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Big, Benevolent, Brainsy Baptist Body---Southern Baptist Convention

By FLEETWOOD BALL

"The time has arrived for the convening of the sixty-seventh session of the Southern Baptist Convention," announced Dr. J. B. Gambrell, of Dallas, Texas, president of the last convention, after silencing the hum of conversation of the more than 2,000 delegates and visitors present in the improvised auditorium at Hot Springs, Ark., Wednesday morning, May 15th, at 10 o'clock.

Continuing, Dr. Gambrell said: "The convention will now come to order. Deacon R. H. Coleman will have charge of the music. Dr. George Green, of Atlanta, Ga., in charge of the war work of the Home Mission Board, will conduct the devotions."

The convention, in mighty volume, sang the President's favorite, "Higher Ground," led by Robt. H. Coleman, of Texas. The crude frame auditorium, erected expressly for holding the sessions of the body, with a seating capacity of at least two thousand, was more than two-thirds filled at the opening moments. Weather conditions were ideal.

Reading Col. 1:1-10, by Dr. George Green, of Atlanta, Ga., set the keynote of the convention with remarks emphasizing the Scripture "That He might have pre-eminence." He urged that Christ is first in creation, in history, in revelation, and in redemption.

Basis of Representation.

Dr. O. F. Gregory, of Maryland, one of the secretaries, announced that according to Article 3 of the constitution the representation at the Convention was upon two bases, the financial and the associational. There was a possible membership on the financial basis of 5,585, and on the associational 520, total 6,105. At the hour of convening there was an actual enrollment of 891 on the financial basis and 62 on the associational; total 953. These were declared members of the Convention.

Election of Officers.

"I want a man for president of this Convention who is an old man and a young man in one, a legalist and a son of grace in one, and an optimist and a pessimist in one," said Dr. John Jeter Hurt, of North Carolina, when the election of officers was declared to be in order. In closing a beautiful speech, he said: "The man filling this measure is James Bruton Gambrell, the present president, whom I nominate to succeed himself."

An unprecedented scene of hand-clapping ensued for full two minutes, so heartily did the members of the Convention approve of the nomination. Vice-President John D. Mell, of Georgia, advanced to the platform and put a motion electing Dr. Gambrell by acclamation.

"We have a joke on the Church of England in that a Baptist preacher appoints its bishops," exclaimed Rev. Livingston T. Mays, of Arkansas, in nominating Gov. Chas. H. Brough, of Arkansas, as vice-president. Said Dr. Mays: "That Baptist preacher is Premier David Lloyd-George of England, and Gov. Brough is a man of his type, hence I am glad to nominate him."

Other nominations for Vice-President made were that of Judge Cass Moss, of Louisiana, by Dr. George H. Crutcher, of Louisiana, of Dr. John D. Mell, of Georgia, by Dr. A. C. Cree, of Georgia; of Dr. Livingston Johnston, of North Carolina, by Dr. E. D. Came-

ron, of Oklahoma. These nominees were elected by a ballot ordered cast by Secretary O. F. Gregory, of Maryland.

George W. Norton, of Kentucky, was elected Treasurer, and Dr. W. P. Harvey, of Kentucky, Auditor.

The report of the Committee on Order of Business was read by the chairman, Dr. O. L. Hailey, of Texas, and adopted. Hundreds of copies, printed graciously and gratuitously, had been scattered throughout the auditorium. The act of the Sunday School Board in printing the programs was gratefully commended.

President's Address.

One of the mightiest hours of the Convention was reached when, according to the program, President J. B. Gambrell, of Texas, arose to deliver an address. He said in part: "It is trite to say that we are living in the greatest period of the world's history. If there ever was a time when men should take themselves, their calling and their obligations to the world more seriously, I do not know it. We are being tried out by this war. We are being tried as to whether we are big people or little people, whether we shall adjust ourselves to the hour in which we live. Some time ago I took my New Testament and sat off and read line by line that mystical book, the Revelation, about which so many brethren have written books. When we take for our subject what we don't know, we have large liberty. The Revelation presents a scene of conflict from the beginning to the end of time. The pacifist in this world has missed his place. The man who takes any other than a militant attitude to the evils of this world is in error. It is a great theory that everybody ought to keep out of the fight, but they won't do it. America was moved to take part in this war by no sordid spirit. We are in this war because we couldn't be the right kind of people and stay out of it. There is just one attitude for Baptists in this war, and that is unbending loyalty to the government. We must not stop and calculate how far we shall go. We are going clear through. Sometimes the best way out of the woods is to go straight ahead. Washington said during the Revolutionary War that every Baptist stood on the side of liberty. Let us signify to President Woodrow Wilson that every Baptist of the South stands unflinchingly with him. A Baptist couldn't fail to stand on the side of liberty without being a renegade. There is a good deal of talk of union of denominations after the war, which is just slop. We are being urged to believe anything or nothing. There is a good deal of material among the people eligible for membership in that sort of a church. I don't care who writes or talks, but I haven't got any doctrine of the New Testament to give up or hide away in a napkin. They tell us there will be no church after the war. Well, there will be a New Testament, and a few straggling Baptists, and churches will soon follow."

Loud amens were uttered from all parts of the tabernacle in approval of the great address.

Address of Welcome and Response.

Rev. S. W. Kendrick, pastor of the First Church, Hot Springs, Ark., was presented and offered an earnest, whole-hearted welcome address. Dr. Allen

Fort, of Nashville, responded in an appropriate and forceful address on behalf of the Convention.

President J. B. Gambrell announced the appointment of a committee on the appointment of committees, consisting of five and the Vice-Presidents of the Convention. Dr. A. J. Holt, of Florida, was made chairman, and the other members were J. T. Henderson, of Tennessee; R. T. Vann, of North Carolina; F. M. McConnell, of Oklahoma; and T. L. West, of Missouri.

Dr. Fred W. Freeman was presented as a fraternal messenger from the Northern Baptist Convention, and spoke happily of the brotherly relations between the two bodies. Dr. Freeman was formerly a pastor in Texas, but is now of Denver, Col.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented by two members of the committee. The chairman, M. H. Wolfe, of Texas, submitted a verbal report as to the arrangements for the meeting of the Convention, and Dr. E. C. Dargan, of Nashville, reported for the Committee on Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.

Adjournment was had pending further consideration of this report. Prayer by President J. B. Gambrell, of Texas.

Wednesday Afternoon.

At 3 o'clock promptly, R. H. Coleman, of Texas, leader in song, announced "To the Work" and "Amazing Grace" to be sung. Dr. R. T. Hanks, of Texas, offered prayer.

In conducting the devotions, Dr. I. E. Gates, of Texas, read Luke 19:41-47 and made a vigorous address of a thoroughly devotional type, calling on Dr. J. B. Tidwell, of Texas, to pray at the close of his remarks.

Sang "I Love to Tell the Story."

The report of the Executive Committee relating to amendments to the constitution and by-laws, which was being considered at the adjournment of the morning session, was taken from the table. Among the changes recommended by the committee was the abolishing of Article 13 of the by-laws forbidding applause by the Convention of any sentiments expressed by any speaker.

This precipitated a hot discussion. Dr. John D. Mell, of Georgia, made a clear, vigorous speech in opposition to the report of the committee, and decrying applause. He said if the convention encouraged applause by rescinding the by-law forbidding it, the body ceases to be deliberative. It was his conviction that the right to applaud carried also the right to hiss, and the latter would be done as inevitably as the former if the by-law was rescinded.

Dr. W. D. Nowlin, of Kentucky, and S. A. Baucum, of Texas, spoke in a similar strain. It looked like the recommendation of the Executive Committee would be rejected by a unanimous and hearty vote.

But Dr. E. D. Cameron, of Oklahoma, secured the floor and made a ringing speech in favor of abolishing the by-law and allowing applause. He argued that Baptists believe in liberty, and this law gives no liberty. He pronounced the anti-applause by-law un-Baptistic, un-American and un-democratic. He said it is cowardly to keep section 13 in the by-laws.

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Seventy-third Annual Report of the Foreign Mission Board

To the Southern Baptist Convention, Hot Springs, Ark.

J. F. LOVE

Corresponding Secretary, Richmond, Virginia.

The Foreign Mission Board submits its Seventy-third Annual Report. The work of the year 1917-18 has been done amidst the uncertainties and anxieties of the great war, but, to the praise of his name, we would record that his promise to be with his people when they go bearing the glad tidings has been fulfilled. Although the shadows have sometimes darkened the way, the tokens of his presence have been many and reassuring. The Board and its representatives, the loyal pastors and their churches, the missionaries and their converts have taken heart and gained new resolution from a sense of fellowship with him. Tasks which without his help were impossible have been accomplished. Some faint-hearted and doubting ones have advocated retrenchment and prophesied decline of interest and small results on the mission fields, but men and women of faith and heroic courage have prayed and cheered the sowers and the reapers, and God has given the increase. Southern Baptists have put more money into the regular work during the past twelve months than they have contributed to current support in any previous year of the seventy-three of the Board's history. The achievements at home and on the mission fields confirm the faith and loyalty of those who have made the record possible, as the following figures will show:

The receipts in cash to current support have been \$852,913.73. Compared with last year these figures show a gain of \$294,362.26 in support of the current work. Less has been received in Judson Centennial collections, which is a natural decline, due to the previous payment of so large a portion of these notes. For the first time in ten years the Board brings to the Convention a report without a debt, and for the first time in seventy-three years of the Board's history Southern Baptists have contributed to all departments of the Board's work more than a Million Dollars. Is it unreasonable to hope that two and three-quarter million Baptists of the South will never allow their annual contributions to this enterprise to fall below these figures?

The figures for achievements on the field are 5,557 baptisms, six churches constituted, \$152,874.16 contributed by the native Christians, twenty-six churches arriving at self-support, 102,271 treatments by medical missionaries. Notwithstanding war and universal tribulation, God has set his seal upon the labors of those whom we have had the courage to maintain on the field, and this fact should prove a helpful lesson to our people in the future conduct of this enterprise at other times when clouds overcast the way.

WILLS AND ANNUITIES.

Included in the finances of the year is the amount of \$6,060.25, particular items of which should have reverent and special mention. This amount represents the dying thought of some of God's children for the great and holy cause of foreign missions. The above sum was derived from wills and annuities.

The churches and their leaders of the South can secure relief and a rising support for this work by educating our people in these lines of stewardship and by commending foreign missions to them for special consideration. Foreign missions is not only our incomparably great work; it is prosecuted in many lands of great destitution and where the forces are strong against it. It is nowhere set in the midst of a strong denomination which is reinforced by prevailing Christian sentiment and influence. We can, therefore, well afford to commend foreign missions to our people for their consideration in the matter of wills and annuities.

NEW STANDARDS.

A gratifying incident in the year's work is the achievement of new standards by some of the states. Two states have this year for the first time in the history of this Convention passed the \$100,000 mark in contributions to foreign missions. These are Virginia and Texas. We are persuaded that our Baptist people in these commonwealths will never be content to fall below the splendid standard which they have set for other states, and that others, which in the number of churches, church members and in wealth and intelligence belong to the same class, will not long be satisfied with anything less than equal achievement. Some states which have a comparatively small church membership have broken all former records and in this matter of heroic giving and a worthy example to others have placed themselves in full fellowship with the above states.

MATTERS GERMANE TO THE BOARD'S STEWARDSHIP.

The Board is persuaded that its responsibility to the denomination not only requires that it shall report the work which has been done and render account of its stewardship in handling funds with which it has been entrusted, but that it also requires a faithful report of any signs of promise and the forewarning of the denomination of any perils which may seem to threaten the work. It is felt that it is the duty of the Board to give the Convention the benefit of whatever knowledge and experience it has acquired in the close relationship and intimate familiarity which it has with the work. There are at the Board's headquarters converging currents of information about the work in all the fields which do not meet elsewhere.

1. We have found that Southern Baptists have suffered to accumulate a very large aggregate of necessities on the mission fields which they occupy, and that in many particular instances these needs have been so long standing that they have become aggravated sources of depression and discouragement to the missionaries and a menace to their success and to the progress of the work. There is at least \$200,000 of such necessities which should receive the earnest attention of this Convention without delay. These do not respect advantages but the fortification and security of strategic positions already taken and now imperiled.

2. We have found that deeply sympathetic individuals among us, in the failure of the denomination to relieve distresses such as are occasioned by the above necessities, are disposed to divert their gifts from the relief of the Board to the relief of missions and missionaries whose distress they happen, by one means or another, to become familiar with. The policy of the Board is to discourage such diversion of gifts from the regular channels provided by the denomination for all needs alike, and the missionaries are requested not to seek relief by such means.

3. The Board has, therefore, in seeking relief for such a situation discovered danger from another direction. While the missionaries on every field we now occupy have been calling for reinforcement, God has, in almost exact proportion to the imperative needs announced, been calling out recruits. Volunteers have answered from the graduating classes of our colleges, seminaries, training schools, medical and nurses' schools. This call of God and the answering consciences of young men and women have tuned with the distress call of the missionaries. Reinforcements are ready to go to the relief of their brothers where the lines are bending "somewhere" in the Southern Republics, the Great East and in the fever districts of Africa. Only our churches and our men and women with God's money in their possession have failed of the harmonious note.

4. Another thing which your Board has observed: The splendid achievement of the denomination in the Judson Centennial Movement has both greatly strengthened many positions on the field and made imperative larger annual appropriations for the maintenance of that which has thus been established.

5. Still another observation we have made. Situations and circumstances do not wait long and patiently upon our laggard movements. The contest for the moral and religious rule of this world is fierce, and there are many contestants. Even among our friends and allies there is diplomatic rivalry and the most vigilant and active will gain the vantage and hold the future.

