Georgia conducted devotional exercises of a spiritual nature, speaking briefly on the language of David, "God shall bless us and the ends of the earth shall praise him." He said the Lord's people had a vital relation to the people of the ends of the earth.

**Baptist Statistics.**

Dr. Lansing Burrows of Georgia, statistical secretary of the Convention, submitted his annual report, which contains the following:

Baptist membership in the world.....	7,141,413
Baptist membership in the United States..	6,133,094
White Baptist membership in the South..	2,685,552
Associations in the South .....	909
Churches in the South .....	24,451
Baptisms .....	168,235
Value of church property.....	\$58,319,638
Contributions for Home use .....	\$ 9,564,222.27
Contributions for Missions .....	\$ 1,699,445.02
Aggregate contributions for all purposes..	\$12,281,765.46

Dr. Burrows was accorded a vote of thanks for his painstaking care and accuracy in compiling Baptist statistics and was re-elected Statistical Secretary.

**World Conference on Faith and Order.**

The report of the Committee on the World Conference on Faith and Order was read by Dr. Lansing Burrows of Georgia, and adopted as follows:

The movement for a world conference looking toward a union of faith is now at a standstill on account of the war in Europe.

The question has not been whether such a conference should be held, but whether there is a willingness among

divergent bodies of believers in the Lord Jesus for such a movement to be undertaken. The question has not yet been affirmatively decided.

The attitude of congregational bodies, and notably of the Baptists, has been that of watchful waiting to ascertain if there is any indication or willingness on the part of prelatical bodies to enter into the discussion. Thus far no such indication is evident, except the attitude of American Episcopalians who have led in the movement. American Baptists are not yet ready to yield assent to the sacramental theories upon which prelacy would seem to rest as upon an essential foundation. They are as strenuous for an authoritative utterance as the most prelatical communions, but with them it is the authority of the written Word rather than the authority of official interpretation of the Word.

With many denominations of this country such a conference as is hoped for will not only be possible but really desirable. Whether Southern Baptists should enter into the proposed conference with long established prelatical communions of Europe would require an utterance from them which they have not given.

Emphasis is laid upon the indisputable kingship of the Divine Christ, for this foundation of Christian faith appears in every utterance of the divergent denominations. If it is possible to build on that sure foundation stone to the exclusion of human tradition and strained deduction from isolated scripture utterance, we surely ought to lend countenance to a movement to advance that unity of Christian belief and practice for which there seems to be a general demand.

The commission recommends continued participation in the movement for Christian unity, pointing out that America offers the greatest hope for an ultimate union through independence of established or State churches. It strongly urges that the divisions existing in large denominations of this country should be reconciled among themselves and their separated groups reunited as a step toward the unity sought.

The commission, consisting of Drs. Burrows, Oliver F. Gregory of Maryland, and Hight C. Moore of North Carolina, was retained another year.

Drs. Geo. W. Truett of Texas, J. L. Gross of Texas, and J. F. Love of Virginia were appointed to appear before the Woman's Missionary Union and ask their assistance in raising the amount necessary to wipe out the debts of the Foreign and Home Mission Boards. Before the committee left the Convention hall, Dr. W. D. Powell offered a prayer for their success.

A resolution by Dr. H. W. Virgin of Virginia, demanding that the cities wishing the 1917 Convention shall present as early as January before the meeting of the body a guaranteed rate from hotels and boarding-houses before their bid for the next Convention would receive consideration, was withdrawn, the fact being brought out that such has been the order of the Convention for some years.

**Sunday School Board.**

The report on the work of the Sunday School Board was presented by Dr. R. G. Bowers of Paducah, Ky. It set forth the phenomenal success which has attended its operations and recounted the fact that its twenty-fifth anniversary is this year being celebrated. The Board was declared to be the greatest asset of Southern Baptists.

In the discussion which followed the reading of the report Dr. J. M. Frost, the Corresponding Secretary, was signally honored. Several delegates had asked for a speech by Dr. Frost, and it was explained that he would be unable to comply, his physicians ordering him to refrain from all public speaking—it is the first time in twenty-five years that Dr. Frost has not addressed the Convention. On hearing this announcement, the audience arose and while Dr. Frost, supported by his daughter, stood with bowed head, the entire assembly broke into a song of praise, the song being, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

Dr. Frost was deeply affected and as he resumed his seat, tears of gratitude filled his eyes. It was one of the most touching incidents of the Convention and was made doubly impressive because of Dr. Frost's inability to voice his sentiments.

During the session, the committee which twenty-five years ago advocated the establishing of the Sunday School Board, were asked to stand. Five were present.

Dr. E. C. Dargan of Georgia introduced a report on behalf of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Lesson Committee, which suggested marked improvements in the arrangement of lessons and publication of helps for ensuing years.

Rev. Oscar E. Sains of Lynchburg, Va., was intro-

duced by Dr. I. J. Van Ness of Nashville, editorial secretary of the Sunday School Board, and he displayed a chart used in his church, showing a simplified manner of designating by varied colored seals those who had completed courses in teacher-training.

Joshua Levering of Maryland recalled the fact that this is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the birth of the Board in Birmingham. His address became reminiscent and he pointed out that the Board had started with nothing and by unsurpassed business management had become the denominations greatest asset.

All who were present at the Convention in Birmingham when the Board was created were asked to stand up, and perhaps a half hundred stood.

Missionaries E. A. Jackson of Brazil and S. G. Pincock of Africa told of the value of the Board to the missionaries on the foreign field. Drs. J. M. Pilcher of Virginia and L. R. Scarborough of Texas also commended the Board's work.

#### Devotional Period.

The thirty-minute devotional period of the day was conducted by Dr. John H. Strong of Maryland to the edification of the Convention.

The venerable figure of F. M. Jordan, Baptist evangelist, father of L. M. Jordan, J. Y. Jordan, Mrs. Julia Lee and Mrs. Tom Harrison, of this city, attracted great interest in today's session.

During the morning meeting at the auditorium the hoary-headed preacher arose and asked to be heard.

"I am now over 80 years old," he said, "and have been preaching all over North Carolina for the past 65 years. I have baptized over 5,000 persons in this time. I am now on the verge of the grave. I attended the Southern Baptist Convention at Baltimore, Md., in 1868. I can hardly hope to be spared for the next Convention, so I want to say now that I loved my brethren in 1868—I love them now. May God bless you all and make you happy and successful in your great work."

A chorus of amens followed the remarks of the aged minister.

#### Home Mission Board.

Dr. Byron D. Dement of South Carolina read the report of the Committee on the Work of the Board.

Dr. B. D. Gray of Georgia, the Corresponding Secretary, was the first speaker who discussed the report, and he made a superb, statesmanlike address, setting forth the Board's tasks and burdens. He plead for enlarged gifts for Home Missions and said: "I venture the assertion that Southern Baptists have \$50,000,000 invested in automobiles and yet our Boards are in debt. It is a shame. Every time we raise the light the truth higher, its rays shine further."

The Building and Loan Fund of the Board was presented by Dr. W. W. Landrum of Kentucky. It is proposed to raise \$1,000,000 in the next three years with which to build and repair churches. Dr. L. B. Warren is the Secretary of the Board who has this department in charge. Dr. Landrum recited the fact that there are 4,000 homeless churches in the South and 4,000 dilapidated-houses. He enforced the imperative need of Southern Baptists co-operating to construct houses of worship by comparative statistics showing what other denominations are doing along that line.

The concluding prayer of the session was offered by Dr. John E. Briggs of Washington, D. C.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Not a cloud flecked the material sky, but as the delegates gathered for the afternoon session, they expressed by look and word that a cloud hovered over the Convention, which threatened at the present session to burst with intense fury. The special orders appointed to be considered were the S. E. Tull resolution on the Church Financial Program and the M. H. Wolfe resolution on the Consolidation of the Boards. Each was sure to provoke bitter discussion. In anticipation of this, the auditorium was densely packed, standing room being at a premium, when Vice-President J. D. Mell of Georgia at 3 o'clock called the body to order. It was well that he, the most skillful parliamentarian among Southern Baptists, had been chosen for the task of guiding the Convention during the stormy period, for any less skillful officer would have been swept off his feet. Instead, clear-headed, quick of decision, cool and courageous, Vice-President Mell was the master of the situation.

