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CONVENTION NOTES.

"The best yet," say some; while others think it was not up to standard. Of course, it was unlike many other Conventions because it marked the close of a critical and transitional year. An appraisal of it may be made from both a prospective and a retrospective view; so that from the one standpoint it is thought to be the best of all, and from the other it seems that we have had better Conventions.

Entertainment and Equipment.

Kansas City furnished exceptional facilities for holding a Convention. Its Convention Hall is large enough to take care of all the needs of a big Baptist meeting, with space for exhibits which is practically unlimited and with an auditorium which will seat 20,000 people. The cordiality with which the local committee provided for the comforts of their guests ministered to the harmony and fellowship of the occasion.

Fundamentalism Heard but Not Seen.

There was no occasion to make an issue of Fundamentalism, and as a topic it was hardly mentioned; as a problem it was not presented; as a cult it did not appear. Every one was of one mind as to the great doctrines of the Bible and all were equally loyal to its authority, hence there was no need to make a point of a matter on which there was unanimity and undisputed conviction.

Stewardship the Key-note.

Looking to the completion of the 75 Million Campaign, Stewardship was set forth as a fundamental principle of Kingdom building. The last year of the Campaign, just ahead, seemed to connect itself with what is to follow; and the larger program is both a problem and a product of Christian stewardship.

Speeches.

A larger number of workers than usual were heard, and as a result speeches were shorter, more to the point, and more practical. There were some outstanding addresses, perhaps of those most acceptable the chiefest were delivered by Dr. F. F. Brown, of Knoxville, on Home Life, speaking to the Sunday School Board report; that of Hon. William Jennings Bryan on "Christian Citizenship" on Saturday night and the sermon by Dr. Geo. W. Truett, Sunday afternoon, on "What think ye of Christ?" The missionaries and other workers under the various Boards, instead of popular speakers, presented the causes for the most part.

Sanity in Deliberations.

We do not remember having attended a Convention where there was greater sanity manifested by the body in its doings. There were no spasms or paroxysms to indicate any internal disorder, and the Convention was "swept from its feet" at no time. Proceedings went forward with a minimum of lost motion because the body kept unusually close to the main lines and looked askance at the sidetracks.

Missionary Enthusiasm.

It was demonstrated beyond peradventure that Foreign Missions has a tug at the hearts of Southern Baptists which no other interest has. It is a "first love" of theirs, and while they may do as much, or even more, for other causes, the appeal of the heathen world touches the tenderest emotions of Missionary Baptists. It was not a large crowd, in a passing tide of enthusiasm, which subscribed extra amounts sufficient to send out more than ninety new missionaries into foreign fields; when the session lasted till after twelve o'clock Friday night, even Dr. Mullins got to the "happy stage" of the shouting act! It is understood that these subscriptions are additional to the Campaign pledges and none but the makers are responsible for the payment of them. It will help rather than hurt the Campaign. It furthermore indicates the "bullet" force of the definite appeal. We must provide for all causes upon the basis of the claims of each when definitely presented.

Suggested Changes.

No new methods were adopted and no radical developments took place. Yet new matters were presented, and wisely left over for future consideration. It was suggested that the Education Board become the general department under which the Mountain Schools, now a department of the Home Mission Board, shall be maintained; and that the Inter-board Commission shall be also brought under the Education Board. The report on the Negro Seminary was adopted pending further action by the commission regarding its location. The tender of the Southwestern Theological Seminary was placed in the hands of a committee to report next year as to the advisability of that institution becoming the property of the Convention. The matter of a south-wide Baptist University was deferred for future consideration. These things which are pending should be thoroughly and widely discussed in the denominational press before the next Convention.

Applause Permitted.

By vote of the body, the by-law forbidding applause was revoked. The president had long since given up any serious effort to en-

force it and it was a dead-letter. It was a little surprising that Baptists should have so generally and heartily broken their own law. The motion to annul that by-law was passed largely upon the argument that it was "permissible to make a joyful noise unto the Lord;" and very soon afterward Mr. Bryan was greeted by one of his political supporters, who happened to be seated near us, with a yell that would have done credit to the red warrior of the primeval American forest. We do not like applause of the boisterous type in a Baptist body, and we borrowed from the play-house and the political forum when we adopted it. But let it never become the order of things in Baptist church services in our Southland.

Word and Way.

The *Word and Way*, under the able editorial leadership of Drs. S. M. Brown and R. K. Maiden, has been an important factor in the Baptist developments in Missouri, and is one of our leading Baptist papers. A special Convention issue appeared which is exceedingly creditable. During the Convention, the *Word and Way* gave a banquet to the visiting Baptist editors at Hotel Baltimore, which was bountiful and beautiful in its design and fellowship.

Aked and Truett.

It is for purposes of contrast, that these two names are brought together; it would hardly be logical to unite them for any other reason! On Sunday morning we heard Dr. Chas. F. Aked, the renegade Baptist preacher, who is now pastor of the First Congregational Church of Kansas City, preach on the "Second Coming of Christ." In the afternoon, we heard George W. Truett, an orthodox Baptist preacher of Dallas, Texas, preach on "What think ye of Christ." Dr. Aked presented a beautiful homily on the coming of Christ in great world movement, but neglected to tell us whether Jesus is present in little world movements, or when He should close the series of such comings. He denied the personal appearing of our Lord, but urged the remembrance of Jesus as a presence here and now. His delineation of Jesus even as the Son of God was without error, but he did not go far enough to affirm his deity. He impressed us as a monumental example of a belief in the divinity of Jesus which rejects His deity; there is a difference, since one merely acknowledges Him as a Son or Offspring of God while the other regards Him as equal with God, as very God: "The Word . . . was God." Dr. Truett on the other hand presented the uplifted Christ as the world's only sin-bearer, the only Mediator between God and man, who by His own blood has entered into the holy of holies as our great High Priest. There was no side-step-

ping the doctrine of atonement by the exaltation of human nature. Dr. Aked preached to about 600 people; Dr. Truett preached to 15,000. Dr. Aked's church has a Sunday school which numbers "about 200," and is now closing for the summer, lock, stock and barrel, bag and baggage. When will we hear that Dr. Truett and his great church have taken a summer vacation and have turned Dallas over to the devil during the hot days! The sensational preacher who garnishes the Word of God with an intellectual veneer for purposes of exploitation may get into the headlines of the newspapers but he does not get great crowds of people to hear him preach regularly.

A Kansas City Sunday.