SUGGESTIONS.

Therefore we make the suggestion that this Convention, before it adjourns, give serious attention to the matter of reinforcing its foreign mission work and thus adjust it to conditions and situations such as we have been pointing out. It is the conviction of the Foreign Mission Board that a program for this work should be projected which shall make provision for the most urgent of the deferred necessities of the work and the care of an agency which has upon it the burdens of accumulated need, and which in the prosecution of the task committed to it faces fields of such insomparable expanses, such appalling destitution and variety of need.

There is perhaps nothing that our people can do which would more certainly insure the success of our foreign mission work and the relief of the denomination from the burden and distress of continued debt on the Board, than a thoroughly open field and unobstructed approach to the churches and to individuals and a cordial recognition of this by all our people. The Convention has repeatedly approved this, and the wisdom of such a course has been clearly demonstrated. In those states where the Board has been given the most direct

approach to the churches and individuals, and where nobody is embarrassed either in prosecuting the work or in responding to it and in designating gifts for it, there has been given the largest support and witnessed the most rapid and steady progress in the development of liberality to this great cause.

It must be seen that two months in the year just before the meeting of the Convention with divided contributions, and with all the hazard of rain and other interferences are not sufficient for the care of this manifold enterprise which comprehends every form of Christian service we are rendering on behalf of two-thirds of the human race, and these the most neglected, the most destitute and needy, while every one of the twelve months in the year is required for collections by 25,000 churches for some department of the home work. We believe that with the growing conscience of our people for foreign missions, its needs, as great as they are, can be met, and that relief from the standing embarrassments created by the unmet necessities and obligations of this work, a general prosperity might be expected for all our enterprises. To do this, however, it will be necessary to give it a more equal chance with the home work, to get the large support which its needs so sternly demand.

THE BUDGET SYSTEM AND FOREIGN MISSION.

It has been found that in most instances where the Budget System has been operated foreign missions has benefited thereby. The system has not, however, in every case yielded to this cause the comparative benefit which its magnitude and necessity demand and deserve. We would encourage the Budget System for churches, but with certain suggestions as to the most effectual use of it.

We would, therefore, recommend the church budget but with three conditions: (1) That, in putting it into operation, a most thorough canvass of the church be made with the endeavor to get every member of the church enlisted, and that this canvass be repeated annually; (2) that in making up the budget, the unique and unequalled necessities of foreign missions be taken into consideration and a due proportion of the budget be requested of every member for this greatest of all Christian enterprises; (3) that the pastor be left free and unembarrassed to ask for special offerings and thankofferings at such times only as either local or general denominational emergencies imperatively require.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Obstacles.—In the work of the Educational Department we have faced unusual obstacles during this year. At the beginning of the year we recognized that we would have a harder task than usual in our effort to promote the study of missions. We realized that the time element would be more acute than ever, especially since many who would study missions would have their time taken up this year in unusual activities connected with the promotion of the war. On account of these things we made a special effort to place our mission study campaign before our people, and we thank God that he has helped us to succeed.

Intensive Work.—We believe that many mission study classes have done more intensive work than ever before.

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Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Sunday School Board

To the Southern Baptist Convention, Hot Springs, Ark.

I. J. VAN NESS

Corresponding Secretary, Nashville, Tenn.

This report of the Board, covering its twenty-seventh year, has been prepared with due regard for the times in which we are living. During this most eventful year we have tried, in quietness, but with unabating zeal, to do our part and to be faithful to every opportunity presented to us. We have been constantly giving consideration to our work as it should be in the present day, and have tried to follow the leadings of the Spirit of God. Of course, we cannot tell, for no one can tell, what the coming days will mean. Of one thing we feel profoundly certain, in that new day the great body of over two million and a half Baptist people will be here with steady hearts, loyal faith, spiritual religion and a missionary purpose. As God gives us to see, we have tried to do our part to make this great Baptist host effective, intelligent and united, and we shall strive to take advantage of every opportunity to advance the life of the new day by untiring, discerning, uncompromising and faithful efforts to build up our Baptist cause. It is in this spirit that our work for the past year is reported and new lines for future work are outlined.

A STRENUOUS YEAR.

The year which is just coming to a close has been a strenuous one to us, and yet we think one of progress and increased usefulness. We were faced at the beginning with the imperative need of a completion of the reorganization of the Board's work. The war conditions put upon us certain necessities common to every business. Our expenses have increased in nearly every direction. The salaries of the clerks have had to be increased materially, while almost every article used in our business has enhanced in value. The new postage laws added to our burdens.

CASH RECEIPTS.

Our cash receipts for the year have been, from May 1, 1917, to April 30, 1918:

Periodicals, Graded and Merchandise, \$500,337.69; "Home and Foreign Fields," \$12,608.41; Advertising space sold, \$4,725.00; Interest, \$17,853.32; Bible Fund, \$1,620.72; Rent, \$550.00. Total Receipts, \$537,695.14.

This makes an increase of \$21,874.00 over last year, and is the best year in the Board's history. It is not as large an increase as we had hoped for, but the weather of December and January, which shut up thousands of Sunday schools for a whole quarter, cut a great hole in our business.

REVISION OF BUSINESS SYSTEMS.

During the year we also revised our business systems, having had a capable expert who advised us as to the best methods of reorganization. Although we could not put these systems into effect until late in the year, we have already seen their value. With modern cost systems we are able to follow our business from month to month accurately and effectively.

RESOURCES.

The Board's resources have also been maintained without depletion and

our financial condition is thoroughly sound, showing that we have been able to take care of the perplexing business situation and our new policy of making appropriations, in a prudent and wise way. Total resources, \$719,508.27. Balance resources, \$598,708.11.

DISPOSITION OF EARNINGS.

The earnings of the Board for the current year have been applied to objects other than the direct business of the Board: \$121,297.09.

In addition to the above, permanent building improvements to the amount of \$8,700 were paid for from the current receipts.

ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTION

Radical reorganization took place in the editorial department. Dr. E. C. Dargan, who had been pastor of the First Church, Macon, Ga., was elected as lesson editor, to have charge of all matters of lesson exposition, and to be editor of the Teacher. Dr. Hight C. Moore, editor of the Biblical Recorder, Raleigh, N. C., was elected as editor of our weekly papers and the Home Department Quarterly, and also to serve as managing editor, having charge of the details of the editorial office. Mr. L. P. Leavell, one of the Field Workers of the Board, was asked to move to Nashville and undertake the editorial supervision of the technical periodicals—the B. Y. P. U. Quarterly, the Junior B. Y. P. U. Quarterly, the Junior B. Y. P. U. Leader's Quarterly and the Organized Class Magazine. Dr. G. S. Dobbins remained as editor of the Home and Foreign Fields, and has done some work on the Quarterlies. An editorial council was organized by action of the Board, consisting of the direct editorial staff, with the Corresponding Secretary as chairman. This organization has proven wonderfully effective and given great satisfaction to our constituency. The work has gone forward most effectively, though it was new to most of those who had a part in it. We have a delightful spirit of cooperation and fellowship, which has made possible many improvements, and gives promise of still greater improvement in the future.

We have had many books offered to us, and most of these have been of really great value. We have, however, come face to face with many serious difficulties. The times have not been propitious and the expense of book-making has greatly increased. Our great difficulty, however, has been to find methods of circulating our books. We have tried many experiments and still have in mind several innovations which we hope will enable us to dispose of our books. As yet, however, the problem of book distribution among Southern Baptists is to be solved.

In dealing with the states the Board has had a standardized program of appropriation for cooperative work, by which they have offered as follows: \$500.00 each year to each state having a Sunday School Secretary; \$250.00 a year where an Assistant Secretary was employed; \$250.00 to each state where an Elementary Worker was employed;

\$500.00 a year to each state employing a B. Y. P. U. Secretary.

At the annual meeting in June an Organized Class department was created, and Mr. H. L. Strickland, already one of the Field Secretaries of the Board, was asked to undertake the direction of this department. He accepted and began his work in August. His department was made to include not only the Adult classes but also Intermediate classes. The department has been adequately organized with an adequate budget and has already justified itself.

The increased costs under our new printing contract made absolutely necessary some increase in the prices of our periodicals, and the Convention a year ago, as quoted above, instructed that we should make such increases. We waited until the last minute, however, to do this, and then did so only where it was absolutely necessary. Not a single complaint has come to us because of the increases so far made.

THE BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL.

The Convention at New Orleans also adopted the following report:

"Your committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Committees on Missionary Training School for New Orleans recommended that the Convention heartily endorse this movement, and request the Home Mission Board and the Sunday School Board to join with the other interested bodies in founding the institution proposed, in safeguarding the denomination's interests in the same and in making it effective in the work for which it is created."

Your Board, acting in connection with the Home Mission Board, considered this report as being a definite instruction to join in founding the institution proposed, in safeguarding it and making it effective.

The Board appointed its Corresponding Secretary with Dr. P. E. Burroughs and Dr. W. J. Bolin as a committee to represent it in an organization. When the institution was organized it was contemplated that the first session, and perhaps several sessions, would be held in the building of one of the Baptist churches of New Orleans, and the institution was organized with this in mind.

It was decided to call the institution the Baptist Bible Training School, its name defining its purpose. The school was properly chartered according to the laws of Louisiana, under a board of trustees representing states and interests. Dr. B. H. DeMent, then at Greenwood, S. C., was unanimously elected as its president.

At a later meeting the opportunity came, providentially as it seemed, to secure the magnificent, centrally located property of the Sophie Newcomb College for young ladies, an institution honored for many years in the history of that section. This property consists of a whole city square with three large buildings adapted to all phases of school work and a three-story dormitory on a street fronting on this general campus. The property for school purposes could not be reproduced for a quarter of a million dollars. It was offered to the new institution for \$100,000 and upon very easy payments.

By agreement with the Home Mission Board the Sunday School Board furnished the initial payment of \$10,000, which was to secure the property, paying this money to the Home Mission Board, which had been designated

as the agent in all such transactions, pending the further legal organization of the new school. The Sunday School Board had not been asked to furnish this whole sum, but to make sure the property was secured, it did so, the Home Board agreeing on its part to relieve us of any expenses for maintaining the school through the rest of the Convention year.

The Trustees of the Bible Training School will make a full report at this session regarding the institution, its prospects and its purposes. We feel sure that there is a place for it, and that the Convention did a wise thing in ordering it to be established. We have tried, in connection with the Home Board, to act wisely and prudently in safeguarding every interest, and we submit our action for approval.

OUR WAR WORK.

Our work began, and has continued, with the distribution of New Testaments. In all, we have given away 56,000 copies. The most popular edition, and the one which we are now using almost entirely, is a khaki-covered one of the American Standard Revision, with the flag in colors, which has become popular everywhere as the most attractive Testament offered to the soldiers and sailors. We have abundant evidence of the good done. These Testaments are distributed with care, but we have endeavored, as far as we have been able, to see to it that no worker ever needed a New Testament to give to some interested soldier or sailor without having it at hand. Many of the men on the Tuscania carried these New Testaments in their pockets, some given to them on the last night as they left Waco. Recently a worker from one of the camps reported his visit to the base hospital and said that of three men who had died that day two had our Testaments in their pockets.

We found our tract issues, and especially the evangelistic series, admirably adapted for this kind of work. A selection made from the list of twelve has enabled us to distribute thousands of copies of these tracts to camp pastors, chaplains and Y. M. C. A. workers. Tracts on certain striking evils in the camp have been provided in abundance by other agencies, but the field for evangelistic tracts has been largely left open to us. We have found the Y. M. C. A. huts glad to make use of these tracts in their work. We have all the time had a demand for our Sunday school periodicals, and especially the Adult Bible Class Quarterly, but a demand developed for something specially prepared for the cantonments.

As the result of this study we planned a little booklet which has found tangible shape in a quarterly called "On the March with the Master," which has been prepared by Dr. Hight C. Moore of our editorial force. This little booklet contains daily readings related to the Sunday school lessons, with brief comments for each day, and a special Scripture verse or a bit of poetry. It also contains a selection of hymns, carefully selected to meet not only the needs but the likings of the men. This book has proven wonderfully popular, the edition for the present quarter having already gone to 125,000 copies. It has found favor with all workers and we have distributed it without cost throughout most of the camps. The most gratifying thing is that the soldiers ask for it.

We provided also, at the request of the Home Board, a large edition of the traveling church letters, and have announced frequently through the re-

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Tennessee Baptist Orphanage Must Have Money

JUNE --- Orphan Home Month

By order of the State Convention the month of June is set apart as Orphan's Home Month. The churches are expected to take their offerings then. Many of our churches have failed so far this year to make a contribution to our work. JUNE IS OUR OPPORTUNITY. Let us have an offering from every church and Sunday-School in the state. You cannot afford to neglect the orphans.

Orphanage Day, June 9---Special Program

The Second Sunday in June is Orphanage Day in the Sunday School. Programs have been sent out to all Baptist Sunday Schools in the state. Appoint your committees and begin preparations for making a great day for the Orphanage. If you need extra programs write to the Secretary for them. They will be sent to you without cost.

Make all remittances to W. J. Stewart, Treasurer, Box 3, Nashville, Tenn.



The Most Amazing Story of the War---

This is what critics say about "Gunner Depew," the story of a "Fighting, Laughing, American Sailor Boy." Some say it is even better than "Over the Top" by Guy C. Empey. So far as we know this is the first story of sailor life that has been written during this war, and it will likely find a warm welcome, especially to those who have friends or loved ones in this department of the service. Here is a short outline of the story:

"Fighting with the Foreign Legion at Dixmude—Gunner on the French Battleship Cassard—Fighting the Turks at the Dardanelles—In the Trenches at Gallipoli—Winning the Croix de Guerre—Wounded and Sent to France."