Sang, "Rock of Ages." Prayer by Rev. W. H. Foust of Georgia.

Dr. A. E. Brown of Asheville, N. C., read the list of preaching appointments for Sunday.

#### Tull Resolution.

Secretary Hight C. Moore of North Carolina read the resolution of Rev. S. E. Tull of Texas, calling for a commission of five men who should prepare and have published a church financial program for Southern Baptists of a uniform type.

In his discussion of the resolution, its author pointed out that loose and impractical financial plans followed by the churches were responsible for the embarrassing debts on the Boards.

Rev. R. V. Meigs of Muscogee, Okla., made an animated speech in which he urged that giving the tenth of one's income to the Lord was the proper financial plan, and should be followed by all churches.

Dr. E. Y. Mullins of Kentucky and Joshua Levering of Maryland opposed the resolution on the ground that five men should not be delegated with authority to express a program for the Southern Baptist Convention, without submitting it back to the Convention. The author of the resolution replied that this had been done when the Sunday School Board published the Convention Normal Manual.

The resolution was adopted by a large majority and the commission was made to consist of Drs. S. E. Tull, Texas, Lansing Burrows, Georgia, M. H. Wolfe, Texas, J. T. Henderson, Tennessee, and J. B. Lawrence, Mississippi.

Dr. R. C. Buckner of Texas introduced a resolution authorizing the Sunday School Board to make provision for the preparation of an authentic history of Southern Baptists.

#### Education Commission.

The time for the special order having arrived of the consideration of the question of whether or not an Education Board should be created, Dr. J. J. Hurt of North Carolina took the floor and made an extended speech in favor of the new machinery. He was frequently interrupted purely because of the evident restlessness on the part of the delegates to get rid of all questions quickly in order to get at the matter of the consolidation of the Boards.

A wrangle arose over the paragraph in the report which called for an outlay of \$3,000 for the expenses of the Commission. Rev. N. W. P. Bacon of Mississippi opposed so large an appropriation, saying that overhead expenses of the denomination were already too great, and that the laymen have as much put on them as they can stand. Amendments and substitute motions galore were introduced, withdrawn, renewed, and voted down. Drs. E. Y. Mullins of Kentucky and D. M. Ramsey of South Carolina favored the creation of a permanent Commission on Education. It was finally decided to continue the old Committee on Education another year with the instruction that their expenses should not exceed \$3,000, which amount might be used if necessary.

Song, "How Firm a Foundation."

#### Wolfe Resolution.

Then the decisive battle of the Convention between what might be termed the radicals and the stand-patters occurred on the report of the committee to consider the Wolfe resolution for the consolidation of the Boards of the Convention.

M. H. Wolfe of Texas, the Chairman, submitted the committee's report as follows:

"Your committee has spent much time in considering the important matter referred to it. We realize fully that it is of the utmost importance that our denominational machinery be brought to the highest possible degree of efficiency. But we are of the unanimous opinion that changes in the constitution of the Convention are too vital and too fundamentally related to our work to be made without full time for consideration of all the bearings of profound changes. We, therefore, recommend that the committee be continued with instructions to prepare a report for the next annual meeting of the Convention."—M. H. Wolfe, E. Y. Mullins, Joshua Levering, E. C. Dargan, Jno. E. White, S. W. Melton, C. Stubblefield, E. J. A. McKinney, W. A. McComb, W. M. Vines, F. C. McConnell, Wm. D. Nowlin.

Two solid hours of genuine debate—and hardly a man moved in the great audience—sembled while the leaders battled back and forth on the question of the consolidation of the Mission Boards. Men stood around the sides of the building, the gallery was filled and in addition to the men, a host of women were present, for the debate was not unexpected—it

was pretty well known that there was a difference of opinion and leaders on both sides are reckoned as giants on the platform.

It was Texas that started the discussion this year—last year and the year before the same uneasiness was felt and there was discussion of the question at Houston last May, and the matter was settled when a resolution was adopted placing the Convention on record as opposed to consolidation then and forever thereafter—but it is a privilege of the Baptist faith to come again every year; in fact, the Convention is merely a body of representatives, and unless they go to the Convention instructed their action is simply the result of their individual opinion and is always open to conviction.

In presenting the report, Mr. Wolfe said, "The committee to which the report of the Foreign Mission Board was referred recommended remarkable and sweeping changes in the operation of that Board, cutting down expenses. The Sunday School Board is a remarkable asset of this Convention, and its management is to be congratulated, but if that Board will listen to the rumblings among the mulberry trees they will learn some lessons. Some tactful brother has reminded that Board that the funds of the Convention are the property of the Convention and Boards should remember that they should not disburse funds without consulting the Convention. While the Sunday School Board has contributed \$118,000 of the profits during the last year and to objects which were well chosen, still it is wise to remember that Boards are to do the will of the Convention."

#### Starting the Debate.

Just as soon as Mr. Wolfe had concluded the reading of the report, Rev. George W. McDaniel, D.D., of Richmond, asked the question, "Will this matter be discussed next year?" Quick as a flash came the reply, "It certainly will." Dr. McDaniel was a member of the committee which formulated the report and he immediately offered as a substitute for the report the following: "That this Convention is opposed to centralization of power and the consolidation of Boards and decides that further agitation of this question is unwise and injurious to our denominational interests."

"If this matter is to be discussed next year," said Dr. McDaniel, let us fight it out right now." Dr. Ashby Jones, of Georgia, came to the platform and opposed the substitute, for the reason that it would tie the hands of the Convention in the future. Dr. E. Y. Mullins, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, favored the adoption of the substitute and opposed the consolidation.

#### "Centralization of Power."

It was a Tennessee pastor who startled the Convention—Dr. Austin Crouch, of Murfreesboro—and he made a forceful address. "Is there any power outside of this Convention? The President of the United States is elected to do the will of the people of the United States and take orders from the people. Boards are to take orders from the Convention. It was a wise hint to the Sunday School Board that they should not give away \$100,000 of the funds of the Convention without first consulting the Convention. This Convention does not propose to surrender its power to any man or Board."

Again H. M. Wolfe, of Texas, was on the floor. This time with an amendment to the substitute of Dr. McDaniel. This amendment went right at the heart of the matter—that the Convention "proceed to consolidate the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, the consolidation to take effect a year from this time and that the Sunday School Board, because of the fact that it is working along entirely different lines, be left alone."

#### Time to Progress.

"It is the time for this Convention to progress," said Mr. Wolfe. "We are playing with missions. Playing football with the great commission. Sixty-five years ago when the Boards were organized, the plan was the best we could do, but then we had the 'bull-tongue' plow and now we are using the riding plow. Then we used tallow candles and now we use electricity. We think now of efficiency and economy. The expenses of the Home and Foreign Boards are entirely too much for the work we are accomplishing. We should spend the same amount of money, but we should get greater results. Some of us are putting our money into the Lord's work and we have the right to ask how it is to be administered. I am putting my own money into this work by the thou-

sands and I want to know that I am putting it where it will do the most good. I speak, not for myself alone, but for my fellows. I will go anywhere with my brethren; but it must be on a platform of safety and progress."

**Pleading for Time.**

Rev. F. C. McConnell, D.D., of Georgia, formerly the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board, of Atlanta, urged that the substitute and the amendment be both withdrawn and that the matter go over until next year. Dr. McConnell said that he was in favor of the consolidation and that a great majority of the Convention was with him, but that there were times when it was wisest to go with the majority. It was never right to run over anybody. "The substitute sits down on us," said Dr. McConnell, "and we will not allow anybody to sit on us. If Dr. McDaniel compels me to vote on his substitute, I will vote against it, and so will this Convention. Harmony in this Convention is worth more than any man. When a brother stands up and tells me that I am opposing the Cause of Christ because I express my honest opinion, he makes a big mistake. Boards must remember that they are to help the church do its work. God never gave any secretary to raise money—that is the business of the pastor. Secretaries have done it because they could do it better, and pastors used them, but it is the business of the pastor. We must not do it now. If Dr. McDaniel insists on his substitute motion we will vote it into the bottom of the sea. If Brother Wolfe insists on his amendment we will vote it down, too. We must postpone action for a year, maybe more than a year, and carefully consider the matter. Each member of the committee should have been standing by the report and here we have a part of them opposing their own report."