Kansas City is not unlike many other cities which have great commercial interests and a rapidly growing volume of business. It is worldly. Sunday is open day for all places of amusement; and the people go: they are goers. On Sunday evenings the moving picture theatres are full; likewise the churches are well attended, and with many it seemed a matter of chance whether they got into the one place or the other. Catholics are strong there, it seemed, and perhaps most of the disregard of regular Sunday observance was due to the presence of Catholic influences. However, Baptists are not an insignificant folk. The largest Sunday school class in the world is the Men's Bible Class of the First Baptist Church, which has more than 3,000 members. No doubt the Baptists of Kansas City face great possibilities and are keeping pace with the immense commercial developments of the place.

Attendance Small but Representative.

Official enrollment figures showed that there were in attendance only 2,817 messengers from the churches affiliating with the Convention. This is not as large as last year, but it was equally as representative. Besides, there was a larger number of visitors at Kansas City than ever before, more than 1,300 having registered. The total attendance was slightly more than 4,000. This, we are to consider a normal figure. The distance from the center of the territory did not have much to do with curtailing attendance, since most of the pastors who attend are sent by their churches and the laymen who go can usually afford to attend at their own expense no matter where the Convention meets. Enrollment did not suffer, likewise, from the Stockholm Alliance, since a great majority of the people who will go to Europe next July were at Kansas City.

Influence on Northwest Neighbors.

From the Atlantic to the Pacific, the states were represented by messengers or visitors, or by both, at Kansas City. Especially Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Iowa, California, Oregon and Washington were represented by visitors whose impressions of the Convention seemed peculiarly favorable. Southern Baptists are far better understood among the people of the North-west than ever, and their type of denominational loyalty has commended itself to them as never before.

Missouri Reception and Spirit.

Until recently many of the Missouri churches maintained a double alignment, that is, they affiliated with both the Northern and with the Southern Baptist Conventions. But now as a whole the state has adopted the Southern alignment. The visitors from Missouri numbered more than a thousand. They got acquainted with the Convention and seemed satisfied with their choice of affiliations. Outside of a few of the older, leading churches in the larger cities, there will be no more double alignment in Missouri. The Southern Convention has justified itself in the eyes of Missourians.

Next Meeting Place.

Atlanta, in 1924! Five years after the Baptists of the South launched the 75 Million Campaign, they are to assemble in the same place to give account of their stewardship. Atlanta is central and easily accessible, and no doubt the attendance will be a record-breaking one, but especially so if the coming year witnesses a worthy completion of our tasks, and the records are good enough to make us enthusiastic. Let the year ahead be the best yet, and then the Baptists of the South may assemble before the Lord with such boldness of faith and humility of spirit that whatever He may wish them to do thereafter will be clearly made known to them then.

Dr. Hailey Retires.

Dr. O. L. Hailey of Nashville, has served the Convention faithfully for years as chairman of its committee on Order of Business, but now retires and is succeeded by Dr. L. O. Dawson. During his chairmanship, the Convention has grown in its interests so extensively that, with no more time allowed for the Convention now than formerly, the work of the Committee becomes exceedingly complicated and difficult, as it is vastly important and needful. Dr. Hailey served the Convention well.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

By Fleetwood Ball.

"The Heart of America," Kansas City, was the meeting place of the Southern Baptist Convention in its Sixty-eighth session, seventh-eighth year, May 16. In 1905 the body had previously met in that city.

Long before 10 a.m., the hour for commencing, the auditorium, with a seating capacity of 13,000, began rapidly filling. Robert H. Coleman of Dallas, Texas, directed the musical program and led the throng in the rendition of "All hail the power of Jesus' Name," "My hope is built" and "Amazing Grace." The Home Board quartette sang, "My Anchor Holds."

Five minutes before the set time for beginning, President E. Y. Mullins of Louisville, Ky., called the body to order. Dr. John W. Inzer of Chattanooga led the opening devotions, reading Acts 1 and commenting on "The Ascension Scene" therein recorded. A fervent prayer was offered by Dr. F. F. Gibson of Louisville, Ky. Sang with sweet, powerful volume, "I am bound for the promised land." Prayer by Chas. A. Jones of South Carolina.

Secretary J. Henry Burnett of Murfreesboro, Tenn., announced that the enrollment of messengers at the hour of opening was 2,004. Five clerks were kept constantly busy registering belated arrivals. It seemed that the total enrollment would go beyond 5,000 accredited messengers to say nothing of the visitors. The body is entitled to a membership of 10,103, representing 3,367,000 members of Baptist churches in the South.

Election of Officers.

A profound silence prevailed as Dr. George W. Truett of Dallas, Texas, announced as "the greatest Baptist preacher in the world," advanced to the rostrum and moved that the secretary of the convention cast the unanimous ballot of the body in the re-election of Dr. Edgar Young Mullins of Louisville, Ky., as president for the third term. The vote was enthusiastic, being followed by applause.

Sixteen prominent members of the convention were nominated to be elected as the four vice-presidents of the body. Dr. H. L. Martin of Indianola, Miss., placed in nomination Dr. P. I. Lipsey of Jackson, Miss., and Dr. J. E. Hampton of Murfreesboro, Tenn., suggested the name of Prof. Geo. J. Burnett of Chattanooga, Tenn. Dr. W. C. Reeves of Clarksville, Tenn., presented the name of Mrs. J. M. Dawson, of Waco, Texas, for vice-president, it being the first time in the history of the organization that the name of a woman had been mentioned in that connection. The comment was quietly passed among those delegates opposing membership of women in the convention that this step was but an advance toward the goal of having a woman as president of the convention, a consummation greatly to be deplored by this element of Baptists. Dr. Len G. Broughton of Richmond, Va., formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., was one of the number nominated for vice-president, also Congressman W. D. Upshaw of

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Atlanta, Ga., and Judge David H. Harris of Missouri.

Dr. J. J. Taylor of Jasper, Ala., nominated Dr. A. C. Dixon of Baltimore, Md., Dr. H. A. Tupper of Washington, D. C., proposed the name of T. Hilton Jackson of Washington, D. C., Rev. E. D. Cameron of Muskogee, Okla., suggested the election of Dr. W. S. Wiley of Muskogee, Dr. E. D. Solomon of New Orleans, La., nominated Dr. W. W. Hamilton of New Orleans, Dr. C. E. Maddry of North Carolina offered the name of Dr. John F. Vines of Virginia, Rev. C. M. Curb of Oklahoma nominated Rev. R. C. Miller of Mangum, Okla. Others nominated for vice-president were W. R. Oldham of Arkansas, Dr. W. P. Throgmorton of Marion, Ill., and Dr. V. I. Masters of Louisville, Ky.