Later: "Captured by the German Raider Moewe—Transferred to the Yarrowdale and Landed in Germany—Three Months of Starvation and Torture in German Prison Camps."

Finally: "An Interview with Mr. Gerard—Anxious Waiting—Freedom!"
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CHURCH AND PERSONAL

The annual commencement sermon of Magoffin Institute at Salyersville, Ky., was preached in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church on Sunday evening, April 14, by Rev. J. T. Pope, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Prestonsburg, Ky. The auditorium was crowded long before time for the sermon. The nine seniors marched in in a body and occupied the reserved seats just in front of the faculty. The special music was highly appreciated, and the congregational singing, led by Prof. E. W. Davis, was unusually good.

The school and community were fortunate in securing the services of Bro. Pope. His long and rich experience and successful preaching, together with his pious personality, make him a charming speaker. He used for his text: "But seek ye first His kingdom, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." His powerful, warm and tender message will long be remembered, not only by the seniors, but by all the large congregation.

Brother Pope is a South Carolinian by birth, but has been out of that state for many years. For several years he held pastorates in Tennessee. From the Tennesseans the Kentuckians captured him. For several years he has been one of the recognized and efficient leaders in the Enterprise Association. Since he has been pastor at Prestonsburg the work there has developed permanently until it has grown to be one of the leading churches in Eastern Kentucky. The church is practically out of debt, and is now on an established working basis.

And now Brother Pope feels that his work at Prestonsburg is finished. And like a wandering boy, his heart turns to the state in which he began

his ministry. He is thinking, if the Lord directs, he will accept work in Tennessee or South Carolina. That church which may be in need of a pastor would do well to consider this experienced, efficient and consecrated man of God. May the blessings of God continue to follow and bless his labors.

EDGAR W. DAVIS.

FIELD NOTES.

Rev. Claude E. Sprague accepts (First) Cleveland.

Pastor L. A. Hurst (Big Springs), Cleveland, is in a good meeting, doing his own preaching.

The writer led the singing in six services the past week and Rev. D. F. Lillard, of Wetmore, Tenn., spent the night with me and attended the evening service. Rev. Lillard is open to a pastorate. He did a great work at Wetmore. Write him.

Pastor A. R. Womack is being assisted in a meeting with North Athens Church by Revs. W. B. Creasman and James Pardue, and Dr. J. W. Gillon is to preach the dedication sermon at their new house the fourth Sunday in this month.

Zion—Pastor, J. A. Damascus. On Saturday, May 4th, met Pastor Damascus and Rev. L. R. M. Wallace with this church and preached for them and represented the Baptist and Reflector and H. and F. Fields and Books with some results. Pastor Damascus has been with the church for quite a while, and is doing good work, and his people are pleased.

Rev. H. H. Bolinger, one of the faithful ministers of Jesus Christ, of Midland Association, was recently called to his reward. A good man is gone, and we will miss him, but our loss is his eternal gain.

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day school. Have supplied for the church for three months. Rev. W. R. Cooper was called as pastor for one-fourth time at a salary of \$100 a year, on Sunday. The people have been very kind to me and I have learned to Write me if you want me to help in a meeting or to supply for you, or be with you in the interest of the Baptist and Reflector.

R. D. CECIL, Evangelist.

A GRACIOUS MEETING.

It has just been my pleasant privilege to be again associated with this popular pastor in a blessed meeting at Guthrie, Ky., which has been blessed in the reviving of the interest of all Christians in the Master's work. Pastor A. W. Hill is serving his first year on this delightful field, having recently come here from Newbern, Tenn., at which place it was my privilege to assist him in a meeting of unusual blessing. The town at large has been made to think of God and their responsibility with clearer and deeper feeling. Up to this time twenty-three have been approved for baptism and two received by letter.

So-called Christian Science and New Thought had been introduced into the community, and a few Christians had begun the study of these teachings of Satan; but before the meeting had closed the influence of these satanic teachings had been killed, and those who had begun to study them repudiated all interest in them.

The Guthrie brethren sincerely appreciate Bro. Hill as a godly man, a preacher, and a great mixer. He is not only beloved by the membership of the Baptist church, by all the Christians of the town, but is very popular with the young people and the children, who delight to call him Brother Hill also. The brethren very graciously insisted upon paying their pastor's

expenses to the Southern Baptist Convention as a little token of their love and esteem.

With kindest wishes for the Baptist and Reflector,

G. E. KENNEDY, Evangelist.
Kansas City, Mo.

BY THE WESTERN SEA.

I promised the editor to write an occasional letter for your columns. It was easy for me to make the promise, and it will be a genuine pleasure to fulfill it. The reasons are not far to seek. A native of Tennessee, I have spent most of my life on her sacred soil. I attended her schools; was converted, baptized and ordained in her churches. Three pastorates in the state occupied a period of twenty years—ten years with the Central Baptist Church of Nashville, five years with the First Church of Bristol, and five years with the First Church of Jackson. I love the people of the dear old state, among whom are many of my best friends now living. In my heart is an abiding interest in the cause of Christ as represented by the Baptist churches in the state. I am interested in the Baptist and Reflector. Its weekly visits to our home by the Western Sea are greatly enjoyed. I wish it might find its way into every Baptist family in Tennessee. Dr. Folk, the editor for many years, was my warm personal friend. Many were the kindnesses I received at his hands, and I still mourn his going away. The present editor, Dr. Bond, is likewise my friend. In his boyhood days the writer was the pastor of his family in the old Central Church of Nashville. He is making a good paper and showing marked ability as an editor. May he live many years and prosper in the responsible position to which he has been called.

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GOD'S SERVICE FLAG.

There is a delightful little story of a Boston miss which conveys so beautifully the thought I have been seeking to impress that I tell it at this point: This little girl was gazing upward from a southern window as night

came on, and noting resplendent Venus in the sky, she ran to the door of another room and called, "Mamma, mamma, come quick and see! God's hung out his service flag and it has one star in it."—Rev. Edwin Kelgwin, in The Christian Herald.

Seventy-third Annual Report of the Home Mission Board

To the Southern Baptist Convention, Hot Springs, Ark.

B. D. GRAY

Corresponding Secretary, Atlanta, Ga.

Our Seventy-Third Annual Report is presented with devout thanksgiving to God for his abundant mercies and to the whole brotherhood for their splendid support and cooperation.

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A LARGER PROGRAM.

It is gratifying beyond measure that in the midst of this most strenuous year of our history, when our people have been called upon so heavily to furnish the sinews of war, that their contributions to Home Missions gained nearly \$200,000 beyond those of last year.

The changes incident to our participation in the World War are stupendous and staggering. For the time immigration has well-nigh ceased, but conditions are being created that call for masterful treatment. Thousands upon thousands of workers in the ship-building plants from Baltimore to Galveston constitute a new field, where our social and religious problems are going to be acute. A nitrate plant at Mussel Shoals, Alabama, has been built by the government, and thousands of employes have moved in there. The town of Florence, adjacent, has more than doubled in population in the last few months. A similar condition exists around Nashville, Tennessee, where the great munitions plant, costing sixty or hundred million dollars, is being erected by the government. These are but samples of mighty changes that are calling for immediate and heroic treatment by our Mission Boards.

Our educational institutions must be strengthened and millions in endowment furnished. That is a specific field for education boards. But there is an equally great need for efficient church plants to rightly discharge our obligations to the students in our educational institutions. Ten million dollars in the next five years ought to be spent by Baptists in church building at these educational centers.

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FINANCES.

We began the year with a debt of \$38,185.08, and at our annual meeting in June included it in our budget at the expense of many urgent cries for help from destitute fields.

The added expense connected with the extra work laid upon the Board by the Convention made it necessary for us to appropriate the full amount of the apportionment of the Convention for Home Missions. The unanticipated enlargement of the work among the army camps made it necessary for us to call for extra contributions to meet this urgent need.

It looked for some time that we would have to report a debt of at least \$100,000. We were spared this calamity by the superb campaign during the last month of the year which brought us to the close with no debt and to our great joy a modest excess.

We still plead for more systematic and regular monthly contributions, which will enable us to avoid interest, sparing us unnecessary anxiety and guaranteeing the payment of the

full apportionment. Regular monthly payment of the apportionment would save us the uncertainties of the last few weeks of the campaign when rain or one misfortune or another might cause a disastrous failure to meet the apportionment.

On the other hand, the value of great inspirational campaigns has been wonderfully demonstrated this year. Men have been lifted out of the ruts, given great vision, had their lives adjusted for larger things, all of which means a new and greater program for Southern Baptists.

Every State has gone ahead of last year and many of them have made significant advances. Four States gave more than \$50,000, two more than \$40,000, two more than \$30,000, four more than \$20,000, and the weaker States came up correspondingly.

The following statistics give receipts for 1917-18 with increase for this year.

This is a magnificent showing, and indicates what our people are able and ready to do:

State	Rec'ts 1917	Rec'ts 1918	Increase
Alabama	\$21,995	\$25,788	\$3,793
Arkansas	16,201	27,172	10,971
Dist. of Col'bia	2,210	3,210	1,141
Florida	7,853	10,031	2,978
Georgia	34,813	59,716	24,903
Illinois	4,202	10,031	6,715
Kentucky	35,112	48,430	13,318
Louisiana	11,313	15,511	4,198
Maryland	9,056	10,642	1,586
Mississippi	22,490	31,432	8,942
Missouri	16,463	20,309	3,836
New Mexico	2,493	4,507	2,014
North Carolina	37,970	46,708	8,738
Oklahoma	10,102	20,965	10,863
South Carolina	32,840	52,458	19,618
Tennessee	23,567	32,105	8,538
Texas	49,474	92,408	42,934
Virginia	45,158	52,838	7,680

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DEPARTMENTAL WORK.

Our work under the various departments without exception has made most gratifying progress during the year.

Cooperative Missions.—This continues to be the sympathetic, binding and great cooperative feature of our work with the State Boards. We are keeping close touch and fellowship with the work in the various states, and no one feature of our endeavors has contributed quite so much towards cementing our Baptist people into one great sympathetic, cooperative body, thus making for the solidarity and mighty power of Southern Baptists as a great religious entity and force for the advancement of Christian civilization at home and abroad.

The utmost cordiality and harmony prevail between our Home Board and the State Agencies with which we are doing this cooperative work.

Enlistment.—In the very closest relations with our Cooperative Mission work is our Enlistment Department, which gives peculiar emphasis to the matter of enlistment and development as contrasted with evangelism. It is the development of the implanted life and has for its aim the systematic and symmetrical training of our people in all Christian life and activity. Its value is set forth and

some of the exhibited results under the special treatment of the subject in this report.

Church Extension.—No subject merits more serious consideration of Southern Baptists than that of proper and ample facilities in church building for the prosecution of our Christian task. In no year has this department received such favor and cooperation from our people. While we have had only one worker, the superintendent, in the canvass for the completion of our Million-Dollar Church Building Loan Fund, the results of the year's work show a splendid advance in cash and a large increase in pledges made for this work.

We have one more year in which to conclude the great task of raising the Million-Dollar Loan Fund. Our good women are to complete the work of raising their \$325,000 of this amount. With the united cooperation of the brotherhood we are confident that at the next Convention we can report the work completed.

Mountain Schools.—A heavy draft has been made by the World War on the man-power of all the schools and in large measure this has been the case with our Mountain Schools. The superintendent, however, reports steady and encouraging progress with a well recognized increase in the finer elements of Christian development throughout the whole region where our schools are located. As a missionary evangelizing and developing agency our Mountain School System has been conspicuous.

Cuba and Panama.—Never before has there been so hearty and sympathetic and so close relationship existing between the United States and the Latin Republics from the Rio Grande to Cape Horn. This friendly and closer relationship opens to us in many respects the most inviting field out of our borders to be found anywhere under the sun. Immediately near us is Cuba and just beyond Panama where our work has been peculiarly blessed during this conventional year, as will be found in the reports from this department.

Publicity.—We have followed the instructions of the Convention in giving greater attention to publicity than ever before. Our denominational weeklies have been very cordial and considerate in giving large space for the presentation of our work in addition to their editorial support and championship.

We have made use this year of advertising which has richly justified the new venture.

We have never made so wise and effective use of our books and tracts and other literature as we have done during the year. The new book, "The Call of the South," by the Superintendent of Publicity, is just out and is meeting with high and deserved favor. It treats in splendid fashion various phases of our work and its extensive circulation will result in great good.

Foreigners, Indians and Negroes.—Immigration has largely ceased, but our work among the foreigners already in our midst needs far greater accentuation and the measure of success attending our work among the aliens is high warrant for prosecuting it with all diligence. The year's work has been solid and will abide. We are making true American citizens of these foreigners in proportion as we make faithful and God-fearing Christians of them.

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the Cherokee Indians of Western Northern Carolina and the remnant of Choctaws in Mississippi with gratifying outlook for the future. Our work among the Pawnees, Otoes, and Osages has been remarkably encouraging during the year. Many conversions and baptisms are reported, as well as a higher standard of Christian life and ideals. The Lord is honoring the faithful labors of our missionaries in a striking manner.

Negroes.—We continue our work for the Negroes in cooperative Missions with the Home Mission Board of their National Baptist Convention, with special evangelists, and a number of theological teachers. These last mentioned are also giving large attention to conferences and institutes for the development and training of preachers and deacons and also for the uplift of the church membership in general among our colored brethren. We have hearty attestation from many sources of the value of this work. We must increase it, for the field is needy and inviting.