**Dr. Gambrell Pleads.**

Mr. Wolfe withdrew his amendment, but the substitute remained, and Rev. J. B. Gambrell, D.D., of Texas, tried his influence on the Convention. "We have no time to discuss this matter now," said Dr. Gambrell. "I am against it. But we must not discuss it now; we must have time. I was a member of the late unlamented commission. Put this off—put it off and put everybody under bond to have good sense for a year." Dr. Gambrell kept the audience roaring with laughter and this relieved the tension somewhat.

**Final Settlement.**

After still more discussion along the same line, participated in by Drs. J. J. Taylor, of Georgia, J. W. Rucker, of Roanoke, Va.; F. W. Barnett, of Alabama, and W. N. Johnson, of North Carolina, the Convention settled the matter for this session when the previous question was called for and the report of the committee adopted by a practically unanimous vote. Next year, when the Convention meets at New Orleans, the whole question will be threshed out again, meanwhile there will be a whole year for discussion.

The session was concluded in an unprecedented manner. No benediction was pronounced, so great was the confusion on the adoption of the motion to adjourn.

**FRIDAY NIGHT.**

In the Chapman-Alexander Tabernacle, long before good dark, the crowds began gathering. Singer E. L. Woleslagel, of Asheville, led in the rendition of the songs, "I Must Be Like Jesus," and "I'm a Child of the King of Kings."

Rev. H. Boyce Taylor, of Murray, Ky., offered the opening prayer. Sang "The Solid Rock."

The Home Board quartette rendered a beautiful selection.

**Home Mission Mass Meeting.**

The order of exercises being a mass meeting on Home Missions, Dr. B. D. Gray, of Atlanta, Ga., took general direction of the exercises. He announced that a part of the time would be given to the ladies of the Woman's Missionary Union to present stereopticon views of their Woman's Training School work.

**Women Speak.**

For the first time in the history of the Convention—seventy years—a woman addressed the Convention. Miss Kathleen Mallory of Baltimore, the corresponding secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union, was introduced by Rev. B. D. Gray, D.D., corresponding secretary of the Home Mission Board, and Miss Mallory, perfectly self-possessed, attractive and pleasing in manner, spoke

briefly and presented Mrs. Maude Elizabeth McLure, the superintendent of the Woman's Training School, at Louisville, Ky., the property of the Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. McLure gave an illustrated lecture concerning the training school work. During the progress of the lecture a picture of the new building which will be erected by the Union was shown and at the close of the lecture Dr. E. Y. Mullins of Louisville stated that the women had in hand \$52,000 and would raise \$98,000 from 98,000 people in order to erect a building at a cost of \$150,000. Dr. J. B. Gambrell of Texas had contributed the first dollar and in doing so stated that he had gotten ahead of the women for one time. Immediately President Lansing Burrows reached over the desk with a dollar and asked that the women take it. "There are a thousand dollar bills here," called out one of the delegates from the floor. While Dr. Gray of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, was speaking the money was gathered quietly and the ushers laid it at the feet of Mrs. McLure—later a hasty count showed over \$400 as a gift to the training school building.

The special emphasis during the mass meeting on Home Missions was placed on the Mountain School Department of the work in charge of Dr. A. E. Brown of Asheville, N. C. Attention was called by Dr. Brown to the following facts:

Number of schools, 34, distributed as follows: Two in Virginia, 3 in Kentucky, 9 in North Carolina, four in South Carolina, 5 in Georgia, 4 in Alabama, 7 in Tennessee.

Number of pupils enrolled, 5,281.  
Number of teachers employed, 171.  
Number of ministerial students, 88.

Cost of operating the schools last year, \$73,582.00. Of this amount the Home Board paid \$22,500.00.

The average amount paid by the Home Board per student is about 50 cents per month.

Twenty-two of the schools have land for trucking; on this, part of all the vegetables for the schools are raised. The Spartan academy put up 500 gallons of tomatoes, 500 gallons of beans, 200 gallons of fruit, harvested 80 bushels of peas, 400 bushels of sweet potatoes, fattened 7 hogs and raised part of the feed for 5 cows.

We are prepared to allow only a limited number of pupils to work out part or all of their expenses. At one school, 50 girls made application for positions to work their way through, only 15 could be accepted. 80 boys applied for work, while only 9 could be taken. Provisions for this should be increased.

The school at Murphy was discontinued, and the rug loom shipped to Eldridge academy, Eldridge, Ala.

In addition to instruction in the regular branches, instruction is given in the Bible, Missions, Sunday School Teacher Training and in B. Y. P. U. The schools have W. M. U. societies and Sunbeam bands.

During the spring term some of the schools sent out the students of their mission study classes to give exercises in the neighboring churches.

Number of conversions in Evangelist Owens' meetings, 614; of this number, 394 were students.

Since the beginning of the mountain schools they have set out 350 preachers, 200 lawyers, 225 doctors, 30 trained nurses, 30 missionaries, 2,500 public school teachers; 3,000 have returned to the farms, 900 are engaged in mercantile pursuits, 40 are at work in banks, and 18 have been members of legislatures.

Rev. Geo. T. Lumpkin of Virginia was granted a few minutes to present some statistics of the finances of the Home Board. They are:

Gross receipts: General and supplemental	\$388,018.00
Expenses: Administrative including office, traveling expenses and salaries	22,003.96
Per cent of whole	.05 6-10.
Expenses not administrative: Imparting information, including home field, free tracts, books, etc.	4,452.00
Per cent of whole	.01 2-10.
Expenses paid on Convention order, W. M. U. Ex. Laymen Annual	9,744.69
Per cent of whole	.02 1-2.
Interest on borrowed money	8,169.00
Per cent of whole	.02 1-10.
Paid to missions, all classes	345,844.00
Including amounts paid to State mission expenses, or 89½ per cent.	

The point sought to be brought out by the speaker was that the overhead expenses are about the minimum.

In discussing the work of the Mountain Schools, Rev. Oscar E. Sams of Lynchburg, Va., spoke in a convincing

and captivating style. He was introduced as a finished product of the Home Board Mountain School, known as Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C., of which he is a graduate. Later he went to Wake Forest, N. C., and Rochester Theological Seminary. He favored the schools. 1. Because mountain people need schools. There are 4,000,000 of them who need the advantages of the highest type of education. 2. Because the world needs the blessing of the educated mountain people. These people are needed in the world because of their simple habits, their pure democracy, their deep religious convictions. 3. Because the mountain people are hungering for knowledge. The address of Dr. Sams was one of the greatest of the Convention.

Rev. F. F. Brown of the First church, Sherman, Texas, was next introduced as being a graduate of the Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C., and made a capital speech. He said the Mars Hill school meant to him. 1. An atmosphere in which he could find himself. 2. Throughout all that atmosphere was breathed the word service. The biggest thing on earth is to serve. 3. The school stood in the mountain and pointed unerringly to Wake Forest and Meredith colleges. He lauded lovingly President R. L. Moore of Mars Hill college. C. D. Creasman of Lake City, Fla., formerly pastor in Nashville, was introduced and a score or more of other graduates from mountain schools of the Home Board, who are filling large and responsible positions in every walk of life.

When Rev. J. Dean Crain advanced to the front, Dr. Brown, placing his arm about him, said: "This man came from the illicit whiskey still to the pulpit." The delegates vociferously called for a speech from him. He responded in a quaint and humorous vein which convulsed the crowd with immoderate laughter.

The talks were closed with a brief address by Dr. B. D. Gray of Atlanta, Ga., pointing out the untold advantages of the schools.

**Time and Place.**

According to the report of the Committee on Arrangements submitted by Dr. W. W. Landrum of Kentucky, the Convention will go to New Orleans next year and the preacher selected to deliver the annual sermon is Rev. C. W. Duke of Florida, with Rev. Sparks Melton of Virginia as alternate. According to all reports, the total enrollment is close to 2,400 with an additional 1,100 women registered at the meeting of the Missionary Union. The present Convention is the biggest ever held, with the Convention of 1907 at Richmond, the second in point of attendance.

The closing prayer of the session was offered by Rev. W. L. Grigg of North Carolina.