Dr. W. W. Chancellor of Oklahoma convulsed the delegates with laughter when he exclaimed: "Mr. President, it is very evident that all of us are capable of holding this office; I move that nominations now close and the ballot be taken." Another amusing episode occurred when Dr. M. P. Hunt of Kentucky said: "Mr. President, I move that the four men receiving the highest votes be selected vice-presidents." As quick as a flash, Dr. B. D. Gray of Georgia shouted out, "Hold on, Brother President, there's a woman in this race." Quickly the motion of Dr. Hunt was changed to read "delegate" instead of "man."

The tellers taking the vote announced the following to be elected vice-presidents: Dr. J. D. Sandifer of Texas, Congressman W. D. Upshaw of Georgia, Dr. Len G. Broughton of Virginia and Judge D. H. Harris of Missouri.

The two secretaries, Dr. Hight C. Moore of Nashville, Tenn., and J. Henry Burnett of Murfreesboro, Tenn., were unanimously re-elected; also George W. Norton of Louisville, treasurer, and Dr. W. P. Harvey of Harrodsburg, Ky., auditor.

Mrs. J. M. Dawson of Texas, received the next highest vote of the many nominees for vice-president.

President's Address.

President E. Y. Mullins delivered his annual address based on the text, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." His message was a ringing appeal to Southern Baptists to set themselves to their world-wide tasks in full view of the perils to the success of the Baptist programme. At its conclusion, the vast throng broke into singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

So universal was the grateful response of the throng to the matchless address, that on motion of Dr. H. W. Virgin of Amarillo, Texas, it was unanimously decided to request the Sunday school board to publish the address in pamphlet form and distribute over the southland.

That portion of the address dealing with science and religion follows:

Science and Religion

1. We recognize the greatness and value of the service which modern science is rendering to the cause of truth in uncovering the facts of the natural world. We believe that loyalty to fact is a common ground of genuine science and the Christian religion. We have no interest or desire in covering up any fact in any realm of research. But we do protest against certain unwarranted procedures on the part of some so-called scientists. First in making discoveries or alleged discoveries in physical nature a convenient weapon of attack upon the facts of re-

ligion; second, using the particular sciences, such as psychology, biology, geology and various others as if they necessarily contained knowledge pertaining to the realm of the Christian religion, setting aside the supernatural; third, teaching as facts what are merely hypothesis. The evolution doctrine has long been a working hypothesis of science, and will probably continue to be because of its apparent simplicity in explaining the universe. But its best exponents freely admit that the causes of the origin of species have not been traced, nor has any proof been forthcoming that man is not the direct creation of God as recorded in Genesis. We protest against the imposition of this theory upon the minds of our children in denominational or public schools as if it were a definite and established truth of science. We insist that this and all other theories be dealt with in a truly scientific way, that is, in careful conformity to established facts.

2. We record again our unwavering adherence to the supernatural elements in the Christian religion. The Bible is God's revelation of himself through man moved by the Holy Spirit, and is our sufficient, certain and authoritative guide in religion. Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary through the power of the Holy Spirit. He was the Divine and eternal Son of God. He wrought miracles, healing the sick, casting out demons, raising the dead. He died as the vicarious atoning Saviour of the world and was buried. He arose again from the dead. The tomb was emptied of its contents. In his risen body he appeared many times to his Disciples. He ascended to the right hand of the Father. He will come again in person, the same Jesus who ascended from the Mount of Olives.

3. We believe that adherence to the above truths and facts is a necessary condition of service for teachers in our Baptist schools. These facts of Christianity in no way conflict with any fact in science. We do not sit in judgment upon the scientific views of teachers of science. We grant them the same freedom of research in their realm that we claim for ourselves in the religious realm. But we do insist upon a positive content of faith in accordance with the preceding statements as a qualification for acceptable service in Baptist schools. The supreme issue today is between naturalism and super-naturalism. We stand unalterably for the super-natural in Christianity. Teachers in our schools should be careful to free themselves from any suspicion of disloyalty on this point. In the present period of agitation and unrest they are obligated to make their positions clear. We pledge our support to all schools and teachers who are thus loyal to the facts of Christianity as revealed in the Scriptures.

Addresses of Welcome and Response.

Dr. O. P. Bishop of Bales Avenue Church, Kansas City, Mo., pastor-host, Hon. John B. Pew, City Counsellor and Dr. D. J. Evans, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Kansas City, each delivered brief and warm-hearted welcome addresses to the delegates in behalf of the Baptists and other citizens of Kansas City, whose population is around 500,000. Each address was exceedingly happy and appropriate. It being announced as the future policy of the convention to discontinue the usual welcome addresses and response, annulling a custom which has obtained since the organization of the convention, in 1845, these addresses were deeply significant.

Dr. William Russell Owen of Macon, Ga., captured the convention in one of the most humorous, pithy and unique addresses ever heard in response to the addresses of welcome. From the wholesome effect of the entire incident on the body, it was generally decreed that the convention had decided to have no more such addresses.

The Committee on Committees was announced to consist of John F. Vines of Roanoke, Va., W. F. Powell of Nashville, Tenn., Z. T. Cody of Greenville, S. C., J. M. Dawson of Waco, Texas, and C. W. Daniel of Atlanta, Ga.

The report of the Committee on Order of Business was submitted by Dr. O. L. Hailey of Nashville in printed form and adopted subject to necessary changes.

Mrs. Katharine Bass Cole of Fort Worth, Texas, sang in inimitable style, "Sometime."

Dr. R. G. Bowers of Waco, Texas, due to deliver the Convention sermon, moved that the Convention sermon be dispensed with, saying this was an opportune time, by reason of the lateness of the hour, to establish such a precedent, but A. J. Barton of Louisiana moved as a substitute that the sermon be heard at the evening hour and the substitute prevailed. The Committee on Order reported that both the sermon and the report of the Education Board would be heard at the night session.

On the motion of J. F. Love of Virginia the reception of fraternal messengers was made the order.

Visitors.

Y. K. Wong of Canton, China, introduced as a Chinese layman who preaches, was presented by Dr. John Lake, a missionary in China. Mr. Wong is the former private secretary of the emperor of China, and a devoted Christian and Baptist. Other notable visitors presented were Dr. T. T. Shields, of Toronto, Canada; Dr. John Thomas of London, Eng; and Rev. A. Blocher, a Baptist pastor in France. The introduction of these distinguished visitors constituted a happy incident.