SPECIAL MATTERS.

The Convention at New Orleans laid extra work upon the Home Mission Board. We have given due consideration to the instructions of the Convention and done our best in regard to these extra matters. We are glad to report that most gratifying success has attended our efforts on these special lines.

MISSIONARY TRAINING SCHOOL.

The Convention at New Orleans instructed the Home Mission Board and the Sunday School Board to cooperate with our brethren in Mississippi and Louisiana in the establishment of a Missionary Training School in New Orleans in such manner as to safeguard the interest of the denomination.

The offer of the Coliseum Baptist church of the use of the Sunday School Department of their church for class-room purposes was cordially accepted. Dr. B. H. DeMent, pastor at that time of the First Baptist Church in Greenwood, S. C., and former professor in our Theological Seminary in Louisville, was elected President. It was agreed to open the school January 1, 1918. In the meantime, it had been learned that the Sophia Newcomb College desired to sell their handsome property in view of their removal to a site adjoining Tulane University. The property consists of a large block with three-story dormitory across the street fronting the main building. The entire property was secured for \$100,000 on payment of one-fourth cash the balance in equal annual installments for fifteen years. The property could not be duplicated for less than \$250,000.

WORK AMONG THE SOLDIERS.

Our Board, following the implied instructions of the Convention as well as our pre-arranged plans, has given due consideration to the work among our soldiers in the various camps and cantonments.

The Convention made no special financial provision and evidently had no conception of the large amount of money necessary to prosecute the work.

Neither did our Board at our Annual Meeting conceive of the vast needs and opportunity, but we entered vigorously upon the matter. Our secretary called in conference the State Secretaries and at once entered into cooperative work with them.

Later our Northern brethren, in view of the fact that two-thirds of the soldiers in the country were in training in the South, whilst two-thirds of the population of the country resides in the North, proposed cooperation with us in this great work. Their offer was cordially accepted and since that time our cooperation has been with the War Work Council of the Northern Baptist Convention and the various State Boards.

We soon found that anything short of \$60,000 or \$75,000 would not meet the immediate necessities. We at once set about the task of securing at least one worker in every great cantonment in the South, calling him camp pastor, whose work would be on the inside of the camps in harmony with the Y. M. C. A., and the chaplaincy work, on the outside adjoining the encampment and in the cities adjacent to which the encampments are located.

We were fortunate in securing Rev. George Green, who had been a Captain in the Spanish-American War, as Director of Camp Activities, who with our corresponding secretary has had the direction of this great work.

To our mind this is the greatest opportunity in America, or in the world today, for the preaching of Christ. Already we have had three-quarters of a million of these men in our camps. The latest news from Washington is that at least 2,000,000 additional men will be called to the service within the next year and possibly 4,000,000.

ON THE BATTLE FRONT IN EUROPE.

From the beginning of our work among the soldiers we had in view the sending of camp pastors to the battle front in France. This we did in line with our own conception of the work as well as in conformity to the specific and implied instructions of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The immediate task, of course, was to preach to the soldiers in camps in the homeland, for only a comparatively small number had been sent early to France. When, however, the War Department hurried up the transportation of troops to Europe, our Board decided to send a force of workers as speedily as possible to the battle front. This decision was emphasized, moreover, by the fact that our Northern Baptist brethren were willing, in view of the frequent changes in the disposition of the troops at the various camps, to bear one-half of the expense in all the camps, instead of one-half where twenty-five per cent or more of the soldiers were from the Northern States.

CHAPLAINCIES.

The Convention instructed the Home Board to look after the matter of chaplaincies for Southern Baptists and to help the government in securing capable and efficient men. The Board appointed our Corresponding Secretary to act in this capacity. We are able to report that great good has been accomplished in this matter and that a large number of our most efficient young men have entered upon the chaplaincy service in the army and navy and that due consideration is being given to our denomination in proportion to our numerical strength.

President Wilson has requested the Federal Council of Churches to act as a commission on chaplaincies and our secretary has been acting in harmony with this arrangement.

A Book that Never Grows Old

Although in the ninth edition, "Fanny Crosby's Story of Ninety-Four Years" is fresh with interest each time it is read. Perhaps no name in America is better known than that of "Aunt Fanny," the blind hymn writer, and there is hardly a place so remote that has not been blessed by her sweet hymns. If you have not read the story of "Aunt Fanny's" life, you have missed a great deal. Fanny Crosby was a happy soul and to read the story of her bright, happy disposition is bound to bring sunshine out of the shadows. The following little poem, written at age of 8 years, is an index to her beautiful character:



"O what a happy soul am I!
Although I cannot see,
I am resolved that in this world
Contented I will be.
How many blessings I enjoy,
That other people don't.
To weep and sigh because
I'm blind,
I cannot, and I won't."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

We are again under obligation to our sister Board for courtesies and generous help during the year. They made a contribution of \$10,000 through us towards the establishment of the Missionary Training School at New Orleans.

The Board has likewise cooperated most generously with us in our work among our soldiers in the camps, especially in the furnishing of New Testaments and tracts and Sunday school lesson helps. We have found nothing more delightful and successful than this joint work with the Sunday School Board among our soldier boys. Our sincere and heartfelt thanks are extended the Board for their continued generous conduct towards us.

MISSION DAY IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Mission Day in the Sunday schools during the present year has been the greatest since the inauguration of the movement. The program was unusually fine and more effectively put in the hands of our Sunday school workers than ever before. We are not able to give a full and explicit statement of the financial results, but from all the facts gathered we are confident that a far greater sum was raised than during any previous year.

We most cordially advise the continuance of Mission Day in the Sunday schools and would urge our pastors and churches to make the greatest use of it for the instruction and training on mission work that it furnishes. We are sure that with very many of our churches there is more missionary information and enthusiasm gained from this one service than there is from all the other work of those churches during the year.

STATE MEMBERS.

Our State Members have rendered most valuable help. They have assisted in associational and district campaigns in the interest of Home Missions. They have rendered fine help in the distribution of literature and in enlisting our churches and pastors in Home Mission study.

"Enclosed find check for one dollar, which please apply on the Old Ministers' Fund, and send some old preacher who is not able to take the paper a little sunshine."
H. S. FREEMAN.
Goodlettsville, Tenn.

"Always call on me when you think I can be of service to the Baptist and Reflector."
ED. GRIFFITTS.
Maryville, Tenn.

Pastor-Evangelist J. B. Phillips, of the Baptist Tabernacle, Chattanooga, has just closed with the First Baptist Church, Batesville, Ark., a most gracious meeting. Saints were edified and lost sinners converted to God. The church was greatly revived, pastor strengthened and the Christ glorified. Rejoice with us. While pastor at Dawson, Ga., Brother Phillips greatly helped in a revival meeting, and so again he was sought as the man for the time and place. Sixty-seven joined the First Church, seven joined the West Side Church and fifteen were taken in by the Methodist and Presbyterian churches as a part of the visible results of the meetings.

The brethren here publicly thank the Tabernacle for the loan of their consecrated and able leader, and pray that our Father's blessings abide on them and their work.

H. T. CRUMPTON.
Batesville, Ark.

HOSTS HEAVEN-BOUND IN HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS.

(Continued from page 1.)

To remove the ban against applause does not necessarily mean that the Convention delegates will hiss. There are not but two animals that can hiss, a snake and a goose; and a man that will do that is one or the other.

The vote on the matter stood ayes, 386; noes, 620; and the convention in this overwhelming manner registered its sentiment against applause.

Women Made Delegates.

Securing the floor, a layman, R. H. Coleman, of Texas, who had served notice at New Orleans in 1917 that he would introduce at the Convention a resolution changing the name "brethren" in Article III. of the Constitution to "messengers," thereby permitting women to membership in the body, stated that he was on the verge, in view of opposition to the change, of withdrawing the resolution. Instantly Dr. F. M. McConnell, of Oklahoma, leaped to his feet and moved that the proposed change be immediately considered by the Convention. The motion immediately prevailed and the fight was on.

Mr. Coleman's work in behalf of the amendment was confined to pioneering activities among the delegates. Dr. F. M. McConnell, in an impassioned speech, declared that he was in favor of making women delegates, first, because women, according to the teachings of the New Testament, are under grace the same as the men; secondly, if I voted against allowing them a vote and voice in this Convention, consistency would demand that I go home and deny women a voice and vote in the local church; thirdly, I favor it because I am opposed to Baptists being behind everything else on earth. Women are practicing law, elected to Congress to make laws, granted halcy rights by the Southern Methodist Conference, and why should Baptists be behind everything?"

Dr. F. C. McConnell, of Georgia, leaped to the platform and delivered a fervid speech favoring the change in the constitution. He declared himself to be for admitting women because the Convention is different from the church. This body is only a voluntary company of men, while the church is a divinely organized institution. Said Dr. McConnell: "I don't want Baptists to measure their pace by anything except the constellations. Woodrow Wilson hasn't written a thing about this great world war that couldn't be adopted by a Baptist church, except the mere declaration of war, and I believe it could adopt that, too. Somebody asked me the other day why doesn't God stop this war? I replied, why didn't God stop Calvary? God Almighty is going to put any and every crown of earth in the dust whether it be ecclesiastic or otherwise."

Rev. N. W. P. Bacon, of Mississippi, asked two questions—first, what is the will of the women respecting admission as delegates? Second, will admission to the rights of representation and office-holding by the women in the Convention violate Paul's injunction to the Corinthians, "Suffer not your women to usurp authority over the men?"

Dr. W. D. Nowlin, of Kentucky, opposed admitting the women, stating that the rules governing this Convention were not the same as govern a Baptist church, hence women should not be on equal rights with the men. He expressed the apprehension that if the women are admitted as members of the Convention and allowed to hold office the men will simply turn it over to them and quietly retire to organize a separate men's Convention. He said that to argue that it was unmanly not to admit the woman was as unreasonable as to argue that it was unwomanly for the women not to admit the men as delegates to their Woman's Missionary Union.

Dr. A. S. Pettie, of Whitesville, Ky., opposed the proposed amendment in a brief, fervid speech. He declared that the question was one of conscience, based on the New Testament, with him. He pleaded with the Convention delegates not to thrust upon those hundreds of messengers who were conscientiously opposed to it this divisive issue.

But when the vote was taken the majority appeared to favor the amendment, and President J. B. Gambrell so announced. A division of the vote was not called for. Thus the women of the South were granted full and equal rights with men in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Convention authorized the appointment of a committee to take in charge all resolutions desired to be submitted of a patriotic nature. It was evident that owing to the stress of the times many delegates

EDITORIAL

A DEFEAT TURNED TO VICTORY.

This morning as we were trying to figure out some way by which we could turn the May subscription campaign from an almost failure to success, the above words, heading a circular letter, caught our eye. The heading was so significant that we read the entire letter. It was a splendidly written and most interesting letter. We want to give you here the gist of it:

At the battle of Marengo, defeat to the French army, led by the great Napoleon, seemed certain. The great Conqueror saw only one feasible thing to do, and that was retreat. So he summoned a little drummer boy and said to him, "Boy, beat a retreat." The boy looked up at the great General and said, "Sire, I don't know how to beat a retreat. My General never taught me. But, sire, I can beat a glorious charge."

Napoleon knew his soldiers—he knew of their courage—their wonderful spirit. They could not retreat, and it meant slaughter to stand still, so he said to the drummer boy, "Well, then, beat the charge." The result was Napoleon's great victory. The battle of Marengo was won.

The Baptists of Tennessee have no Napoleon to order us on to victory, but we have a greater General and Conqueror than he—Jesus Christ. The Baptist and Reflector is facing a crisis similar to that faced by Napoleon at Marengo. Defeat seems inevitable. If we retreat we're lost—if we stand still we are lost. Like the "drummer boy," we have never learned to beat a retreat. Shall we not all unite and make one grand and glorious charge for the Baptist and Reflector during these closing days of May?

We set our aim for one thousand new subscribers during May. Up to this time we have received only 153—807 yet to be secured. That is a large task when you compare it with the achievement of the first twenty-three days of the month. But, really, isn't it a small task for 6,000 subscribers? We went "over the top" for our mission causes. Shall we not go "over the top" for the Baptist and Reflector?

Which shall it be—a retreat or a glorious charge?

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HONOR ROLL FOR WEEK OF MAY 23.

We are proud of the twenty new names added to our list this week and deeply grateful to the ones who sent these, but we are ashamed that the list is so small. Surely this is not the best the Baptists of Tennessee can do for the Baptist and Reflector—their own denominational paper. Perhaps you all attended the Southern Baptist Convention this week and you will do better next time. The following have sent in new subscribers since last report: Rev. R. D. Cecil, 7; Mrs. J. H. Vineyard, 2; Mrs. E. E. Howery, 1; R. M. Fox, 1; Mrs. William Haynes, 1; Rev. W. L. Patton, 1; Miss Eva Brown, 1; John A. Jenkins, 1; Mrs. J. S. Vaught, 1; Mrs. J. P. Irwin, 1; J. F. Wilkinson, 1; Rev. W. H. Hicks, 1; W. T. Tyler, 1.

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As we go to press we learn of the serious illness of Rev. L. B. Jarman, of Wartrace. He has been a prominent and useful minister for many years and has represented the Baptist and Reflector in his community and at associations for a long time. We pray for his recovery and the comfort of his family.

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We give our entire issue to the report of the Convention. Read it and catch the inspiration of the great occasion.

were anxious to submit such resolutions. On motion of Dr. W. P. Throgmorton, of Illinois, the President, Dr. J. B. Gambrell, was made chairman of this committee and Gov. Chas. H. Brough, of Arkansas; Attorney General Clifford Walker, of Georgia; Drs. W. J. McGlothlin, of Kentucky; and R. H. Pitt, of Virginia, were associated with him on the committee.