**SATURDAY MORNING.**

E. L. Woleslagel of Asheville, N. C., introduced the exercises by singing "Nearer My God to Thee," and "I Am Thine, O Lord."

After calling the Convention to order, Dr. Burrows read a tender letter from a layman 600 miles away, requesting that his life might be yielded to God unreservedly and that God's will concerning his life might be revealed to him.

Dr. H. W. Virgin of Virginia offered a fervent prayer.

In a report by Dr. H. W. Battle of Virginia for the committee to whom was referred the matter of co-operating with the other denominations in requesting Congress to create more chaplains for the United States Army, it was recommended that the Convention should not co-operate since it is a time-honored Baptist principle that no ecclesiastical system should be allowed to fasten itself on any branch of government service. It was recommended that the Baptist pastors near the army posts should, without pay from the government, look after the spiritual welfare of the soldiers.

**Nominations.**

Dr. Z. T. Cody of South Carolina presented the report of the Committee on Nominations, as follows:

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### Consolidating Mission Magazines.

The special order of the consolidation of the re-  
 port of Dr. George W. McDaniel, of Virginia, recom-  
 mending radical changes in the organism of the For-  
 eign Mission Board, and the report of Dr. George  
 W. Truett, of Texas, on the matter of the consolida-  
 tion of the mission journals of the two Boards was  
 announced.

Dr. Truett reported for his committee that the  
 matter of consolidating the journals be deferred a  
 year, pending the decision of the greater question of  
 the consolidation of the Boards. It was evident from  
 the start that the Convention was sharply divided on  
 the questions.

Scarcely had the reports been submitted when a  
 score or more messengers were yelling at the Presi-  
 dent, demanding recognition. Dr. J. J. Taylor, of  
 Georgia, succeeded in getting the floor and delivered  
 a caustic speech, urging that the magazines be com-  
 bined and the proposed changes in the Foreign Mis-  
 sion Board adopted. Said he, "If we don't change  
 the Board's policy some, we are going deeper in debt  
 next year than ever." He created a laugh by the  
 statement that he was satisfied his remarks did not  
 altogether suit the "functionaries," by whom it was  
 thought he meant the Secretaries of the Boards and  
 Convention officers, but he expressed delight over be-  
 ing able to represent the unterrified Baptist yeomanry  
 who were at home putting up the money with which  
 the Boards could operate.

Dr. B. C. Henning, of North Carolina, argued for  
 deferring the matter of taking decisive action until  
 the next Convention.

Rev. J. P. Jacobs, of Kansas City, Mo., advocated  
 the combining of the magazines, saying that he would  
 like to go home and tell his folks that this had been  
 done. He said he believed in that efficiency in de-  
 nominational machinery which was not bought at  
 the expense of sacrifice of principle.

A wild clamor for a vote occurring, a motion pre-  
 vailed that the debate close and the vote be taken.  
 Accordingly the recommendation of the committee  
 that the question of combining the magazines be de-  
 ferred one year was rejected by the following vote:  
 Affirmative, 285; negative, 590.

Then the recommendations in Dr. G. W. McDaniel's  
 report respecting radical changes in the operations  
 were considered and the contention on the previous  
 proposition was exceedingly mild when compared  
 with the agitation over this one. The recommenda-  
 tions were:

1. That the Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field  
 and Royal Service be combined and put in charge  
 of the Sunday School Board to be printed as one  
 magazine.

2. That in the event of this consolidation, the  
 Foreign Mission Board shall have only two Secre-  
 taries—Corresponding and one other.

3. That the Field Secretaries of the Foreign Mis-  
 sion Board be discontinued.

4. That the appropriation for the Missionary News  
 Bureau be discontinued.

5. That the current expenses of the Board shall  
 not exceed those of the past year, but that earnest  
 effort be made to enlarge contributions to Foreign  
 Missions.

6. That the Foreign Board shall request the State  
 Boards to let it have direct access to the churches.

7. That we are not discouraged by financial con-  
 ditions, but are determined to go forward.

As was expected, the consideration of these recom-  
 mendations precipitated a very warm discussion. Dr.  
 H. W. Virgin, of Virginia, spoke with vigor advocat-  
 ing the adoption of the report. He declared that  
 for a period of several years the receipts of the Board  
 had been falling off, while the expenses were increas-  
 ing, and he adduced figures of the statistics for the  
 past two years to confirm the statement, and declared  
 that he had sent similar figures to the Foreign Board  
 verifying his charge covering a period of five years.  
 He declared that Dr. Lloyd T. Wilson, of Richmond,  
 Va., who was present, had the figures. Said he:  
 "If I was a business man, I wouldn't want to multi-  
 ply my expenses when my receipts are decreasing."

Dr. Lloyd T. Wilson, of Richmond, Va., was called  
 for and produced the list of figures which Dr. Vir-  
 gin said had been sent to the Foreign Board, but he  
 took issue with Dr. Virgin, saying that the Board's  
 expenses had not increased, but fallen off during the  
 past year. He explained that the heaviest expense  
 account of the Foreign Board was that charged by  
 the several State Boards for collecting Foreign Mis-  
 sion money. He said it was the policy of the local  
 Board at Richmond to economize everywhere possi-  
 ble.

Bedlam broke loose before the discussion ended,  
 various brethren making short speeches. Vice-Presi-  
 dent J. B. Lawrence, of Mississippi, who was in the  
 chair, found it difficult to control the body, being  
 forced to pound with his gavel and yell at the top  
 of his voice. At last the climax of disorder was  
 reached, when the friends of the report forced a vote  
 on it. Vice-President Lawrence broke the gavel,  
 hoary with history, having been presented to the Con-  
 vention by the lamented Dr. John A. Broadus, in a  
 frantic effort to keep order. The question was put  
 with a whoop and the report sustained by an over-  
 whelming majority. Immediately the disorder sub-  
 sided, hundreds of the delegates leaving the hall since  
 the question of vital concern to them, the change in  
 the policy of the Board, had been settled.

### Devotional Hour.

Possibly the most inspiring devotional period of the  
 Convention was that conducted by Dr. F. F. Gibson,  
 of Bowling Green, Ky., who spoke on "Power." He  
 read Matt. 17:14, the incident of the failure of the  
 apostles to cast the demons out of the lad at the  
 foot of the mountain. Said he, "Our power is God's  
 power in us, and faith is the channel through which  
 it comes unto us." He closed the period of worship  
 with a fervent prayer.

**Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.**

The consideration of the interests of this great institution was introduced in a report by Dr. M. D. Jeffries, of South Carolina, with reference to the Students' Fund for struggling preachers. He read the apportionment asked of the several States for this fund. Tennessee was asked for \$1,200.

Dr. George B. Eager, of Louisville, of the Chair of Biblical Introduction and Pastoral Duties in the Seminary, spoke.

Dr. Ira M. Price, of Chicago, Secretary of the International Lesson Committee, was introduced and spoke briefly, recounting his pleasurable association with Drs. E. C. Dargan and J. R. Sampey on the committee.

Dr. W. W. Landrum, of Kentucky, was introduced by President E. Y. Mullins, of the Seminary, and further discussion the Students' Fund. He said that was the plague of the life of the school now. The students cannot be helped by the interest on the more than a million dollar endowment, as that goes in another direction. He urged more liberal support of the Students' Fund in every State.

A telegram of greeting from the Negro Baptist Convention in Dermott, Ark., was read.

A letter of fraternal good will was read by Secretary O. F. Gregory from Dr. A. C. Dixon, of Spurgeon-Tabernacle, London, Eng., a former beloved member of the Convention.

Dr. H. L. Winburn, of Kentucky, offered the closing prayer of the session.

**SATURDAY NIGHT.**

Thousands had gathered in the Chapman-Alexander Tabernacle long before Singer E. L. Woelagel, of Asheville, announced the first song, "Love Lifted Me." It was sung with a zest, followed with "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." The Home Board quartette sang "My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me."

President Lansing Burrows, of Georgia, was in the chair, and Dr. I. J. Van Ness, of Nashville, prayed.