Dr. M. D. Jeffries of Memphis, secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., made a motion that a committee be appointed to nominate members of the Convention to fill vacancies on the Board of Trustees of that institution. A vacancy from Tennessee is that of Dr. G. C. Savage of Nashville, non-attendance.

The following cablegram was read: "Luzanne, May 16th. Southern Baptist Convention: European Baptists salute you. 2 Thess. 3: 12—Everette Gill."

The closing prayer of the session was offered by Dr. John T. Christian of New Orleans, La.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

President E. Y. Mullins of Louisville, Ky., was prompt in calling the body to order at 2:30 o'clock. J. W. (Sunshine) Jelks of Atlanta, Ga., led a spiritual song service in which "Happy Day" and "O, come angel band" were sung. Dr. A. J. Holt of Florida offered an earnest prayer.

Hospital Memorials.

E. Godbold of Louisiana offered a memorial from the Louisiana Baptist Convention asking that the Home Mission Board proceed with the construction of the general and research hospital at New Orleans as soon as possible, provided the citizens of New Orleans comply with their agreement in the matter.

Dr. C. H. Pinchbeck of Maryland offered a memorial adopted by the Maryland Union Baptist Association protesting against the Home Mission Board or any other domestic agency of the Convention engaging in hospital work or any other form of work not strictly missionary.

Dr. M. E. Ewing of Missouri offered a memorial from the Southern Baptist Hospital Association asking for the appointment of a special survey commission of nine members to study the whole hospital and orphan-

age interests of Southern Baptists with a view to the closer unification and larger development with a possibility of recommending the creation of a board of benevolences.

On the motion of Dr. O. L. Hailey of Tennessee all three memorials were referred to the Committee on Hospitals, and on motion of Dr. M. E. Dodd of Louisiana the Hospitals Committee will be increased to one member from each state.

A lengthy report of the Executive Committee of the Convention was read by Secretary J. Henry Burnett of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and so vital and far-reaching were the items proposed in the report, that it be referred to a special committee of one from each state to report later, was moved by Dr. M. P. Hunt of Kentucky.

Report of Executive Committee.

Your Executive Committee submits the following report of activities during the Convention year: At a meeting in Nashville in June your Executive Committee passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, That we accept no invitation from any city for the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention without the Executive Committee of the Convention having exclusive control of all exhibit space."

The committee also passed a vote to the effect that every service held in the Convention auditorium shall hereafter be under the direction of the Committee of the Convention on Order of Business.

The treasurer, Mr. George W. Norton, reported the receipt of a bequest of \$3,000 for the Southern Baptist Convention, and asked the Executive Committee for instructions as to its distribution. In response, the committee instructed the treasurer to divide the amount equally between the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, the Bible Fund of the Sunday School Board, the Student's Fund of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, the Education Board, and the Relief and Annuity Board.

At a meeting held in Atlanta in March, 1923, among other important matters the following business was transacted: It was voted that the denominational press should be given a permanent place on the annual program of the Southern Baptist Convention. This was based on a request of the Southern Baptist Press Association. It was further voted, after discussion, that the president's address at the Convention should be delivered annually immediately before organization of the Convention. It was also voted that it was expedient that no other meeting than Convention services be held in the Convention hall during the sessions of the Convention.

It was also voted that the expenses of the Convention in connection with the annual meetings and the publication and distribution of the annuals should be distributed among the boards as follows: Sunday School Board, one-third; Foreign Mission Board, one-fourth; Home Mission Board, one-fourth; Education Board, one-twelfth; Relief and Annuity Board, one-twelfth.

The treasurers of the board were authorized to hold their books open until May 3rd to allow for the transmission of funds contributed on the last day of the present fiscal year.

It was also voted that the Executive Committee recommend to the Convention the appointment of a committee to consider the relation of the Convention to hospitals and to report on the same one year hence.

We recommended the adoption of the following: That the secretary of the Convention be instructed to communicate with each of the Boards and Agencies of the Convention not later than six weeks before the annual meeting of the Convention for information as to any recommendations to be proposed to the Convention by said Board of Agencies looking to new plans or policies, and that a brief resume or digest of such proposed recommendations be published by the secretary as the denominational papers at least three weeks before the annual meeting of the Convention.

By request of the moderator of the Columbia Association of Baptist Churches, the invitation of the Executive Board of that body to the Baptist World Alliance to hold its session four years hence in the City of Washington is hereby transmitted to the Convention, together with similar invitations from other cities and the recommendation that the Convention cordially invite the Alliance to hold its Fourth Congress within our territory.

The attention of the committee being called to the desirability of a statement as to what entertaining cities are expected to do in caring for the Convention, adopted a resolution to the effect that the entertaining city furnish free, as heretofore, adequate auditorium and places of meeting (including registration office, committee rooms, exhibits space, etc.) but that it be relieved of furnishing complimentary badges and to the usual entertainment concessions;

and in lieu thereof provided the sum of \$5,000 in cash deposited to the credit of the secretaries upon the acceptance of its invitation, this amount to be used for expenses in connection with the meeting of the Convention in that city (i. e. traveling expenses of Committee on Arrangements, Board and Lodging for Convention Officers, Assistants, Secretaries, Editors and Missionaries, Printing of Bulletin, Stenographic Service, Publicity Bureau and all other such expenses as are incurred for the efficiency of the meeting); only balance to be applied to printing the annual and any deficit to be included in the secretaries' annual expense statement to the several boards.

E. Hilton Jackson of Washington, D. C., proposed a motion that the convention urges the Baptist World Alliance to hold its next session in Washington, D. C. Dr. W. P. Throgmorton of Illinois opposed the motion. It was decided to refer the matter to the Executive Committee.

Report of Conservation Commission.

Deep interest was manifested in the annual report of the conservation commission of the \$75,000,000 campaign, it being the fourth year of the five-year period of the campaign. Dr. L. R. Scarborough, of Fort Worth, Texas, chairman of the commission, read the report, which said in part:

"From the beginning of the \$75,000,000 campaign until May 1, 1923, there has been paid in cash on that movement a total of \$43,933,815.26, leaving a balance of \$31,066,184.74 to be raised between now and December, 1924, if the original campaign goal is attained, according to the report of the conservation commission, presented to the convention Wednesday afternoon by Dr. L. R. Scarborough, of Fort Worth, chairman."