The report of the Statistical Secretary, Dr. Lansing Burrows, of Georgia, was presented in his absence by Dr. O. F. Gregory, of Maryland.

Interesting facts to people of all denominations, and particularly gratifying to the Baptists of the South, are embodied in this report.

According to its figures the total membership of the Southern Baptist churches has now reached

2,844,301, a gain of 100,293 over the preceding year. The churches number 24,833 and 148,699 converts were baptized during the year. There are 18,134 Sunday schools, with an approximate enrollment of 3,000,000.

One of the interesting features of the report is the statement of the value of church property, which is given as \$64,772,860. This is a gain of \$3,600,000 during the year, showing that there is a revival. The total contributions for all purposes amount to \$15,346,158.08; of this amount \$1,973,916.27 was for missions. The figures cover 1917. The missionary contributions, as they will be reported in this Convention, will send this amount for 1918 far over \$2,000,000.

The report of Dr. Burrows shows that the Baptists greatly outnumber any other denomination in the South, and in the whole country are 6,811,382 Baptists. This total outnumbers the total of any other denomination in the South, according to government statistics.

On motion of Dr. T. B. Ray, of Virginia, it was decided to send a telegram of greeting to Dr. Burrows, who, because of sickness, was kept from the Convention.

The digests of the annual reports of the Foreign and Home Mission Boards were read respectively by Drs. J. F. Love, of Virginia, and B. D. Gray, of Georgia. These carried such a note of victory in point of achievements that at the conclusion of their reading the Convention, led by Dr. W. D. Powell, of Kentucky, offered a prayer of thanksgiving to God.

Dr. I. J. Van Ness, of Nashville, read a digest of the report of the Sunday School Board.

Elsewhere in this paper appear excerpts from these reports, and it is not worth while to consume space with them here.

The convention reached adjournment after prayer by Dr. W. D. Nowlin, of Kentucky.

Wednesday Night.

Before an audience numbering at least 4,000 delegates and visitors to the Southern Baptist Convention, the session of the first night was introduced by the leader of song, R. H. Coleman, of Texas, at 8:30 o'clock, who announced the song "Jesus Included Me." Devotions were led by Dr. G. W. McCall, of Texas, who read Matt. 6:1-15, and offered prayer.

A refreshing incident was the calling to the platform of seven Choctaw Indians, five men and two women, delegates to the Convention, who sang in English "At His Coming in the Cloud," and another selection in the Choctaw language.

The Convention sang with sweeping power, "Love Lifted Me."

Convention Sermon.

Dr. W. H. Geistwelt, of the Third Church, St. Louis, Mo., advanced to the platform to deliver the Convention sermon, being the appointee of a year ago. Announcing Matt. 6:6 as the text, "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done," he launched into the delivery of a masterly sermon on the subject, "The Will of God, a Challenge and Not Resignation." His appeal met a responsive chord in the hearts of his hearers, and the Convention was mightily moved by the sermon.

The subject was approached from an unusual angle, and every sentence was a challenge to new thought, and a readjustment of the mental attitude toward these great questions.

The words "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done" were read with the word "done" strongly emphasized, followed by the striking statement that the will of God was a challenge, not a resignation.

The prayer contained in the Sermon on the Mount sets forth the program of Jesus, and is the greatest thing in the universe next to the redemption of a lost world, yet we repeat it mechanically, when we run out of prayers, without a grasp of its spirit.

The story was told of a physician who came to the speaker in great distress of mind on the verge of self-destruction.

"You know more of psychology and science than I do," he was told by the speaker. "I would only say that you must be delivered from yourself—you came West, but you made the mistake of bringing yourself with you."

He was led to kneel and be prayer for, after declaring he could not pray for himself. He was turned from thoughts of suicide, and later came back with a copy of Ralph Waldo Trine's book, "In Tune With the Infinite."

"This writer contradicts himself," said he to Dr. Geistwelt, who replied, "Yes, on one page he makes

of God an impersonal 'it,' and on another page God is 'Our Father.' He should get away from metaphysics. His subject should be not 'In Tune With the Infinite,' but 'In Tune With the Heavenly Father.'"

That the Sermon on the Mount sets forth a kingdom for this world, here and now, and not an ideal kingdom, is proven by the admonition to love our enemies—in ideal kingdom we will have no enemies.

"But what is the will of God, and what is the use of praying to a God with an unchangeable will?" These are the great questions we seek to answer, said Dr. Geistweit.

The will of God is the purpose of God, and cannot be changed by man. It is always opposed to evil. But God's program is limited by man's activities. Prayer cannot change God's will, but can alter God's action. God is omnipotent until he strikes man. God's success is bound up in man's obedience. Prayer but joins the human instrument to the will of God. To pray "Thy will be done" means enlistment, not submission. These were some of the seed thoughts planted in the development of this theme.

Dr. Geistweit assured his hearers that his name did not prove him a Teuton, but, on the contrary, claimed that French Huguenot blood flowed to the tips of his extremities. He then called attention to the fact that the Kaiser never mentions the name of Jesus, but speaks of God, that is not our God at all, but is known to us as the devil.

That our God will fight our battles against this evil force as truly as He did those of Israel of old, was claimed.

"If God moved against Sennacherib, will He not move against the Kaiser?" It is Christ versus the Kaiser, but if we want God to lead us to victory we must get hold of Christ, enlist under His banner and surrender to the will of God, which does not mean submission but enlistment.

At its conclusion the congregation broke into singing "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," and "America." During the singing of the last hymn the delegates stood and waived a literal sea of white handkerchiefs above their heads.

The Committee on the Report of the Foreign Board was announced, to consist of R. E. Burt, of Texas; C. A. Stakely, Alabama; J. R. Hobbs, Arkansas; S. B. Rogers, Florida; J. S. Hardaway, Georgia; G. W. Danbury, Illinois; Geo. E. Hays, Kentucky; B. P. Robertson, Louisiana; W. H. Baylor, Maryland; H. M. Harris, Mississippi; L. M. Proctor, Missouri; E. B. Atwood, New Mexico; Weston Bruner, North Carolina; Andred Potter.

With the consent of the assembly a period of thirty minutes was devoted to unfinished business of the afternoon session.

The report of the Laymen's Movement by Secretary J. T. Henderson was read, and it was accepted. The report of the Woman's Missionary Union was presented by Dr. P. E. Burroughs, of Nashville. Among other interesting points in this report it was shown that at last 25,000 women were enrolled in 2,800 mission study classes and that 20,000 text books on missions had been used in these columns.

The report of the women concluded with the following paragraph:

"In closing this report it will doubtless be interesting to know that almost every state reports that the missionary zeal has been quickened during the war. The verdict is that at first there seemed to be a lessening of interest in missions, but that gradually the workers realized that the war was just a part of the age-long struggle of righteousness against evil and that they must not let its many demands take from their support of the struggle as a whole that to their mission work they must add the responsibilities incident to the war."

The year's progress is epitomized as follows by the several states: Renewed interest in all lines of work, especially personal service, increase in gifts, enlistment, general interest, attendance at society meetings and general missionary rallies, membership, mission and Bible study and appreciation of best methods; an enlarged vision, the development of leaders; intensive associational work; better programs, more general reading of missions, and a deepening of the spiritual life of the members and through them of many others in the community.

Prayer at adjournment was led by Dr. S. M. Provence, of Texas.

Thursday Morning Session.

A larger attendance of the delegates was noted at the opening hour of the Convention at 9:15 o'clock on the second day.

R. H. Coleman, of Texas, led the throng in singing "Rescue the Perishing" and "Higher Ground."

Devotions were conducted by Dr. L. L. Henson, of Covington, Ky., who read a portion of John 10, and briefly spoke on the verse "For their sakes I sanctify myself," leading in prayer.

Sang "I Gave My Life for Thee" and "Close to Thee."

During the singing of these hymns President J. B. Gambrell, of Texas, reached the platform and assumed the gavel, looking at his watch and announcing that Dr. Henson would conduct the devotions. Instantly some one said, "You are late; he has already done it." With a look of consternation the president said, "Well, the error is in my watch." The delegates had a good laugh at the expense of their beloved presiding officer.

Rev. W. H. Major, of Georgia, reported developments in the settlement of the Herrick estate made to the Convention.

Attorney General Clifford Walker, of Georgia, reported for the committee appointed a year ago on the legal status of the charters of the Convention and of its three Boards and their relation to each other. The committee found the Convention to be a corporation with every legal right in conformity to law to receive, hold and dispose of property. Because of certain conditions the committee was granted further time to examine into the legal relations of the Boards to the Convention. It was urged by Dr. I. J. Van Ness, of Nashville, that the committee begin its labors early in the year. Drs. J. F. Love, of Virginia; I. J. Van Ness, of Nashville; and M. H. Wolfe, of Texas, were added to the committee.

Dr. M. D. Jeffries, of Tennessee, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., reported vacancies on the Board of Trustees from several states, and the following committee was appointed to nominate brethren from the several states to fill these vacancies: R. Van Deventer, Georgia; L. T. Mays, Arkansas; E. O. Ware, Louisiana; W. H. Baylor, Maryland; I. P. Trotter, Mississippi; W. M. Craig, North Carolina; S. T. Matthews, South Carolina; C. C. Maddrey, Texas.

Baptist Bible Institute.

Dr. B. P. Robertson, of Louisiana, president of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans, La., presented the first annual report of the institute. The school has been founded, a permanent home secured, and the institute will open October 1st, 1918. The movement began at the Convention in Houston, Texas, May, 1915. The institute was founded June 4th, 1917, in St. Charles Avenue Church, New Orleans, La. It is a school for the training of men and women in all kinds of Christian service at home and abroad. The Newcomb College Property in New Orleans, a quarter million dollar plant, has been purchased and its five buildings will constitute the home. It is proposed that any individual, church, city or state giving \$25,000 within five years will have the privilege of selecting and naming one of the five buildings as a memorial. A gift of \$100 for the furnishing of a room in one of the dormitories will entitle the donor to the privilege of having a memorial tablet on the door of the room. Seven courses of study have been planned for the institute.

Dr. B. H. DeMent, of New Orleans, president of the Bible Institute, made his initial speech in that capacity, and it was of a very high order, outlining the plans of work for the institution. He introduced Rev. J. E. Gwatkin, business manager and teacher; W. E. Denham, teacher; and Lawrence Zarilli, teacher of Italian; other members of the faculty.

Drs. J. B. Gambrell, of Texas, and L. T. Mays, of Arkansas, spoke briefly commending the establishment of the institute as one of the wisest moves made by Southern Baptists in recent years.

Greetings from Northern Baptists.

The president read a telegram of greetings from President Geo. W. Coleman, of the Northern Baptist Convention, in session at Atlantic City, N. J., expressing greetings from the 1,600 delegates assembled on the first day of that meeting. Matt. 23:8-12 was cited to be read.

Similar greetings were received by telegraph from Secretary A. F. Watkins, of the Quadrennial Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session at Atlanta, Ga. The telegram referred to Eph. 3:14-21 to be read to the Convention.

A telegram signed by Miss Belle H. Bennett, of Atlanta, Ga., in behalf of the women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to the Baptist women on being allowed the privilege of representing in the

Convention was read, amid laughter and applause, and referred to the women of the Woman's Missionary Union.

The president was instructed to reply suitably to the first two telegrams.

Ministerial Relief and Pensions.

Dr. William Lunsford, of Nashville, submitted a report of the committee appointed a year ago to consider and work out a definite plan for putting the work of helping old and indigent ministers into permanent effect. Dr. Lunsford discussed the elaborate and carefully wrought out plan of the committee for pensioning ministers at some length. The committee recommended the appointment of a new Board of the Convention to have charge of the matter, with location at Birmingham, Ala. The report was ordered referred to a special committee for further consideration.

Home Missions.

The order of business being that of Home Missions, Dr. B. D. Gray, of Georgia, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board, took general direction of the exercises, introducing Dr. H. L. Winburn, of Kentucky, who read a scholarly paper on the annual report of the Home Board, emphasizing several features of the report.

An unusually strong address was that of Dr. Geo. W. McDaniel, of Virginia, on the work of the Board. He defined the Board as the clearing house for Southern Baptists, and expressed gratitude that the receipts of the Board have been increasing instead of diminishing. The New Testaments distributed by the camp pastors in the camps are Baptist propaganda. Jews and Catholics are reading our book. He declared that, to him, there was a strange intimacy between the Kaiser of Germany and the Pope of Rome. That Dr. McDaniel's address profoundly impressed the Convention was evinced by the hearty amens of approval which often punctuated his virile sentences. The audience sang "America" at the close of the speech.

At adjournment, ten minutes late, President J. B. Gambrell, of Texas, pronounced the benediction.

Thursday Afternoon.

Deacon R. H. Coleman, of Texas, led in singing "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour." Dr. J. D. Chapman, of South Carolina, read Phil. 3 and offered prayer. Sang, "He Leadeth Me."

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, of Texas, presented a resolution reciting the shortage of candidates for the ministry. It was pointed out that in the past few years the falling off of young men entering the ministry has been from 18 to 50 per cent. The resolution, which was adopted, recommended the appointment of a commission of seven to go into the matter thoroughly, reporting next year.

On motion of Dr. J. J. Hurt, of North Carolina, that the salary of the Convention Associated Press representative be increased from \$50 to \$100 was unanimously adopted.

Home Missions (Continued).