**Woman's Work.**

Dr. W. C. James, of Virginia, read the report of the Committee on Woman's work, which was a masterly argument in defense of the activities of the Woman's Missionary Union. The report said that the women had raised more than \$416,000 during the year for missions, besides distributing much literature. The pastors were urged to encourage the women. (1) By organizing their societies in their churches; (2) by not only encouraging them to join these societies, but also by encouraging the women and girls of the churches to allow their mission gifts to be credited to the Union.

The vote on the adoption of the report was a surprise. Although the affirmative votes were decidedly in the majority, still there was a large negative vote. President Burrows was so dumbfounded that he asked permission to take the vote twice to be certain over the matter. The negative votes were larger on the second ballot than on the first. This unprecedented circumstance can be accounted for only on the ground that some messengers were offended because on the previous night two women had been allowed to address the Convention without the permission of the body being asked. Evidently many Southern Baptists do not believe it to be Scriptural for women to speak in mixed assemblies.

Dr. F. W. Garnett, of Alabama, offered a resolution, requesting the committee appointed to consider the question of the consolidation of the Boards, to complete their findings by January 1, and publish them in the religious papers that there might be full discussion of them before the next Convention.

Baptists are great people—the fact is easily demonstrated. They are independent thinkers and they say exactly what they please. They have been saying things through the days of the present session of the great Southern Baptist Convention. It is very evident that the delegates to this Convention wear no man's collar. The spirit of personal freedom has been manifested on scores of occasions.

The speakers on the platform have been, every now and then, and most of the time for that matter, suggesting the necessity of reformation, and that has been some apparent revolution. At times it has been a bit lively—there has been applause, despite the pounding of the gavel, and the presiding officer has not always been able to secure immediate response to his suggestion of orderly procedure. There has been the flash of the bright and sharp pointed blade. Words of kindly sympathy have been used

and usually the speakers have spoken with reverence of their opposers in debate.

But with all of the apparent dissension there has been unity of purpose and unity of action. The debt—and it seemed to be oppressive when first announced—\$250,000 of it in all—but it is fading away like snow flakes when the sun is shining. The women—gracious creatures they are and always have been—the women gathered together their gifts and they totaled \$17,000. Then the men gave \$85,000 and now comes the announcement that the State Secretaries have talked the matter over and the debt is apportioned among the States with the understanding that it is to be paid and paid within sixty days.

**Some Warm Discussions.**

Last night when the Convention came together after a recess of the afternoon hours, it was expected that a quiet session would result. Several special orders were on the program and they are all still waiting save one—that one took all the time of the Convention—but the Convention settled it and settled it hard. It occasioned some sharp discussions—some of the orators and they all seemed equal to the task they had chosen—said things—and said them without mincing words, but after all was over there was no sting left in any opponent's heart—yet there was a sting left—it was the sting of regret that it had been necessary or apparently necessary for the debate to have been. The night session was given over to the discussion of a report of a special committee appointed a year ago to consider the wisdom of an appropriation toward the support of an educational institution in Shanghai, China, which is interdenominational in control and character—a school particularly for the children of missionaries. The Convention a year ago was doubtful of the propriety of the appropriation, but sent the proposition to a committee for twelve months' consideration. That committee failed to agree on a report and the result was two reports—one signed by four men and the other with a single signature. After all the fighting and after all of the smoke had blown away—when all the talking was done and the vote taken, the majority report was dead and buried and the minority report became the order of the Convention.

**What It Was About.**

The gist of the matter, after a calm consideration, was simple enough. The majority report of the committee advised the appropriation of \$1,000 to the Central China mission, for a certain educational institution, in order that the Baptists might have some right to expression in the matter of control. The Convention decided, and did it with forceful expression, that it was against Baptist policy to put any money into an interdenominational institution. The majority report was read by Rev. Ryland Knight, D.D., of Tennessee, and Dr. Knight did his best to get the Convention to adopt it. He had able assistance in the person and speech of John W. Lowe, a missionary to China, at present in this country on a furlough. Dr. Lowe feelingly presented the need of the school for the children of the missionaries, and Dr. Lowe has six of his own. When he had concluded his speech it looked well for the report but—nobody can ever tell in advance exactly what a Baptist Convention will do for the very reason that liberty of thought, speech and action is stalwart Baptist doctrine. To tell the truth about it, the Convention forgot all about Dr. Lowe and the children and fought out the principle of co-operation and possible union effort and refused to establish any precedents along that line.

**Texas Always Leads.**

Throughout the present session of the Convention it has been remarkable how often Texas has figured in revolutionary or insurgent effort—insurgent is the word which has been repeatedly used, in good humor by a number of delegates when they would express their opinion of the day's proceedings. Last night, Dr. L. R. Scarborough, the President of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, of Fort Worth, Texas, managed to get a good grip on the Convention and incidentally a death grip on the majority report when he made his speech opposing the proposition as submitted by Dr. Knight. The minority report was presented by Dr. W. Miller Wood, of Kentucky, and Dr. Wood was amply capable of defending his position, as was made perfectly clear before the conclusion of the two hours of debate. In his minority report, after expressing his confidence in his brethren of the committee and with gentle words concerning the good intentions of the other members

of the committee with whom he disagreed, Dr. Wood proposed that instead of appropriating \$1,000 to an interdenominational school, that the Board increase the appropriation to each missionary if the present appropriation is insufficient for the purposes of education.

**The Present Plan.**

At the present time it is the rule of the Foreign Mission Board to appropriate to every missionary \$100 a year for each child under sixteen years of age and \$150 for each child over that age. This appropriation is over and above the salary of the missionary and is intended to aid in the education of the child. Dr. Wood said that if this amount was insufficient, increase it, but under no circumstances appropriate the money contributed by Southern Baptists toward the support of an interdenominational institution. Baptists must stand for their peculiar beliefs and doctrines and thus demand the respect of the world.

**Another Missionary Speaks.**

The Convention was markedly nervous last night. It was evident throughout the session. Repeated calls for the question followed every speaker, but President Burrows is insistent upon his ruling that "thousands of men may cry 'question,' but the cry does not shut off debate." When Dr. Lowe had finished speaking there was the cry of question answered from other throats with cries of "No, no, no." In vain would the presiding officer demand order and quiet. After a bit, however, the Convention would get a grip on itself and be still. Missionary R. P. Mahon, of Mexico, in a brief speech supporting the minority report, said he believed each missionary ought to have sense enough to care for his own children. Dr. Hal F. Buckner, another missionary to China, took the same side, and he said some startling things. On one occasion, after making a statement, Dr. Buckner was interrupted and asked if certain things had been done by the Board or any of its employees. Dr. Buckner declined to answer the question, and in a flash came the sharp remark from some one out in the audience, "If you are an honest man, you will answer the question." President Burrows leaped to his feet and severely rebuked the offender—and Dr. Buckner proceeded on his way. He said that the missionaries themselves were divided on the question and that he himself was opposed to the appropriation to an interdenominational school. He said that the entire proposition originated from a deep and systematic movement to overthrow the Baptist work in China.

**Dr. Broughton Speaks.**

Rev. Len G. Broughton, D.D., of Knoxville, Tenn., urged the adoption of the majority's report and the appropriation, but he was on the wrong side of the question, insofar as the temper of the Convention was concerned, and the continual interruption was evidence of the fact. Dr. Broughton said that he hesitated to speak for the reason that a row was on and he did not like rows. Referring to the speech delivered by Dr. Buckner, Dr. Broughton said that when Dr. Buckner had been brought face to face with the problem of educating his own children he would make the same speech. "We are so afraid of the bugbear of 'unionism,'" said the great preacher. "If our Baptist blood is no thicker than that, our theology is too thin to follow." Cries of "No, no, no," greeted the remark, but that did not worry Dr. Broughton, and he repeated his statement with emphasis and explanation. Throughout his speech there was interruption and audible comment.

**Tennessee Strong Opposers.**

Rev. J. W. Gillon, D.D., Corresponding Secretary of the Tennessee State Convention, swept the Convention with his passionate appeal for the minority report and against the appropriation. "We cannot wreck the great principles of our denomination on the rock of sympathy," said Dr. Gillon. "You and I have to decide a great question tonight and we will decide it right. This entire scheme is engineered by the greatest religious politician in the world. To pass this resolution would make the Baptists the laughing stock of the world. Adopt the majority report, and instead of a debt of \$250,000, you will have a debt at the end of the present year of \$500,000."