Pointing out some of the denominational gains during the campaign aside from money raising, Dr. Scarborough said there had been an increase of 881 ministers; 3,068 churches; 762,890 baptisms, 3,287 Sunday schools, 460,827 Sunday school pupils, 8,683 Baptist Young Peoples' Unions, 256,729 in B. Y. P. U. membership and 7,094 W. M. U. organizations. Southern Baptists during the campaign period have given an average of \$9,376,927 more each year to local causes than for a corresponding period prior to the campaign, while the annual increase to missions and benevolences has been \$4,938,751, making an annual average gain to all causes of \$14,315,049. At the same time there has been a gain in the value of local church property of \$45,872,868.

Among the recommendations embodied in the report of the conservation commission were the following:

First—Co-operation of all denominational agencies in the promotion of a larger circulation of all Baptist newspapers and magazines as a means of educating and enlisting all Baptist people; and it was pointed out that 500,000 families in the South never see a Baptist newspaper.

Second—The co-operation of all denominational forces in promoting a deeper conviction on the part of all Southern Baptists on the matter of Christian stewardship.

Third—An immediate, persistent effort to systematize the finances of the local churches, including the adoption of a budget system in which the Baptist paper shall be included.

Fourth—Bring to a successful conclusion the \$75,000,000 Campaign.

Payment on pledges are divided as follows:

Alabama, \$1,890,687.35; Arkansas, \$1,331,899.65; District of Columbia, \$202,583.15; Florida, \$732,145.12; Georgia, \$4,018,008.93; Illinois, \$329,087.93; Kentucky, \$4,937,270.93; Louisiana, \$1,144,398.79; Maryland, \$556,589.25; Mississippi, \$2,329,293.67; Missouri, \$1,822,353.66; New Mexico, \$217,828.33; North Carolina, \$3,630,998.83; Oklahoma, \$1,113,781.19; South Carolina, \$3,516,853.19; Tennessee, \$2,953,050.09; Texas, \$6,468,098.42; Virginia, \$4,923,225.34.

Specials—New Mexico, \$419,739.18; Oklahoma, \$59,000.00; Illinois, \$242,088.64; Home Board, \$15,340,000; Foreign Board, \$86,103.00; raised by loyal churches on foreign fields and expended by them in work there, \$1,003,390.68. Total, \$43,933,815.26.

It was suggested by the commission that the committee to consider the next campaign be the general board and W. M. U. Secretaries, state Secretaries, two pastors and laymen from each state, the personnel being about like that of the Conservation Commission. Dr. J. W. Cammack of Virginia moved that a pastor and layman from country churches in each state be put on the committee.

Dr. M. E. Dodd of Shreveport, La., made the principal address of the afternoon and the best up to that period of the convention.

He plead for more loyal support by every Southern Baptist for the causes supported by the denomination and embraced in the 75 million campaign. His telling points struck home to the hearts of the messengers as was evinced by frequent choruses of Amens.

The Conservation Commission was unanimously re-elected on motion of Dr. R. J. Pirkey of Louisville, Ky.

The time for adjournment was extended five minutes to give opportunity to hear Rev. Alonzo Wilson of Chicago, who bore a message of greeting to the Convention from a former president, Joshua Levering of Baltimore, Md., who was prevented from attending by sickness. Drs. E. C. Dargan of Nashville and E. W. Stephens of Columbia, Mo., other former presidents, were ordered by the Convention to suitably reply to the greetings from Mr. Levering.

Dr. John Thomas of England offered the prayer at adjournment.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

A spirited song service began as early as 7 o'clock under the direction of R. H. Coleman of Dallas, Texas. Sang "Jesus' Jesus," and "Love Lifted Me." E. A. Petroff of Blue Mountain, Miss., an evangelistic singer, rendered a solo entitled, "The Old Rugged Cross," so effectively that he was enthusiastically encored and responded with "The Cross." Dr. C. E. Maddry of North Carolina offered prayer. Sang "How Firm a Foundation," and "Shall We Gather at the River."

President E. Y. Mullins of Kentucky called the body to order at 7:30.

Convention Sermon.

Dr. Forest Smith of Fort Worth, Texas, read Roms. 5: 1-11 after which Dr. E. F. Lyon of Texas, fervently prayed.

The appointee of a year ago, Dr. R. G. Bowers of Columbia Street church, Waco, Texas, preached the annual sermon from Roms. 5: 11, "But we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus, Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement," his subject being "The Atonement." It was a thoughtful, scriptural, gospel sermon. If he had seen fit to inject a little more life and enthusiasm in the delivery, its effectiveness would have been heightened. Sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Dr. C. P. Stealey of Oklahoma City, Okla., offered prayer.

Education Board.

The report of the Education Board was presented by Dr. W. C. James of Birmingham, Ala., corresponding secretary. It includes:

Recommendations that Southern Baptists institute at once steps looking toward the reclamation of George Washington University, Washington, D. C., to the denomination and that provision of \$2,000,000 be made for that institution in the next forward move of the denomination. This institution was founded as Columbia College by Luther Rice, famous Baptist missionary, for the training of Baptist missionaries and other denominational workers, but in 1904 the control of the school passed to the George Washing-

ton Memorial Association, when the name of the institution was changed from Columbia College to George Washington University. The matter has been under consideration in a general way by the Convention for the past three years.

Reporting upon the matter of objectionable text books in science and related subjects in the Baptist schools, it was stated that out of a total of 140 books on general biology, zoology, astronomy, sociology and other subjects, 45 are based on some theory of evolution. The report expresses the opinion that the teachers in the Baptist schools are thoroughly loyal to the Baptist interpretation of the Bible and while the objectionable books are regarded as the best that can be found on the subjects with which they deal, the teachers should call attention to the errors and correct them as far as possible with special lectures of their own. An effort is being made by the Board, in compliance with the Convention's instructions a year ago, to find text books in every department of science that do not conflict with the Baptist interpretation of the Bible, and thus stamp out the teaching of evolution.

Among the other important recommendations of the Board are the following: (1) That the education board take over the direction and support of the 38 mountain mission schools now fostered by the Home Mission Board, the arguments being that the education board can better advance the standards of those schools and that all should be carried on through the educational Board of the Convention. (2) That in the next forward movement of the denomination liberal support should be provided for all educational institutions and work. (3) That the following special educational activities fostered by Southern Baptists, be committed to the education board, in addition to its other duties: 1. Student activities in Baptist institutions; 2. Student activities in tax-supported and other institutions; 3. The Negro Baptist Theological Seminary being projected at Nashville, Tenn.; 4. Loan funds for students; 5. The mountain mission schools; 6. Relations with schools receiving South-wide aid; 7. Student aid in South-wide institutions; 8. Recruiting for the ministry and missionary work; (4) That provision be made for the payment in full of the \$100,000 originally planned to go to each of the following schools out of the proceeds of the 75 million dollar campaign: Montezuma College, East Las Vegas, N. M.; Ewing College, Ewing, Ill.; John B. Stetson University, De Land, Fla.; Ouachita College, Arkadelphia Ark., and Louisiana College, Pineville, La.