The order being the further consideration of Home Missions, Dr. L. R. Scarborough, of Texas, was introduced and read a memorial from the Evangelistic Conference being held daily preceding the Convention sessions, pointing out the decrease in baptisms during the past year and calling all the people back to new emphasis on evangelism. Dr. Scarborough followed the reading of the memorial with a great and moving speech on the evangelistic work of the Board. Said he, "We should plan everywhere for old-time Holy Spirit Revivals. I thank God the Home Board's evangelism is orthodox as well as sane. Evangelism should be Scriptural and doctrinal, constructive and denominational. The average number baptized by our preachers last year was ten to the man. I believe we can beat that. Our work with a fellow is not done when we lead him to Christ. We should lead him to baptism and the discharge of other duties. We need a compassionate evangelism. Our sin is that we haven't wept over the sins of the world. God give us a spirit-endued evangelism." A fervent prayer was offered by the speaker at the conclusion of his address, asking the blessing of God upon evangelistic efforts.

Dr. S. J. Porter, of the First Church, San Antonio, Texas, who has seen much of the work of the Home Board in army camps, discussed in a powerful fashion the great work of preaching the gospel to the soldiers and Mexicans on the border of Texas and Mexico. He recited graphically incidents pathetic and thrilling that have developed in his work among

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD REPORT.

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ligious papers our willingness to send these in quantities to pastors anywhere.

In addition to the above we met all sorts of requests to provide for special needs. We have furnished lantern slides, hymn books, special tracts from other publishers, special letter forms and periodicals. Many a trifling gift of this kind has brought forth striking results.

We have tried to do our share of this work among the soldiers and sailors prudently but generously. We have, of course, had no source of revenue and have sought none beyond our business earnings. Our work during the current year has probably cost us approximately \$18,000. Fortunately we have been able to undertake this new line of work without curtailing in any way any of the things upon which we were already engaged. It has naturally, however, taken money which perhaps otherwise would have been allowed to accumulate for large gifts to other enterprises. We feel sure, however, that during the time of war our people would have us put this first and enlarge rather than restrict what we have been trying to do. We know we have been able to serve and have helped effectively every agency of the convention engaged in war work.

A CAMPAIGN FOR RURAL SUNDAY SCHOOL EXTENSION.

Many of us have for a long time been concerned about the extension of modern Sunday school methods and enthusiasm to rural communities. Many experiments have been tried, and it was already evident that an organized modern Sunday school could be made as great a factor in the development of the country church as of the city church, and that the methods which have brought such a quickened interest in our city communities are practicable in any community.

At a conference between the Corresponding Secretary and the state Sunday school workers, which was held last December, this question was discussed. Out of the conference grew a plan for carrying the Sunday school message to the more remote communities as well as to those easily accessible. The Sunday School Board made a contingent appropriation of \$5,000 for definite rural extension work and instructed the Corresponding Secretary to arrange with the various states for co-operative efforts along this line, authorizing him wherever any state would propose a definite and acceptable program for rural extension to join dollar for dollar with them in carrying it into effect. The response was immediate. State after state made appropriations ranging from \$100 to \$1,200, available for this present spring and summer, and asking that we should meet the amounts thus appropriated, and already a dozen or more states have mapped out a program which has proven acceptable.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ARCHITECTURE.

Not long ago Dr. P. E. Burroughs became greatly interested in a subject which had been claiming the attention of all Sunday school workers, namely, the securing of such plans easily accessible, as would make sure that when a new church was built the Sunday school should be properly cared for. Our Sunday school workers have long felt the handicap of buildings too good not to be used, but which in their construction make almost impossible the best educational work. It was manifest that we were in a period

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Much expense and trouble can be avoided if the orders for literature for the Third quarter were sent to us now.

Sufficient labor to handle the rush orders for literature which come during the last month in each quarter is difficult to secure. Note change in prices and order now.

UNIFORM SERIES		GRADED SERIES	
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Home Dept. Magazine	\$.05 1/2	Beginners' Teacher (2 Gr.)	\$.20
Supt.'s Quarterly	.15	Beginners' Bible Stories (2 Grades)	.06
Bible Class Quarterly	.04 1/2	Beginners' Pictures (2 Gr.)	.65
Advanced Quarterly	.02 1/2	Primary Teacher (3 Gr.)	.20
Intermediate Quarterly	.02 1/2	Primary Bible Stories (3 Gr.)	.06
Junior Quarterly	.02 1/2	Primary Pictures (3 Gr.)	.65
Children's Quarterly	.03	Junior Teacher (4 Grades)	.20
B. Y. P. U. Quarterly	.06 1/2	Junior Bible Stories (2 Gr.)	.07
Jr. B. Y. P. U. Quarterly	.05	Intermediate Teacher (4 Grades)	.20
Jr. B. Y. P. U. Leader's Quarterly	.10	Intermediate Pupil's Book (4 Grades)	.07
Kind Words	.15	Senior Teacher (4 Grades)	.13
Baptist Boys and Girls	.08	Senior Pupil's Book (4 Gr.)	.07
Child's Gem	.06	Beginners' and Primary Superintendent's Manual	.25
Teacher	.15	Junior Supt.'s Manual	.25
Lesson Leaf	.01 1/2		
Primary Leaf	.01 1/2		
Organized Class	.12		
Bible Lesson Pictures	.75		
Picture Lesson Cards	.02 1/2		

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of building, and indeed on the very verge of a new period of more or less general reconstruction, especially among country churches. Dr. Burroughs consulted with architects in all sections of the country and worked out with them a series of church plans ranging from the little congregation of fifty to great congregations of thousands, always making sure that these plans made possible a modern Sunday school as well as a modern piece of architecture. The work which Dr. Burroughs has done in this new department is of unique and far-reaching value.

SOME SPECIAL BUSINESS VENTURES.

We have made one or two ventures in connection with our Bible business which deserve mention in this report. We were made the special agents for an interleaved edition of the American Standard Version which we were enabled to offer to pastors at a moderate rate and on liberal terms of payment. This venture proved a great success and we have disposed of 750 copies. We are now planning for a special edition of the Bible, using the American Standard Version, and which will be supplied with notes prepared by us. These notes will be unique in many ways. They will serve to supply workers and Bible readers with things that are really needed. In addition to a harmony of the gospels and a general outline of the Bible, we will have doctrinal statements, passages of Scripture for use on special occasions, a plan of Bible memorization, and in a special edition for the B. Y. P. U. we will give the two year's Bible Readers' Course in full. We believe that these special notes will make this edition of peculiar value to our own people. All the work of preparation has been done by our editorial force under the general editorship of the Corresponding Secretary. We believe we will render a genuine service in these new Bible helps.

STATISTICAL WORK.

We have been in conference with Dr. Lansing Burrows, Statistical Secretary of the convention, in regard to the future disposition of the work

which he has so long and faithfully carried on. In his pioneer work he has been a pioneer, and much of the time he has had literally no appreciation of his efforts. He now realizes that the work ought to be entrusted to an agency which will be permanent. In considering the matter the Board has expressed its willingness to undertake this new task, if the Convention shall so decide.

CHURCH EQUIPMENT.

We have been considering during the year the enlargement of our work of supplying churches as well as Sunday schools with the things they need to carry on their work. We have already made some ventures in supplying duplex envelopes and church records. Facilities for manufacturing envelopes have been meager in this section, however, and the necessity of securing our supplies from a distance has prevented us from giving the best possible service. We see no reason why we should not serve all the churches along these lines, and develop sources of supply nearer to us. There is need also of a systematic development of blank books for financial records. Several plans of church finance are now popular among our people, and record systems based upon all of these plans are necessary, but supplies are hard to get and must be sought through many agencies. We have hesitated to enter a field which might lead us into the financial operations of the churches with the necessary measure of advice. Yet the matter is of great importance, and if we are to have systematic plans and methods for church work, it will be necessary for some one to supply the material equipment of churches which may be engaged in building enterprises. The Board will be glad if the Convention will consider this matter and give us any instruction or advice.

REGARDING THE BOARD'S FINANCIAL POLICIES.

During the past year the only large appropriations outside of our regular work have been in accordance with the policy as outlined above, namely, \$10,000 to the Home Mission Board, to be used in connection with the Bible

Training School at New Orleans; \$10,000 to the Foreign Mission Board to provide for its Sunday school and publication work on the foreign field; and \$1,500.00 to the Southwestern Theological Seminary for its Department of Sunday School Education.

THE OLD LINES OF WORK CONTINUED.

Our Periodicals.

The reorganization of the Editorial Department has been referred to in a previous section. This reorganization has proven a distinct gain. The increased force has been able to give more attention to individual periodicals with the natural result of greatly improving them. From many directions have come most kindly references to the periodicals of the Board under the new editorial direction. This is especially true of the Teacher, Kind Words, Baptist Boys and Girls, The Home Department Magazine, the B. Y. P. U. publications and The Organized Class Magazine.

During the year we have added a fourth year senior course to our graded series, and this has proven unusually popular. It is a study of certain Bible books, including Ezekiel, Romans, the Gospel of John, and selected Psalms.

The graded series has continued with growing popularity. It is interesting to know that the improved uniform lessons, while giving general satisfaction to those who have been using that series, have not in any way interfered with the sale of the graded series.

During the year one new periodical has been added to our list, the Junior B. Y. P. U. Leader's Quarterly. This is especially for the use of the one who has charge of the Junior Union—for it is customary to have some older person lead the boys and girls in their programs.

During the year, however, the board has issued the following books:

1. "The Christian Religion in Its Doctrinal Expression," by Dr. E. Y. Mullins. This theology bids fair to become a standard work, and has been widely sold. It is used in both of our Theological Seminaries and in other institutions. Price, \$2.50.
 2. "The Intermediate Department of the Sunday School," by L. P. Leavell. This has become one of the books in our Teacher Training course. Price, 50 cents cloth, 35 cents paper.
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Baptists of the South," definite arrangements for which were announced in our last report, has gone on successfully during the year. Much of the time was spent by Dr. B. F. Riley, who was preparing the history, in gathering material. It was necessary to visit libraries and to seek out material. A work of such magnitude must of necessity be done carefully and with more or less permanency. Dr. Riley is now engaged upon the work of writing, and perhaps half of the manuscript is already in our hands.

FIELD WORK.

Our field force has remained intact during the year, and the men and women composing it have been more than ordinarily zealous and effective in their work.

The most striking feature of the field work during the past year has been the Teacher Training schools carried on in the various cities and towns. This work is of necessity done in co-operation with the state Sunday school force, who must arrange for the meetings and plan for the workers.

One of the most interesting aspects of our field work is the department which is now under the direction of Dr. W. B. Spilman, the pioneer among our field workers. He is now designated as Field Secretary to Educational Institutions. He has set before him as his goal the securing of teacher training classes in every school and college under Baptist control, and in the various city schools where we can reach the Baptist students. He has also interested himself in the great question of proper equipment of the Baptist church near to our educational institutions.

It would be unfair to discuss the field work of the Sunday School Board without referring to the cooperative work which we do with the state Sunday school secretaries, all of whom work in connection with state mission boards. There are now twenty-five men and women employed by the various state boards as Sunday school secretaries. We have been glad to contribute to the support of these workers. On their part they have given to us loyal and unflinching co-operation. They are the men and women through whom, at the last, all our plans must find their way to the people.

OUR MISSIONARY EFFORTS.

We have continued during the year the now established series of Missionary Days in the Sunday school. Last June saw the inauguration, in connection with the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, of the Day for Christian Education, which has been fixed for the last Sunday in June. For a first beginning the returns both in money and in educational influence were in every way worthy. It takes time, however, for these days to create for themselves such a distinct place as to do their best service. The Educational Commission is now planning a program which will be used on the last Sunday of June, 1918, and it is hoped that the day will be still more useful.

State Mission Day in the fall was the most successful thus far. It was the first great missionary appeal under the war conditions, and much anxiety was felt as to the response. It proved to be very serviceable and carried its pointed message that we must not let our religious work suffer in any way because of the war conditions, with force to thousands and thousands of

people. Its returns in money were great, but still more notable was its influence in its appeal for increased missionary contributions to care for religious work.

The Home and Foreign Mission Day, the last Sunday in March, also was successful beyond the glorious record of past years. Coming at a time of special need for our two Boards, and with the demoralization of the winter, this magnificent response is more than creditable. We have co-operated, as usual, with the various Boards in planning and making effective these days.

We have continued the publication of Home and Foreign Fields during the year, and feel that we have been able to satisfy the desire of our people for the worth-while missionary journal. In accordance with the resolution passed at the last Convention, we have sought to broaden the scope of matters treated so as to take in other aspects of our activity. The main emphasis, however, has been upon the missionary work of our two great Boards. The editor, Dr. G. S. Dobbins, has given himself to this work with great zeal and ability. An effort has been made to follow the Missionary Program as laid down by the Woman's Missionary Union and used by the B. Y. P. U., so that the magazine may be helpful in the program work of these organizations.

THE EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Through this department the Board seeks to exert a helpful educational influence in the whole realm of Southern Baptist Sunday school work. Effort is made by the forces connected with this department to study broadly the development and movements of the larger Sunday school world and to offer to our people the best fruits of modern investigation and experience. Attention is given to the varied questions which involve Sunday school success, such as organization, housing, equipment, paraphernalia, Standards of Excellence, teaching, and especially, as basal in all of this, the training of Sunday school officers and teachers.

THE NORMAL COURSES FOR TEACHER TRAINING.