The disorder was so apparent and continuous at the conclusion that President Burrows was moved to exclaim: "You may imitate the Ephesians, but you cannot stop the discussion."

(Concluded next week.)

## The Home Page

A Short Story and Items of Interest in the Home.

### A HYMN OF PRAISE.

By Rev. C. A. McIlroy.

I'll praise my Savior every hour,  
From day-dawn until Sabel Night  
Shall draw her curtain o'er my bower,  
And pin it with a star so bright.

I'll praise Him e'en like Paul and Silas  
At midnight hour, when no one hears;  
I'll write His praise 'thout pen or stylus  
On mem'ry scroll for coming years.

I'll praise Him for the rapt'rous vision  
Of mem'ry's scenes of childhood days  
With parents dear—sublime Elysian,  
The thought of which awakens praise.

I'll praise Him for the sweet reflection  
O'er glad some days of young life-hood,  
When thought began its real inspection  
Of serious facts, both bad and good.

I'll praise Him for the gentle leadings  
O'er hills and dales of untried road,  
In answer to the earnest pleadings  
Of falt'ring soul with life's great load.

I'll praise Him for life's choicest blessings,  
Of Spirit's consolation sweet,  
In tender wooings and carressings,  
While prostrate at the mercy seat.

Yet, most of all, I'll still be praising  
For heav'nly love bestowed on me,  
As on the cross He died—amazing—  
To give me great salvation free.  
Nashville, Tenn., April 6, 1916.

### NOT MUCH TO LOSE, BUT SO MUCH TO SAVE.

By C. C. Brown.

He was the oddest of preachers—the only man I ever saw who could gesticulate with his hips. But his head was always on its job, except when, as he said, it went off on a strike. Being a preacher's head, I guess it struck for higher wages. And yet—that cannot be, or what a strike would prevail over the wide world!

After the sermon, I said, "Was that man saved or lost?" I referred to a hypothetical case he had described.

"Neither," he replied, "there was nothing to lose."

Finally I caught his idea. It was not a soul he had in his mind, but just a kind of a soul—a something like a soul—a dwarfed and runt thing—a something out of which grace could have made much—but not much to lose—a soul that had to be made again, and made over at that, in order to amount to anything.

About all this, I had my own thoughts. I kept what I had, too.

The years went by. Four of us—all preachers—with our covered wagon, were camping beside a mountain stream. Night by night, we fell asleep, under the song of the tumbling waters, which came as music to us through the rhododendron thicket. Across the ride, and not far away from the mountain road, we had noticed as we passed, a lit-

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tle hovel known as a home. We bought our supplies there—potatoes and milk and chickens. A little girl brought them to us. One morning, I said to her:

"Little sister, have you no buttermilk?"

"Yes, sir," she said, "but we-uns feeds that to we-uns hogs."

However, a trade was made, and the next morning, Hendie—for so she was named—brought us a ball bucket of buttermilk, for which she charged us the sum of ten cents in coin of the realm. We set the bucket in the spring. It contained thirty-nine teacups full, and as only three of us drank buttermilk, the rule was that after any one of us had drunk thirteen cups during the day, his allowance was exhausted. This became the iron rule of the camp. Decapitation was to follow as the penalty for the most pious sort of infringement.

Day by day, Hendie came over with the milk. One morning, as I lay half way under my tent, reading Tucker's "Old Theology Restated," Hendie timidly threw near me a bundle of flowering golden rod. When I arose to thank her she was gone like a sprite, and I saw her bare feet and slim shins as she scampered up the side of the ridge and over the rocks.

Six years went by. The Home Mission idea had grown larger. You know, ideas grow just as people do. The conviction had arisen that while there may not be much to lose in the mountains, there is much to be saved.

It came to pass in my journey that I had occasion to go again along the old mountain trail—the trail of other years—let's call it the buttermilk trail. My former companions were left behind. One was a busy pastor, one had been laid aside by paralysis, and the third, the real scholar of the party, was asleep in Alabama, with the dust of the earth upon his brow.

Not far from our ancient camp out in the mountain fastness, the Home Mission idea was largely in evidence. You can see the signs for yourself this very day—a church and a school.

My text that day was, "To him that hath shall be given." My idea was to teach a doctrine like this: The more you have, the better use you make of it, the more you can get.

We all stood up to sing, and my eye fell upon the organist. Saints and ministers of grace, defend us! It was Hendie! They were singing the "Glory Song" that Alexander carried around the world; but as I looked at Hendie I seemed to hear a refrain from the mountain cove, that got all tangled up with "That Will Be Glory for Me." It was, "We-uns feed that to we-uns hogs." But there she was, and the sixteen-year-old girl was playing and singing and glorifying the Home Mission idea, and preaching to my soul the sermon I had held in doubt years before, when the oddest of men said so vehemently, "Not much to lose, but a great deal to save." I saw something—saw men as trees, walking. A soul had been born. The father was the little mountain church; the mother, the mountain school—and over all brooded the spirit of the Home Mission Board.

I wondered if I should see Hendie again—wondered that day as we parted, after I had reminded her of the buttermilk and the golden rod.

The world all about us is a great panorama, and God is always turning the wheels and changing the pictures. Our scene now moves to town. Everything and almost everybody moves to town these days. We must put on our best dikes, as the boys say, and be very proper. Hang your hat on the rack there, and come along. I guess the auditorium will seat eight hundred persons—the auditorium to this female college to which we have come. The rostrum was large, and pianos had been sown around over the platform like a farmer sows his oats. We had music galore, and recitations, and diplomas and flowers, and the very air was heavy with the fragrance of perfume. Surely those girls had broken all their alabaster boxes that day—on

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themselves. The president made some sort of a speech—I don't remember what it was. No one has to listen to the speech of a college president. That's only the padding for the occasion. But he said something about a prize essay honor girl, and let the whole world give attention—out walked Hendie. I had a swimming in the head. I saw things. The mountains rose up before me—the ridge and the cove, and the waters that tumbled over the rocks, and the smoke from Hendie's hovel, and a voice which said, "We-uns feed that to we-uns hogs." There was such a jumble of things in my mind that I was dazed. I had too much to think about—too big a job for a head like mine. But there she was—Hendie of the buttermilk and golden rod—the jewel cut out of the mountain side, radiant in face, lithe in form, rich in voice, the beautiful child of the mountain school and the mountain church, whose creative genius was the Home Mission Board. While she read, and the ribbons fluttered, and her eyes gleamed, I heard an echo from the long ago. It was something I was becoming used to now. It seemed to say, "Not much to lose, but a great deal to save." And I was partly ready to believe the great heresy—the latter half of it, anyway.

Last week I received a letter—sometimes I get lots of them in one day. One of them bore on its upper corner a foreign stamp, and a lot of gibberish that no self-respecting American will consume time in deciphering. And—will you believe it?—it was signed "Hendie." She was in a far away land. She had heard a voice and seen a vision. The bunch of golden rod had fallen from her hand, and instead thereof, she was waving the white flag of peace and love among a people whose tired feet were stumbling upon the dark mountains. Not buttermilk now, but herself she was feeding to the—shall I say hogs? So we, in our racial pride and haughtiness, have come to look upon the almond-eyed denizens of the yellow world, emphasizing always, "Not much to lose." Hendie, however, has had a superior vision. She got hold of those other and better words, "So much to save." And this is the last sentence in her letter, "I sometimes feel that I am a traitor so far away from home. The Home Mission Board made my school and made my church, and the two made me. I did not know that with God there are no foreigners. I'd be

in a mission at home, to glorify, if I could, the Home Mission idea. I have not forgotten your mountain sermon, 'To Him That Hath Shall Be Given.' Beginning with what was given me, I am growing richer each day."

If the people would only think! If they would only try to know! Everywhere over our land—in the mountains—in the great cities—in the widespread plains—in the Indian tepees—at all the seaports, everywhere, the cry of the neglected is rising. The white hand of the Home Mission Board reaches to help, and its ears are open to a thousand cries which others ignore. In the day of the Son of Man, its glorified work will reveal the fact that in maintaining a cause like this, we have all the time been handing out refreshing cups of water in His name, and so slaking the thirst of his own desires.—Baptist Courier.