Dr. S. P. Brooks of Waco, Texas, president of Baylor University, spoke on the report of the education board, making a clear-cut speech of great force and power. Dr. John E. White of Anderson, S. C., president of Anderson College, held the crowd until a late hour by a forceful address on the relationship between denominational and other schools. He vigorously opposed standardizing the Baptist schools according to the standards established by secular schools.

The report of the committee on the Education Board's report was read by Dr. W. F.

Powell of Nashville and it was an able paper.

The closing prayer was offered by Dr. Austin Crouch of Atlanta, Ga.

THURSDAY MORNING.

As early as 9 o'clock a musical program was launched with I. E. Reynolds of Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, as leader. Sang "We Praise Thee O God," and "I Gave My Life for Thee." Rev. J. F. Frazier of Louisville, Ky., conducted the devotions, reading John 15 and offering prayer.

President E. Y. Mullins of Louisville, Ky., presided and William S. Dixon of Wheaton, Ill., sang as a solo, "My Savior Died," with admirable effect.

Negro Theological Seminary.

Dr. O. L. Halley, of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the commission on the Negro Baptist Theological Seminary, which it is proposed that Southern white Baptists will build in conjunction with the negro Baptists, was present.

The commission has been in existence several years and yet has been handicapped by dissensions among the negro Baptist organizations with which the white Baptists are to co-ordinate in building. All differences between the negroes have been ironed out, and it is the belief that the school will be launched in the fall of 1923.

Opportunity to secure in Nashville at a very reasonable rate the improved site of St. Cecilia Academy as a home for the projected negro Baptist Theological Seminary was reported to the Convention Thursday morning by Dr. O. L. Halley, of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the commission on the establishment of that institution. The plant includes not only a modern building, capable of housing both the teaching force and the student body of the projected seminary for several years to come, but has all city conveniences, including street car facilities, and has ample grounds for garden, truck-farms, dairy, poultry pens, orchards and the like, along with a laundry and other utilities.

The Catholic women in charge of the institution say a total of \$600,000 has been put into improvements there, but they have put a price of \$300,000 on the property, which they are willing to dispose of on terms of \$100,000 cash in September and the remainder in two annual payments. Dr. Halley is assured by financial institutions in Nashville that if the deal is closed there will be no difficulty in securing whatever accommodation at the banks that may be necessary.

The National Baptist Convention (Colored) agrees to pay \$25,000 of the original payment and to assist in the payment of the remainder. Dr. Halley recommends to the Convention that if the details can be satisfactorily arranged the commission be instructed to proceed with the purchase of the property, in which event the seminary can be opened in September, 1924. The negro brethren are immensely pleased with the prospect of securing this desirable property, which occupies a commanding site in North Nashville within the city limits.

Dr. I. J. Van Ness, of Nashville, Tenn., treasurer of the commission, reported its assets to be \$66,000, the expenses of the past year running to \$14,000. It is practically certain that the seminary will be located in Nashville, although Memphis has been under consideration as the location.

An address by Dr. Ben Cox of Memphis, Tenn., featured the consideration of the proposed negro theological seminary. He urged that \$50,000 be expended each year for the maintenance of the institution. Dr. Cox was liberally applauded at the conclusion of his address.

The discussion was enlivened considerably when Dr. Ben Cox of Memphis stated that other denominations gave \$1 a head for every Negro of their faith for the purpose of school, while Southern Baptists only 7 mills. His statement was interrupted by several speakers, one stating that more Negroes belonged to the Baptist denomination than any other.

The proposal of the committee is to purchase a site in Nashville as a home for the Negro seminary. Approximately \$200,000 was voted for such a school when the 75-million campaign was inaugurated.

The National Baptist Convention of Negroes has agreed to raise \$25,000 of the first payment and to assist in the payment of

the remainder. The plans of the committee include not only the purchasing but a plan to open the school in the fall of 1924.

Dr. B. C. Heming, Atlanta, Ga., chairman of committee on National Baptist Memorial to Religious Liberty, presented a favorable report of the work of the committee.

The memorial is the Immanuel Baptist church in Washington, which is being built by the efforts of both Southern and Northern Baptists.

Vice President J. A. Sandifer of Texas assumed the chair at this juncture. He is a veritable master of assemblies.

A matter of special importance was proposed by Dr. L. R. Scarborough of Fort Worth, Tex., in a paper offering to turn over to southern Baptists the ownership and control of the South-western Baptist Theological Seminary of Fort Worth, which has assets of \$1,618,993, a student body of 775 and a faculty of 40.

The confusion in the auditorium being unusually great, Vice President Sandifer pounded the table vigorously with the gavel and announced in stentorian voice: "Let there be quiet. All people in this great assembly who have been well reared do not talk."

President E. Y. Mullins of Louisville discussed the proposition of the tender of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary to the Convention and suggested that the committee to whom the proposition had been referred should likewise take up the question of the relationship of all South-wide schools to the denomination. Dr. J. B. Cranfill of Texas moved that the committee accept the Fort Worth Seminary. Some confusion arose over the proposition. Dr. F. M. McConnell of Texas, offered an amendment, Dr. F. C. McConnell of Georgia proposed another, and finally the atmosphere was clarified by the adoption of a resolution proposed by Dr. J. J. Hurt of Wilmington, N. C., stating that the "Convention is pleased with the tender of the Seminary and that a committee of one from each state is hereby appointed to work out the terms under which such tender can be accepted." In the discussion, Dr. O. C. S. Wallace of Baltimore, Md., contended against acceptance at the present. The discussion was one of the liveliest tilts of the entire convention.

Dr. J. F. Vines of Virginia, chairman of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following committees:

Resolutions

H. A. Porter, Georgia; L. R. Christie, Mississippi; R. C. Miller, Oklahoma; S. T. Matthews, South Carolina; Salon B. Cousins, Virginia.

Hospital Memorials

Chairman, F. S. Groner, Texas; H. L. Winburn, Arkansas; Hilton Jackson, District of Columbia; J. C. Wilkinson, Georgia; B. I. Rodman, Illinois; W. H. Baylor, Maryland; P. I. Lipsey, Mississippi; S. E. Ewing, Missouri; A. L. Maddox, New Mexico; E. D. Poe, North Carolina; W. O. Anderson, Oklahoma; John E. White, South Carolina; L. G. Broughton, Virginia; Edgar Godbold, Louisiana.