On June 1, 1918, our Southern Baptist Teacher Training Institution will enter upon its eighteenth year, the Institution having been founded June 1, 1901. These seventeen years have been years of accomplishment and expansion probably far surpassing the expectations of the men who launched the new enterprise. These years cover a period which constitutes a momentous era in Sunday school history. Consider for a moment the progress of the Sunday school world during this period; Sunday school organization has been entirely made over; the Sunday school itself has been transformed by the bringing in of hundreds of thousands of adults; a wealth of literature covering every phase of Sunday school life and work has been produced; vast publishing houses with investments running far into the millions have grown up—but it would require a volume fitly to tell the whole story.

In these wonderful transformations, Teacher Training has, of course, been a basal factor. The quiet persistent effort continued through the years to train and instruct teachers has lifted the whole Sunday school movement to a higher plane. This training of teachers must stand central in all plans for the improvement of Sunday school work.

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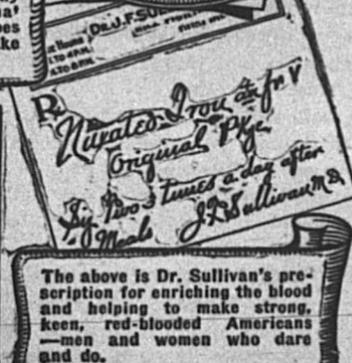
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Department of Organized Class Work

If men and women are to co-operate in carrying out the program of Jesus for this world, they must first know that program. So far as we are informed that information is given only in the Word of God. Thus it becomes apparent that Christians must read and study the Word of God if they are to be intelligent in doing what the Word says that they should do.

The figures say that there are somewhere in the neighborhood of three million Baptists in the South. Of this number, also according to the figures, about a million are affiliated in some measure with a teaching service in some church.

It is safe to say that by far the large

majority of those who attend the Sunday school session get practically all of their Bible instruction there. It is equally a safe assertion that the million and a half or more who do not attend Sunday school at all, have no plan for studying the Bible and for the most part never look into it. With very few exceptions this latter class are Seniors and Adults.

It was necessary for some plan to be devised whereby a systematic effort might be made to win this army of Christians to the Sunday school. The Organized Class Department of the Board is co-operating with the state forces and the churches to accomplish this very thing. They must

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HOSTS HEAVEN-BOUND IN HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS.

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both classes. He said at one of his church services he baptized 14 Mexicans and a few nights later a dozen soldiers.

Rev. C. D. Daniel, superintendent of the work of the Home Board among Mexicans in Texas, with headquarters in El Paso, thrilled the Convention with a brief recital of the success attending his labors.

He had scarcely concluded his speech when one of the most magnetic and patriotic scenes of the entire Convention was precipitated by the appearance of twenty-four soldiers from Camp Pike, Little Rock, Ark., who marched to the rostrum singing a camp song. They were led by Dr. George Green, of Atlanta, Ga., superintendent of the war work of the Home Board; Lieut. and Chaplain Blount Davidson, of the 347th Infantry; and Lieut. Sam Long, of Tupelo, Miss.

Bedlam broke loose. All constitutional limitations were thrown to the winds and the members of the convention expressed their patriotic fervor in almost every conceivable way. They clapped their hands, cried, waved handkerchiefs and demonstrated unmistakable sympathy for the boys in khaki.

Coming to the front of the platform, the soldiers sang "As We Go Marching On" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee," many of the delegates being heard in sobs during the singing, so deeply were they moved.

Dr. George Green called all present who had one or more boys in training for service to stand, whereupon at least 500 members of the Convention stood. Those having only one boy in the service resumed their seats, leaving many standing. It was evident many had two, a number three, and a few as many as four, and one lady announced with a tremulous voice, "I have four boys in the army." Attention was called to the fact that Dr. O. L. Hailey and wife, of Dallas, Texas, have four sons in the army, they being grandsons of the lamented and revered Dr. J. R. Graves.

On a request that all of the twenty-four soldiers present who were Christians should raise their hands, all responded and there was a chorus of "Bless the Lord" from delegates.

The soldiers and the members of the Convention sang in concert "America," after which President J. B. Gambrell, suppressing his emotions with great difficulty, led a tender prayer for God's blessings and protection on the soldiers and the work being done for their spiritual good.

Rev. D. Noble Crane, of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, missionary of the Home Board among Osage Indians, brought to the platform three of that race, Deacon Raymond Redcorn, Jr., Orlando Kinsworthy, interpreter, and Raymond Redcorn, Sr., enveloped in an Indian robe, the latter announced to be 60 years old, converted last July. The old Indian spoke a few minutes, through the interpreter, thanking the Convention for sending the Indians, through the Home Board, knowledge of "the Jesus Road."

Dr. E. C. Morris, of Helena, Ark., a negro, for 23 years president of the National Baptist Convention of his race, was introduced. He modestly called attention to one hundred members of his convention who had been sent as an embassy to return thanks to the Southern Baptist Convention for its successful efforts in bringing wise peace terms upon which the warring factions among the Baptist negroes of the South might be reunited. Instantly the delegates demanded that the negroes come to the rostrum and sing. This they did in their own inimitable fashion, the members of the Convention listening breathlessly to the quaint, winsome, characteristic singing. They rendered "In My Heart" and "We are Marching On." The audience clamored for "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," and the negroes responded, rendering it in glorious fashion. In retiring from the platform the negroes sang with vehemence and with thrilling effect another of their native songs, the melody floating out to every nook and cranny of the great auditorium.

Dr. E. C. Morris read resolutions from the Arkansas Convention of Negro Baptists, welcoming the Southern Baptist Convention to Hot Springs and Arkansas and expressing gratitude for the work done by Southern Baptists among the negroes. The paper was a strong document.

In reply, President J. B. Gambrell said: "It is an old and familiar saying that blood is thicker than water. The thickest blood in the world is the blood of Jesus Christ. The blood makes these children of God of the black race our brothers. I have an un-

usual distinction. My first pastorate was a negro church. I got more money, better singing, and more shouting on the sorriest preaching that I ever experienced in my life."

Dr. Jeff D. Ray, of Texas, read President Woodrow Wilson's proclamation setting apart Thursday, May 30th, as a day of fasting and prayer, and introduced a resolution registering the hearty approval of the proclamation by the Convention and instructing the president and secretaries to mail a statement to each pastor in the South calling attention to the day and urging its general observance. The resolution passed heartily.

Dr. H. A. Bagby, of Alabama, submitted a resolution to the effect that the financial reports of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards be furnished the Committee on Apportionment for their assistance in drafting a schedule of proportionate gifts from the respective states.

The benediction at the adjournment was pronounced by Dr. B. D. Gray, of Georgia.

Thursday Night.

The songs, "Throw Out the Life Line" and "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder," were used in the devotional service, introducing the lesson of Thursday night, R. H. Coleman, of Texas, leading. The tabernacle was filled to capacity, even standing room being at a premium. Dr. J. B. Gambrell, of Texas, was in the chair.

Rev. W. J. Levi, of Kentucky, led the devotions, reading Psalms 45, and offering prayer.

Sang "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

President J. B. Gambrell, of Texas, read a fraternal telegram from Gov. C. H. Brough, of Arkansas, expressing gratitude at the honor of his election as Vice-President of the Convention and delight that Arkansas had been done the honor to be the meeting place of the body. In referring to the fraternal telegram Dr. Gambrell said: "It was my privilege once to be the pastor of the Governor. I don't know whether that had anything to do with making him governor, but I'm glad it didn't keep him from being governor."

A telegram from Dr. Len G. Broughton, of Knoxville, Tenn., expressing regret at his inability to attend the Convention and hoping to meet the brotherhood in Atlanta next year, was read.

Judge Cass Moss, of Louisiana, assumed the chair at this juncture.

Home Missions (Continued).

The special order being the further consideration of Home Missions, the program was directed by Dr. B. D. Gray, of Georgia, assisted by Dr. George Green, of Georgia, director of the Board's work in army training camps.

He urged that the delegates stand and join with the twenty-four soldiers from Camp Pike in singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

The first speaker was Dr. H. L. Winburn, of Kentucky, who recited in a thrilling manner his experiences as camp pastor at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky. He declared the army camps to be a great Baptist opportunity and responsibility.

Rev. J. Lee Phelps, a camp pastor among the Indians at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, Texas, was introduced and brought to the rostrum W. J. Towles, a full-blood Choctaw Indian, as a trophy of the gospel through the labors in that camp. Mr. Phelps declared that there are more than fifty Indians in the front trenches of France. This statement provoked cheers.

With the statement that there are 225,000 Baptist soldiers in the training camps, Dr. George Green introduced Chaplain and Lieutenant Blount Davidson, of the 327th Infantry, Camp Pike, the son of a Baptist deacon, who thrilled the delegates with a brief, impassioned address, outlining the tasks and burdens and opportunities of a Baptist army chaplain.

Rev. T. V. McCaul, an army Y. M. C. A. worker in Camp Dorr and Colstrom, of Arcadia, Fla., was presented and assigned convincing reasons why a Baptist preacher can engage in war work through the Y. M. C. A.

Rev. J. J. Gentry, camp pastor of the Home Board at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., was also brought to the platform, and the three stood side by side as illustration of the agencies Baptists may use in prosecuting spiritual ministrations in the several army camps of the South.

R. L. Scarborough, of Texas, offered a motion that the Home Mission Board be instructed to lay out its operations in its army work for next year on a basis of a million dollars, which was seconded by

Dr. C. C. Carroll, of Louisiana. The motion was referred to the Committee on Apportionment.

Dr. Jeff. D. Ray, of Texas, camp pastor at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, Texas, explained why he left the faculty of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, in order to enter the army work. Having three boys in the army service, he felt the call to give the soldiers spiritual help irresistible.

Rain pattering on the roof of the tabernacle with such a volume of sound rendered speaking difficult; the time was therefore taken for displaying a reel of motion pictures of the camp life of American soldiers in France. This proved immensely interesting except for the disposition of the hundreds of "platform" brethren to obstruct the view of the delegates on the floor.

Rev. J. Dean Crain, of South Carolina, camp pastor at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., a favorite speaker before the Convention, was introduced and swept the delegates from laughter to tears, and literally played upon their heart-strings with his quaint witticisms and rugged common sense.

Rev. J. M. Wiley, camp pastor, of Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, the pioneer of the work, made a brief speech.

A dozen or more other camp pastors were called to the platform and merely introduced.

Miss Leora Johnson, daughter of Rev. J. O. Johnson, camp pastor at Camp Pike, Little Rock, Ark., was presented and thrilled the Convention with a patriotic vocal solo entitled "His Buttons Are Marked U. S."

The reports on the work of the Home Board were adopted, and the Convention adjourned with a benediction by Dr. J. B. Gambrell, of Texas.

Friday Morning.

The exercises of the Convention were introduced by singing "Take the Name of Jesus With You," led by R. H. Coleman, of Texas, at 9:30 o'clock.

By appointment of the President, Dr. Ben. Cox, of Memphis, conducted the devotions for fifteen minutes, which time he spent in telling of the noonday prayer meeting of the Central Church, Memphis, which has widened its influence over the whole of America and many other nations. He led in prayer.

A resolution introduced by Dr. W. A. Jarrell, of Texas, deplored a falling off in personal work in leading souls to Christ, and urged that new emphasis be placed upon and new effort be expended at soul-winning. The resolution passed unanimously.

E. W. Stephens, of Missouri, was presented as an accredited fraternal messenger from the Northern Baptist Convention to the Southern Baptist Convention by a letter from Dr. W. C. Bitting, Secretary of the Northern Convention. Mr. Stephens was called to the platform and addressed the Convention. He said in part: "I find myself in a very unique and extraordinary position. I was Vice-President for three years and President for three years more of this Convention of which I am now a member, and I come to it as a fraternal messenger from the Northern Baptist Convention, of which I am also a member and have been Vice-President. I presume I might be called the incarnate tangency between the Northern and Southern Baptists."

Telegrams of greeting were read from Evangelist Sid Williams, of San Antonio, Texas, who is laboring among army camps, and twelve or more Baptist army chaplains, who are in the school for army chaplains in a school of training at Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky.

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W. H. HICKS,
Doeville, Tenn., May 14, 1918.

I should like to come back to Tennessee for some meetings during the months of July and August. As a great many of the brethren in West Tennessee know, I have held many successful revivals in the state. Should any brother wish to make a date with me he may write me at Louisa Ky. W. A. GAUGH,
Louisa, Ky.

Dr. H. W. Virgin, Roanoke, Va., has accepted work with the Y. M. C. A. for war service in France. He expects to leave soon. His address will be American Y. M. C. A., 12 Rue d'Aguesseau, Paris, France. Tennesseans will remember Dr. Virgin as the successful pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jackson. We hope to have interesting news letters from him.

"Where is your soldier boy?" If he is in Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Alabama, I would be glad to get his name in order that we, as camp pastors, may look after him while here. If we can serve you in any way please command us. Very cordially,
W. R. Seymore, Camp Pastor.
904 Highland Ave., Montgomery.

I have been called back to two of my old churches that I served a few years ago. I am located at Newbern, Tenn., and would be glad to serve two other churches in reach by auto or railroad. At Emmaus Sunday we had two good services and large audiences.
R. L. BELL,
Newbern.

I returned this morning from McComb, Miss., where I spent twelve

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very happy days in association with my dear friend and former classmate, Theo Whitfield. The meeting was a great success and resulted in sixty-six additions up to last night. Brother Barcafer will remain over Sunday and we are expecting more additions. Brother Barcafer did wonderfully fine work in leading the singing and conducting the young people's meetings. He also preached at two of the morning services. It was a great joy to be entertained in the hospitable Whitfield home. Pastor Whitfield is now in his eighth year, having received 660 members into the church since he went there. He occupies a very warm place in the church and community.
BEN COX, Pastor,
Central Baptist Church, Memphis.