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TEACHER TRAINING AND ADULT CLASS NOTES.

Total diplomas awarded to date by the Sunday School Board, 33,445; the diploma indicates the completion of the New Normal Manual. Total Red Seals, indicating the completion of four books in the Course, 5,062. Total Blue Seals, indicating the completion of the eight books of the Normal Course, 2,540.

Issued during April: Diplomas, 675; Red Seals, 130; Blue Seals, 37; a total of 1,213 awards for separate books during the month.

North Carolina leads in diplomas for the month of April, with 185; Alabama has 78; Mississippi, 75; Georgia, 72; Texas, 71; South Carolina, 43; Kentucky, 32.

During April, 29 Sunday schools attained the Standard of Excellence and were declared A-1 of Standard Schools, making a total of 122 Standard Schools for 1916. In Standard Schools for the month, Texas leads with 8, Kentucky has 5; Mississippi, 4; Georgia, 3; while Alabama, Tennessee, and Virginia have 2 each.

The Sunday School Board has during April printed 10,000 copies of the New Normal Manual, making 57,000 copies of this book printed since its first appearance three years ago.

Classes enrolled in the Adult Bible Class Department of the Sunday School Board to date, 1,909, with a total membership of 52,413.

In Adult Classes enrolling for April, North Carolina leads with 10 classes; Georgia and Texas each have 8; Tennessee, 5; while Alabama, South Carolina, and Virginia have 4 each.

P. E. BURROWS, Educational Sec. S. S. Board.

SOUTH CAROLINA NOTES.

I am sending my renewal. We read the paper as a letter from home.

We hope to attend the Southern Baptist Convention and from there take a rest in Tennessee of some weeks. Jonesboro will be headquarters.

The church of which I have the honor of being pastor met its appointments for Home and Foreign Missions, with ten per cent increase with which to pay debts. I wish all the churches might have done as well and thus have saved us from the debts.

The fifth Sunday in July we hope to begin our meeting, and Dr. W. M. Vines, of Charlotte, N. C., is to come and do the preaching. It will be a great joy to have my old friend with me again. He is indeed a great preacher. Two years ago he held a meeting here and it still abides. We look to his coming with joyous anticipation.

In Asheville on Sunday morning at nine o'clock why not have Dr. George W. Truett preach at the Auditorium and then once more that day? All want to hear him. This would be fair to others who will perform like service at eleven o'clock and would be a great occasion with a great preacher and a great congregation. Let those who will manage these matters think over these things.

We send our greetings to Tennessee friends and hope to soon again see many of them face to face.

I. G. MURRAY.

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Campbell County Association was held April 27, 28, 29 and 30 with the Sugar Hollow church, about five miles southeast of LaFollete. The churches of the Association were well represented. Brother S. H. Johnstone preached the introductory sermon. On Saturday, Brother D. A. Webb preached a strong sermon on "Fifing." The sermons and discussions were spiritual and helpful throughout the entire session, and much interest was manifested.

Among the speakers were: Brethren Albert Freels, George L. Ridenour, G. W. Baker, Thomas Miller, S. H. Johnstone, and D. A. Webb. CARRIE RIDENOUR.

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FLORIDA MATTERS.

By A. J. H.

Florida came out almost to the mark set for herself in Home Missions, and went slightly beyond her self-apportionment in Foreign Missions.

There ought to be some way by which we might more equitably distribute this great burden of collections. Fully half of all that was received for Home and Foreign Missions from Florida, if not from the entire South, came in during the closing days of the conventional year.

Tampa has had a most strenuous campaign waged most relentlessly by Evangelist Stough. It was a union revival meeting, engaged in by all Protestant and Baptist congregations. It is stated that between three and four thousand

people "struck the sawdust trail," as Billy Sunday would call it. Mr. Stough followed in a large measure the methods of Billy Sunday.

Dr. W. C. Golden, loved all over Tennessee, has been very ill for some time, and at last reports was only slightly better. His health has not been vigorous since his residence in Florida.

The writer has accepted the work of Baptist Witness Evangelist for Florida. It is wholly a new role for him to be an evangelist. One thing is certain: he will not follow the beaten path which is usually trod by professional evangelists. He may not be eminently successful in recording large numbers of conversions. But he has small sympathy with the fiercely abusive methods of evangelists of the Stough sort.

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THAT THREE-SPRINGS MATTER.

Brother J. W. Pangle, in the issue of May 4, calls attention to a mistake which I most unwittingly made in an article which I wrote to the Florida Baptist Witness, and which was copied into the Baptist and Reflector of an earlier date. This only shows the frailty of human memory. What Brother Pangle says is every word correct, no doubt, as he lives there, and is better acquainted with the circumstances than I. I recall with great pleasure the delightful time I had as the guest of Brother Pangle, and I thank him for correcting me. I am not able to say just how I received the impressions concerning the

conversion of Mr. White, the ex-distiller. I do know that I was his guest for one meal and recall his interest in the church. I know and love Brother J. M. Walters as I know and love few men, and would by no means have done him injustice. He has done a noble work all through that country. I went to that dedication at the invitation of Brother Cate, and I received the impressions that I set forth in my article in the Witness.

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Sunday, April 30, was a great day at the Buffalo Baptist church in Grainger County. It was home-coming day. Upwards of five hundred members and visitors were present. The well-known hospitality of the people was surely never more generously extended. The spirit of Christian fellowship warmly pervaded the assembly. Prof. Gentry, of Carson-Newman College, made a strong address on "Community Interests" at the morning service. It was a strong appeal for unity and concord in Christian endeavor, as well as for all that pertains to the betterment and uplift of community life.

Dinner was served on the grounds on improvised tables and the best traditions of meal hospitality were more than made good. Friends who visit Buffalo church on occasions of this kind need never fear that they will not be taken care of.

J. H. Ponder, a ministerial student of Carson-Newman College, preached at the afternoon service on the subject, "Judgment of Men." The message was primarily to the young people—an appeal to the young Christians. The speaker spoke in a clear, logical manner, and his address was well received. The splendid quartette from Carson-Newman furnished the crowd with a number of well-rendered selections. The church choir, composed of nearly fifty voices, was also at its best, and its singing added much to the spirit of the occasion.

The pastor, Rev. R. E. Humphreys, was present, and took advantage of the opportunity to mix and mingle with the church members and to get acquainted with the visitors. The Buffalo church is now one of the largest and most progressive rural Baptist churches in the Association. The present pastor has been serving the church for a year, and with the co-operation of his members has accomplished much good. The church is now having services twice a month; the interior of the church building has been improved; the Sunday school is growing in number and efficiency under the leadership of Brother Earl West. A splendid B. Y. P. U. has just been organized. The church was blessed with a gracious revival during the month of December. The preaching was done by Rev. W. E. McGregor, while H. E. McKinley, of Kentucky, directed the singing. Although the church has had a prosperous year, yet the work is just begun, and much remains to be done for the cause of the Master. It is the purpose of the pastor and members to do more during the next year than has ever been done in the history of the church.  
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**FROM HERE AND THERE.**  
The Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Nolachucky Association was held with the Leadvale church, just one mile from where that river empties into the French Broad.

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The Friday night sermon was preached by Rev. R. A. Hale, pastor at Del Rio.

Saturday morning, devotional services were conducted by the writer. The morning hours were devoted to the discussion of the following general subject, with its divisions, and subdivisions: "Can the Nolachucky Association be made a greater force in our denominational life. 1. By the spiritual development of our churches (1) in the cultivation of devotion and consecration to Christ in the public service; (2) in the enforcement of discipline. 2. By making the Sunday school an agency for teaching missions. 3. By enlisting the members of the churches in Christian education." W. B. Rutledge led the discussion on the first two topics in a clear-cut and forceful speech. The writer led the discussion on the Sunday School and Missions, followed by Brethren D. L. Manis, R. C. Bible and others. R. A. Hale made a good speech on Christian education.

In the afternoon W. C. Hale made a strong speech on the "Duty of the Pastor to His Church," followed by W. E. McGregor and D. L. Manis on the "Duty of the Church to Its Pastor." O. L. Wall, of Morristown, made a plea for the work of the B. Y. P. U.