Report of Executive Committee

Forrest Smith, Texas; J. E. Dillard, Alabama; J. S. Rogers, Arkansas; H. A. Tupper, District of Columbia; J. L. White, Florida; Wm. R. Owen, Georgia; W. H. Townsend, Illinois; M. B. Adams, Kentucky; Thos. B. Sellers, Louisiana; Chas. H. Pinchbeck, Maryland; R. B. Gunter, Mississippi; J. L. Gross, Missouri; C. W. Stumph, New Mexico; J. Ben Eller, North Carolina; J. W. Bruner, Oklahoma; J. M. Burnett, Tennessee; Richard S. Owens, Virginia.

Religious Services

Chairman, Dr. D. J. Evans, and pastors of Kansas City churches.

To Nominate Seminary Trustees

Chairman, F. W. Eberhardt, Kentucky; G. C. Johnson, District of Columbia; Ben S. Thompson, Georgia; J. E. Hicks, Maryland; J. H. Rowe, Mississippi; F. Y. Campbell, Missouri; E. L. Atwood, Tennessee; O. L. Powers, Texas; Cecil V. Cook, Virginia.

On Nominations of Boards and Standing Committees
Chairman, J. H. Anderson, Tennessee; Louis J. Bristow, Alabama; W. L. Boles, Arkansas; Henry W. Millington, District of Columbia; W. L. C. Mahon, Florida; J. E. Sammons, Georgia; E. B. Brooks, Illinois; W. E. Mitchell, Kentucky; L. T. Hastings, Louisiana; O. C. S. Wallace, Maryland; B. G. Lowrey, Mississippi; Manatra Jones, Missouri; Ira Harrison, New Mexico; J. S. Farmer, North Carolina; J. B. Lawrence, Oklahoma; Ira E. D. Andrews, South Carolina; A. E. Booth, Texas; T. Ryland Sanford, Virginia.

On Arrangements for Next Meeting

Chairman, John J. Hurt, North Carolina; W. M. Blackwelder, Alabama; L. M. Keeling, Arkansas; C. B. Austin, District of Columbia; A. M. Bennett, Florida; D. A. Howard, Georgia; A. W. Leigh, Illinois; John A. Wray, Kentucky; Winston F. Borum, Louisiana; F. F. Briggs, Maryland; J. E. Kensey, Mississippi; J. W. Alexander, Missouri; Joe F. Nix, New Mexico; Andrew Potter, Oklahoma; J. R. Whiteside, South Carolina; W. C. Reeves, Tennessee; A. L. Aulick, Texas; T. E. Peters, Virginia.

On Woman's Work Auxiliary to the Convention
Chairman, J. B. Weatherspoon, Kentucky; Mrs. Austin Crouch, Georgia; Mrs. J. F. Brownlow, Tennessee; J. R. Nutt, Texas; J. E. Welsh, Virginia.

Resolutions

Chairman, J. T. Riddick, Virginia; L. Gwaltney, Alabama; F. M. Masters, Arkansas; E. Hilton Jackson, District of Columbia; C. M. Brittain, Florida; F. C. McConnell, Georgia; J. A. Musgrave, Illinois; M. E. Staley, Kentucky; Robert G. Lee, Louisiana; E. Ward Pickney, Maryland; W. H. Morgan, Mississippi; A. N. Couch, Missouri; M. L. Ferguson, New Mexico; Livingston Johnson, North Carolina; J. A. Huff, Oklahoma; J. J. Lawton, South Carolina; J. L. Dance, Tennessee; Millard A. Jenkins, Texas.

Baptist Bible Institute.

A report on the work of the Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans was made by the President, Dr. B. H. Dement, showing the institution has a total of 313 students from 18 states and six foreign countries. At this year's commencement 37 persons took degrees and 24 others were given diplomas and certificates. A faculty of 11 full-fledged professors and seven tutors is employed. The dormitories are crowded and more room is urgently needed. Each student is given two assignments to practical Christian work each week.

During the year the Institute received a gift of \$10,000 from Mrs. Robert Thompson Layne of Shreveport for the establishment of an annual lectureship in Baptist doctrines and practice. Probably the most urgent need of the institution now is for funds for the erection of a fire-proof library building for housing its valuable collection of books.

The property of the school includes 18 buildings and is valued at more than \$1,000,000. The report, after discussion by John T. Christian, one of the teachers, was adopted.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. E. Y. Mullins of Kentucky, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, presented some photos of sketches of new buildings soon to be projected on the new site of the Seminary in "The Beechwoods" near Louisville and introduced Dr. A. T. Robertson, one of the instructors in the Seminary, who spoke on the attitude of Barnabas as a counselor to Paul, when the latter was just beginning his ministerial career.

Dr. Robertson was at his best and the rich philosophy and quaint humor of his address greatly captivated the convention and stamp-

ed his address as one of the ablest heard during the entire meeting.

The consideration of the establishment of a Negro Theological Seminary was renewed in a report on the matter by Dr. John L. Hill of Nashville, Chairman of the committee. It was recommended that the authorities purchase St. Cecelia Academy, a Catholic girls' school in Nashville, for \$300,000 as a location for the proposed Seminary. If it should develop that this action is not expedient, the commission was instructed to proceed with the erection of suitable buildings on the property now owned. The commission was granted liberty to re-open at any time the question of location. It is thought generally that Memphis, Tenn., will make a bid as the home of the institution.

The convention was captured by an impassioned address from Dr. Sutton E. Griggs of Memphis, Tenn., a brilliant member of the negro race, who urged help for his race in the matter of educating their young people, especially preaching. His words were vigorously applauded. When William Lewis of Dallas, Texas, as black as coal tar, sang in typical negro style two solos, "Tho Old Time Religion" and "Take Your Burden to the Lord," the delegates were greatly moved and were loath to allow him to quit.

Dr. J. J. Hurt of Wilmington, N. C., offered prayer at adjournment.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The service of song was directed by R. H. Coleman of Dallas, Texas. Sang, "If Jesus Goes With Me," and "Nearer My God to Thee."

Miss Olive Craddock of Kansas City rendered a solo entitled, "He's the One." Dr. F. C. McConnell of Atlanta, Ga., led in prayer. Rev. Carson Taylor of Texas sang as a solo, "It May Be at Morn."

Dr. J. M. Stifler of Evanston, Ill., brought greetings from the Northern Baptist Convention in the capacity of fraternal messenger from that body.