We just closed a Bible Institute Saturday night, April 13, which was a great success. This church that I am serving is more than one hundred years old. It is one of the landmarks of Kentucky.

Some of the members said it was the greatest meeting that they have ever had; in fact, they have never had an institute before.

I preach Sunday morning on "America's World Opportunity," and the offering for Home and Foreign Missions was \$200.42. Last month we took a collection for Armenian and Syrian Relief which amounted to \$85.12. How is this for a country church?

The Clover Bottom church of this association has asked me to take charge of this church for full time. I have not decided.

With best wishes to you and my many Tennessee friends. Yours for service,
NELSON CRULL,
Lexington, Ky.

The Oakwood Baptist Church, of Knoxville, Tenn., is entering on what we believe, a period of greater service and usefulness in the bringing in of the Kingdom of God.

This church was organized in March 1906, with Brother J. W. Crow as the first pastor. Under this pastorate the church made progress and began the accumulation of a fund with which to build a more suitable house of worship. Brother Crow resigned to take a full course in the Seminary at Louisville, Ky.
The church then called Brother Geo. W. Edens as pastor. And during the period of his service a steady growth was maintained and the foundation laid for greater service. A change in location becoming necessary, two lots were secured on Columbia avenue, and an up-to-date Sunday school building was erected at a total cost of about \$7,000.00.

Brother Edens resigned to accept a call to the Burlington Baptist church of Knoxville, Tenn., and Brother W. D. Hutton was called to take up the work. Brother Hutton served two years, during which time the membership was considerably increased.

The church has been without a pastor for the past six months, but has not been idle altogether. We have had preaching regularly and carried on the other work, and in addition have paid all the remaining indebtedness on our building, and now being free from any indebtedness we feel that under the leadership of the Spirit we shall do greater things.

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SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

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Our records show that more supplemental material has been ordered by the leaders, which indicates that the classes are more thoroughly studying the subjects before them. This was one of the points we emphasized in launching our mission study campaign for the year and we rejoice in the results achieved.

College Work.—Our work in the college deserves special mention. The college students have rallied to the cause of missions with a fine spirit. Sacrificial gifts have been made; deeper interest in mission problems has been shown; and more intensive prayers have been offered.

B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School.—We advanced some in our effort to promote the study of missions among the B. Y. P. U.'s, and we are making some further effort to cooperate with the Sunday school workers in the promotion of missionary education in the Sunday school. We record our appreciation to two or three B. Y. P. U. and Sunday school workers who are especially cooperating with us in our efforts in the organizations named.

Thanksgiving.—We thank God that the Educational Department is able to render such great service to the cause of Christ.

The Future.—We call attention again to the fact that this department is able to furnish any book, tract, pamphlet or chart prepared upon the subject of missions. We look forward with courage as we enlarge our plans, and as we renew our lives in the Lord God of hosts.

NOTES ON THE WORK IN THE MISSION FIELDS.

Mission operations in all our fields, in spite of hinderances from war and shortage of laborers, went forward with encouraging success. The figures given here will convey some idea of the magnitude of our work, but only a vivid and sympathetic imagination can comprehend the labors, the hardships, the courage and the joys that made possible such a tabulation of results.

There were 5,557 baptisms; we have now 464 churches, of which 141 are self-supporting, with a membership reaching a total of 53,377. We have 715 Sunday schools, with 34,428 scholars; 482 literary schools of all grades with 13,866 scholars. In our eleven Theological Training Schools were 302 students. The Theological Training School in Italy has been closed on account of the war. Our missionary physicians gave the amazing number of 104,271 treatments during the year. Such are the figures, but how far short do they come of telling the real story!

Africa.—Some of the difficult places have begun to respond to the efforts of the missionaries. Oyo, the native capital, is a notable example of this. For the first time in years boys from the main city have come in considerable numbers, begging the missionary to help them secure an education. The erection of a large courthouse under the supervision of the English government on one of the leading squares in Oyo has brought much help to the cause of Christ. So long as the trials were held in the private homes of the chiefs, it was difficult to get justice, but now when all cases must be adjusted by a number of judges in public, the people are no longer fearful

of the rulers who dislike Christianity. So the Christians are now more readily coming out into the open.

Self-support is growing as rapidly in Africa as in any of our other mission fields. Churches are steadily taking upon themselves the financial support of preachers and teachers. At the end of the year the youngest church in Oyo station, at Fiditi, sent a messenger to say that they did not longer desire financial aid, but that their church now wished to help other churches. This act is characteristic.

Argentina.—The outstanding event in the church life during the year was the purchase by the Once Church, Buenos Aires, through the help of the Judson Centennial, of a property on which stands a house which will suit admirably for a chapel for the time being. By this purchase one church is freed from the burden of paying excessive rents. Besides the work of the local churches, there are three agencies which affect the Mission as a whole—the Local Mission Board, the Publication Board and the Theological Training School.

The Local Mission Board renders assistance to several weak churches, to the work in Chile and during the year gave sufficient aid to the church in Santa Fe to enable that church to complete its church building. Much of the success of this Board is due to the indefatigable labors of our enthusiastic layman, Mr. F. S. Battley.

Brazil.—Brazil felt keenly the straitened financial conditions arising out of the war, but even so, most gratifying growth was made in native self support in the churches. The number of self-supporting churches in the North Brazil Mission is three times what it was twelve months ago. The fourteen churches reported as self-supporting last year have grown to forty-two self-supporting churches this year. Of the thirty-five churches in the Campos field twenty-eight are now self-supporting. The Church Building and Loan Fund in the North Brazil Mission, created almost entirely by contributions from native sources, so stimulated the building movement amongst the churches in the North Brazil field that the number of church houses were increased by one-third during the year. A notable achievement was the completion by the First Church, Sao Paulo, of its new building. While the Judson Centennial helped considerably, the church will put into the building very much more.

China.—The writer of the Report of the North China Mission this year uses the following words which may be considered quite characteristic of the work of all of our Missions in China:

"Your missionaries are grateful to God for many encouragements. We are no more down-hearted than our boys in France. We, too, are fighting for the increase of righteousness and we are firmly confident of victory. Next year we shall have a standardized course of study for all schools, and a general Mission Superintendent of Education to supervise our uniform system. We have more pupils than ever. The evangelistic influence of the schools is telling more and more. Beginnings have been made in many sections to overcome illiteracy among our Christians by teaching them the phonetic Syllabary, whereby they can, in a short time, learn to read such portions of the Scriptures as have already been published in this script. Increased spiritual zeal is manifested in many of the churches, many laymen giving largely of their time to the

spread of the gospel. One family has built an orphanage and is conducting medical work and school work costing over \$5,000."

Italy.—The invasion of three of the most beautiful and valuable provinces by the Austro-Germans in October greatly afflicted the Italians. This not only brought three million people under foreign rule, but, as a consequence, subjected the entire nation to greater sacrifices, material and moral, to compensate for this loss.

Since our last report other pastors have been called to arms. One is a captain, another is an official on a warship, while still another is in the aviation corps. All the other pastors are in the sanitary service.

Our churches, in consequence of the lack of pastoral care, have suffered considerably. The absence of nearly all the male members over eighteen at the front has contributed to the temporary decline of some of our churches.

Japan.—The Ishii-Lansing agreement has done much to clear away the suspicion that many Japanese and Americans felt toward each other. The Japanese feel themselves to be thoroughly allied with other nations in fighting for the safety of Democracy in the world. These two great facts should have a good influence toward enlisting the Japanese in the great Brotherhood movements of the Prince of Peace.

Our Baptist paper, "The Christian Church Record," is a twelve-page weekly, published in Tokyo under the auspices of the two Baptist Missions and the Japan Baptist Convention. Rev. S. Takagaki is editor, and Missionary E. N. Walne business manager. When we take into consideration the number of constituents, the paper probably has a larger circulation than any other denominational organ in Japan. The production and circulation of Christian literature increased greatly during the year.

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Rev. C. A. Baker, South Carolina, appointed July 3, 1917, located at Rio de Janeiro, sailed October 4, 1917.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD REPORT.

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not only be won to the Sunday school, but also to a thorough co-operation in the program of Jesus for winning this world to himself. This includes the maximum amount of service which they may render through their churches. This is our first and perhaps our greatest task.

In addition to this task there yet remains the tremendous host of unsaved and unevangelized. These must be reached with the gospel. The motto of the Organized Class Department is "For the Bible and the Church." For winning men and women to the study of the Bible, to the acceptance of Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour and for the proper relation to their church in the giving of money and service.

The scope of the department includes the classes in the Intermediate, Senior and Adult departments of the Sunday school. Literature is offered suggesting methods of class organization. Classes are asked to register with the department of Organized Class Work of the Board, paying a registration fee of twenty-five cents, which covers the cost of preparing and mailing a beautifully engraved "certificate of registration."

Classes thus registering receive from time to time much valuable and helpful literature. The "Supplement to the Organized Class Magazine" is issued twice per quarter and contains plans successfully used in various parts of the South. Co-operating in the plan of having four special days in the Sunday school each year, special tracts have been prepared as follows: For the first quarter on Home and Foreign Missions, for the second quarter on Christian Education, for the third quarter on State Missions, and for the fourth quarter on the Benevolences. These are offered as a supplemental study and have already met with gratifying success.

On May 1st there had been registered 2,722 Senior-Adult classes, with an enrollment of 70,552. Of this number 73 have become standard classes according to the standard offered by the Board. Of Intermediate classes, registration of which only very recently begun, 93 have been registered with an enrollment of 1,076. Three are Standard classes.

THE B. Y. P. U.

We have continued our active field work for the B. Y. P. U. under the direction of Mr. Arthur Flake and Mr. E. E. Lee. Though these men are designated for the sections east and west of the Mississippi, as a matter of fact, they are compelled to give their time, regardless of territory. They have done an amazing amount of work, and everywhere it has been increasingly effective. Ten states having during the last year supported distinctive B. Y. P. U. Secretaries, and we have contributed to the salary of each one of these men. The B. Y. P. U. work is growing constantly and its methods are becoming more and more effective. In no section of the country is the work among young people more helpful and the churches carried on with greater enthusiasm nor so effective.

TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

We have continued our tract work along the lines previously reported. With the war work, which has occupied so much time, we have been unable to perfect the additional series

of tracts, though we are still working on them, and we know they are needed. We have found our evangelistic tracts of special service in the camp work and many thousands of copies have been used there. During the year we have printed 880,000 copies making the total number as published to date 2,640,000.

We wish again to call the attention of pastors and others to these tracts already proven of such great value. It is doubtful whether any similar venture has ever so completely met the needs.

PREACHER SCHOOLS

The policy which we began a year ago of furnishing text-books in the

various schools for preachers of limited opportunities, held by the State Mission Boards, has been continued. Several State Boards presented ambitious and far-reaching plans, and we have co-operated with them upon the new and enlarged basis.

THE EDUCATION COMMISSION.

We have continued to co-operate with the Education Commission, acting under instructions of the Convention, and have paid the amount of \$2,200.00 into their treasury for the conduct of their work. In addition to this, we undertook to publish the Proceedings of the Mid-Winter Conference of College Presidents, which meeting was held in connection with

the annual meeting of the Education Commission, the two overlapping in many ways. These proceedings in past years have been a mere transcript of the proceedings, but this year we have printed for the schools an edition of 3,000 copies of a pamphlet of 64 pages, giving several important educational papers and statistics.

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At the last session the Sunday school Board proposed that the Convention consider the question of Ministerial Relief in a large way, and suggested that a sum of \$100,000 from its funds could be applied to this object if Convention decided to undertake the work.

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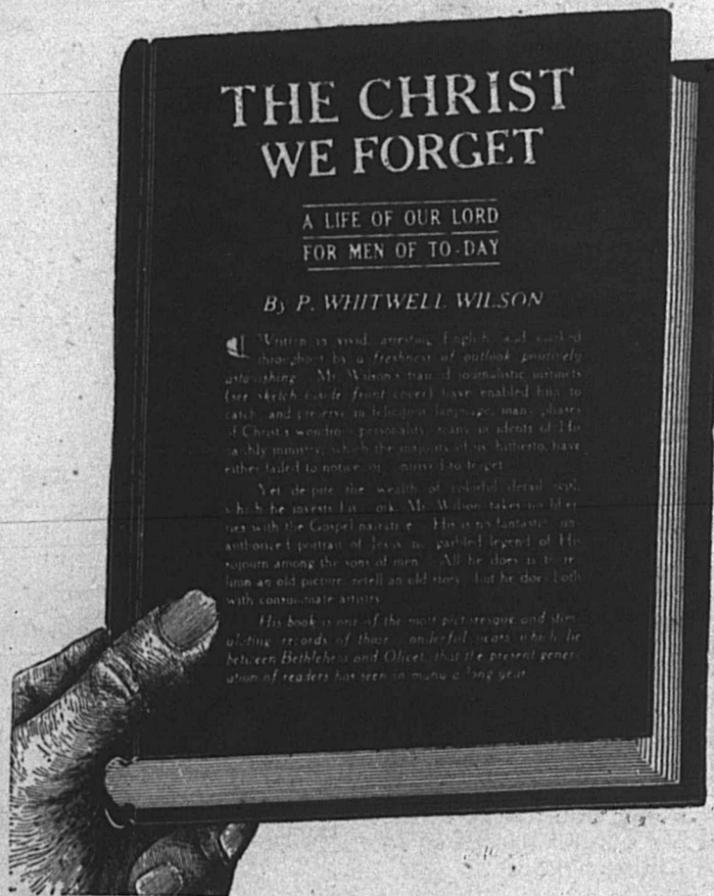
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