It was the writer's pleasure to preach to this his old charge at night; also Sunday morning. Congregations were good at both hours.

The committee had got out a good practical program. The attendance was the best we have had for some time. The discussions were lively and to the point. Dinner on the ground was excellent and more than sufficient.

Dr. J. M. Burnett preached yesterday, morning and evening, for the Jefferson City First church, the pastor, Dr. Mahoney, having gone to Virginia to preach a commencement sermon for one of our mountain schools.  
J. J. B.  
Jefferson City, Tenn., May 1, 1916.

Here is a check for two dollars, which you will kindly place to my credit on the Baptist and Reflector. The paper maintains its old standard of excellence and I chasten myself for not showing greater appreciation by more prompt remittances. Thanks for the great paper you are giving us. Our work goes on apace with manifest approval from God. We have recently closed a great meeting, the fourth which I have held in my pastorate here, this one resulting in sixty-four accessions to the church and otherwise helping in kingdom matters in many ways. Our Sunday School crowds up towards the three hundred mark and we have an excellent Italian Mission, with an average of sixty each Sunday.

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It is desired that large numbers of our Baptist students and young people generally throughout the South will attend this Conference. B. Y. P. U.'s, Y. W. A.'s, Women's Missionary Societies, Sunday schools, and organized classes in the Sunday schools should be represented at this Conference. The information, inspiration, and general uplift that will be received from the Conference would well repay the expense and time required to attend. Let Baptist people throughout the South either go or prepare to be represented. It will be worth while.

More and more Ridgecrest will become the great inspirational center for Baptists during the summer months. Let every one of us decide now to help to make it so. There is no more delightful place in the land to go. Dr. Cree and his committee have prepared a most excellent program for the Conference.

CHAS. T. BALL.

**A GREAT MEETING AT PRESTONSBURG, KY.**

Dr. J. J. Cloar, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle of Louisville, Ky., came to us on the 17th day of April, and was with us in a meeting about a week and a half. This church and town were never so stirred before by any man in anything like so short a time. When one hears Dr. Cloar preach in a revival, he is impressed that he ought to devote his entire time to evangelistic work, but when he knows the great work he is doing as pastor of his great church in Louisville he would be led to the conclusion that he ought to give his whole time and energy to the pastorate. Seldom is there such a pleasing combination in the same man. He has a pleasing and commanding appearance in the pulpit. His voice is excellent. As an expounder of the Gospel, he has but few equals in all our Southland. To appreciate him you must hear him. He is scholarly and cultured, having taken a full college and Seminary course, yet he is in close touch with the common people. He greatly endeared himself to all the people of our town during the few days he was with us. Several fathers and mothers of families were converted and added to the church. The pastor baptized ten in the Big Sandy River last Sunday afternoon, with several others to follow in the near future. His sermons are clear and never fail to bring conviction to his hearers. Happy are the church and people who are fortunate enough to secure his services for revivals. He is a good minister of Jesus Christ.

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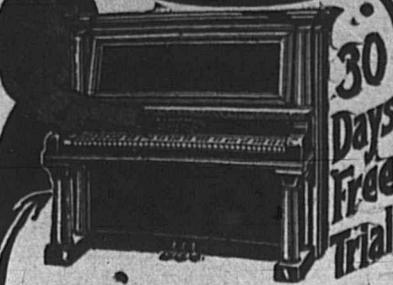
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**EAST TENNESSEE NOTES.**

By G. A. Ogle.

I am now settled down in my new work at Copperhill and am enjoying it very much. My first week was certainly a busy week. Tuesday night I conducted prayer meeting. Wednesday night I made an address in the auditorium of the high school building in the anniversary of the I. O. O. F.; Saturday at 11 a. m. I made a talk in the Sunday School Institute, and at 2 p. m. preached for Rev. E. A. Cox at Ducktown, who is holding a successful meeting for Bro. Ulm. I was certainly glad to be with these dear brethren, who are doing a great work in these parts.

Sunday I preached at my church at 11 o'clock to a packed house, and at 2 p. m. preached in the Sunday School Institute; and at night I preached in my church to five hundred people, chairs being used in the aisles and many turned away. And after service a nice ten-dollar wedding. Thus closed the first week's service.

Copperhill is more like a city. It is awfully congested. More than five thousand people are here and everything is in a rush. More than three hundred automobiles in the place. Plenty of money, autos, and people. The Baptists have the lead. The church seats four hundred people and more than a hundred are turned away each night. They are planning to put in galleries. We have a membership of more than three hundred; 140 in Sunday school Sunday. One of the best schools in the State is here, and has two buildings that cost forty or fifty thousand dollars, with domestic science departments. I am happy in my work. Thanks to Springfield papers and Baptist and Reflector for the many nice things they said about myself and family. I clip the following from a Springfield paper, where I lived five years: "Rev. G. A. Ogle and family have removed to Copperhill in East Tennessee, where Brother Ogle has accepted the pastorate of a flourishing Baptist church. Many friends regret to see them leave Springfield, but wish them unbounded happiness and success in their new location. No better people ever lived than Brother Ogle and his family."

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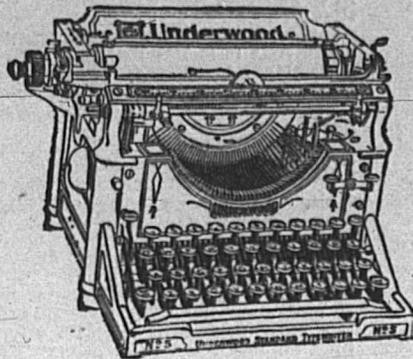
1. Of those who perform their duties quickly and well and at the time appointed.
2. Of those whose deportment is satisfactory.
3. Of those who are neat in appearance.
4. Of those who show the greatest interest in the general care of our home.

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## PROGRAM

Following is the program for the dedication exercises of Grace Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., May 28, 1916:

## Sunday School Service.

9:30 a. m.—Song, "More About Jesus Would I Know." Congregation prayer by Superintendent.

Classes in session five minutes.

9:45—Assemble in church auditorium.

Song—"We Praise Thee, O God," congregation.

Prayer—H. W. Crook.

Address—"This School's Beginnings," R. Burton Stoddard.

Address—"Its Accomplishments in the Past," R. J. Shackelford.

Address—"At Present and Our Aims," H. P. Jacobs.

Song—"Open the Door for the Children," Primary Department.

"The First B. Y. P. U. Work of the Church," Mrs. Earl Lovell.

"The Beginnings of the W. M. U.," Mrs. W. P. Jacobs.

Song—"Take My Life and Let It Be," congregation.

Benediction, Rev. W. Rufus Beckett.

## Morning Church Service.

10:00 a. m.—Doxology, congregation.

Prayer, Rev. C. D. Creasman.

Song "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," congregation.

Song, choir.

Scripture reading and prayer, Rev. W. Rufus Beckett.

Offering—Announcements.

Duet—Mrs. H. P. Jacobs, Miss Gertrude Naive.

Sermon, "My Joy and Crown," Rev. C. D. Creasman.

Prayer, W. E. Jacobs.

Song, "God Be With You," congregation.

Invitation, Pastor, Rev. W. Rufus Beckett.

Benediction, Walter Wood.

## Dedicatory Service.

3:00 p. m.—Song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," congregation.

Song, "How Firm a Foundation," congregation.

Prayer.

Song, choir.

Solo, Miss Florence Allen.

Burning Church Notes—Rev. W. Rufus Beckett, Rev. C. D. Creasman.

Reading Scripture lesson and prayer, Dr. I. J. Van Ness.

Sermon, Dr. Clarence D. Graves.

Prayer, Rev. J. E. Skinner.

Song, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," congregation.

Benediction.

## Evening Church Service.

8:00 p. m.—Song, "The Day Is Dying in the West," congregation.

Song, Street Railway Quartette.

Prayer, B. F. Sanders.

Song, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah," congregation.

Scripture lesson and prayer, Rev. C. D. Creasman.

Offering—Announcements.

Song, Street Railway Quartette.

Sermon, Rev. W. Rufus Beckett.

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Thursday, June 1.—10:30 a. m., Class Day; 2:00 p. m., undergraduate recital in piano and voice; 8:00 p. m., literary address by Hon. A. W. Chambliss, Chattanooga.

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