A resolution asking the Baptist World Alliance, which convenes in July in Stockholm, Sweden, to go on record as opposed to another World War was adopted. The resolution was submitted by Dr. J. J. Taylor, Jasper, Ala., and asks Baptists who are going to attend the Alliance to "use all available and proper means to have Alliance to make a clear and concise delivery on war, which shall be in full harmony with the spirit and teachings of Jesus Christ, as set forth in Holy Scriptures, and should be in no wise biased by the demands of this world's governments."

Brownlow Resolution.

J. F. Brownlow of Tennessee offered the following resolution, which was on motion of Dr. George W. McDaniel of Virginia, referred to the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, there is an expressed order of teaching in the world, self-styled higher education, sometimes clothed in the veiled form of evolution, but which when driven to its lair and stripped of its veil, strikes its victims and its pursuers alike with its fangs of higher education and, like a poison reptile, blows in its real poison, infidelity; and,

Whereas, it unmistakably manifested itself in the above form in our Baptist William Jewell College, and is manifesting itself in the same form in different educational institutions and in some pulpits throughout the country; and,

Whereas, it yielded only to death bombs in the case of William Jewell College; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Southern Baptist Convention commends the action of said college through its Trustees in putting to death in that institution this order or system of teaching, and hereby recommends the use of death bombs wherever such teaching may show itself; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention hereby condemns such teaching and feels that its adherents, professing Christianity and at the same time denying the source thereof, are highly insane on the phantom of higher education; and that a commission on survey be appointed for the purpose of co-operating with the Trustees of Boards of all institutions fostered by the Convention in bringing about the death of all such teaching, and in addition to its report on our own institutions submit such findings as it may be able to bring on other Southwide institutions that we may warn our constituency against such institutions.

Signs of a division of sentiment among the delegates were visible, Dr. F. C. McConnell, Atlanta, Ga., rose to a point of order and was sustained by the chairman, Dr. J. D. Sandifer, Abilene, Tex. Dr. McConnell offered a privileged motion to strike out that part of the resolution designating William Jewell college, Liberty, Mo., as an example of an institution where evolutionary doctrines had been manifest.

Confusion followed. Many delegates were on their feet. The chairman rapped for order. Dr. B. C. Henning, Atlanta, Ga., finally made himself heard, and said:

"This resolution mentions a particular institution. I don't know whether those conditions exist there, and I think this resolution should be referred to the committee on resolutions for consideration."

A delegate remarked that the convention had no committee on resolutions. It developed later that such a committee was provided for in a constitution adopted some years ago. In the midst of the wrangling, a motion from the floor to table the resolution was entertained by the chairman. Dr. Sandifer put the question. A chorus of "ayes" followed by a volley of "noes" resulted, and the motion was voted down.

SENT TO RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

Then the motion to refer the resolution to a committee on resolutions was brought up again, and carried.

Laymen's Movement.

Indicating the increasing interest of laymen in various forms of church work, Dr. J. T. Henderson, secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Southern Baptist Convention, reported that approximately 500 local men's brotherhoods had been organized in the churches during the past year and that these men were giving themselves more and more to a study of missions, stewardships and other topics related to the promotion of God's kingdom in the world. Study classes have been organized in various topics and this study is being followed by larger activity on the part of men in various forms of church work.

One of the chief activities of the secretary during the past year has been touring the various states in the interest of the better organization of the men and he has attended numerous banquets of the men where the chief topic offered was "The Stewardship of Living Substances," these banquets having been attended by from 50 to 200 men each. Emphasis has been given, also, to the employment of stewardship secretaries by the various states, and Dr. Henderson reports that such secretaries have been employed in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennes-

see, Arkansas and Texas. Another effort of the Laymen's Movements looks toward securing the adoption of a regular budget system by the local churches, so as to provide a regular income for both the local work of the church and the general work of the denomination.

In his travels during the year in the interest of the laymen's work, Secretary Henderson has attended 62 conferences, made 276 addresses and traveled 40,945 miles. There was adopted with an amendment in the form of a resolution offered by G. C. Epps of South Carolina as follows:

Whereas, the opportunities for kingdom service are opening and enlarging before Southern Baptists, and calling for larger appropriations of money, and

Whereas, we believe that God will be pleased and his people developed when His Kingdom is adequately financed, and

Whereas, we believe there is great need for definite instruction and for better system along the line of kingdom finances; be it

Resolved, First, That we urge our Theological Seminaries, Training Schools and Bible Institute to provide a thorough and comprehensive course in kingdom finance in their curricula, in order that pastors and missionary workers may be better prepared to teach their people, and to organize the churches for systematic and scriptural methods of finance;

Second, That we urge our Baptist colleges, wherever it is practical, to provide a suitable course in kingdom finance to be used in connection with their present courses in Christian doctrine, history and work, that there may grow up in our churches a more intelligent group of laymen and women who will be able to aid their pastors in effort to enlist the people in carrying the gospel to the ends of the earth.

In the general discussion which followed this report, Ben Johnson of Shreveport, La., president of two national banks and a leading young Baptist layman, made a ringing speech on the stewardship of Money. He electrified the body by the statement that, in his judgment, Christians who do not pay to God the tenth of every dollar they receive are robbing God.

D. H. Brown of Birmingham, Ala., a rich coal operator, spoke in the same vein, as did also Prof. Geo. J. Burnett of Murfreesboro, Tenn., who declared that he believed the young people in the churches who persist in dancing and card playing should be turned out, but no sooner than the rich old skinflint in the church who is robbing God by not giving a tenth of his income in support of the gospel.

"We should add a clause to the New Hampshire article of faith defining stewardship, the same as any of our great doctrines are defined, for it has a place of its own in church work," declared Mr. Burnett. He urged that each do his part in contributing funds to church work. "There are more persons in hell today because of money," he said, "than because of liquor. One of the greatest wrongs is to rob God. Let us give individually. There is no more reason why the head of the family should make a contribution for his daughter than there is for his taking her place to be baptized." He created a mild sensation by the charge that certain salaried officials of the Boards are not practicing tithing and take no account seriously of their stewardships to God.

Dr. J. F. Vines of Virginia for the committee on committees announced the Committee on Resolutions with Dr. J. T. Ridick of Virginia and Rev. J. L. Dance of Knoxville, member from Tennessee.

Home Mission Board.

Receipts from the \$75,000,000 campaign

of slightly more than \$1,000,000 during the last year were reported by Dr. B. D. Gray of Atlanta, corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board.

Among the items of achievements reported for the year was the employment of a total of 1,120 missionaries and workers, distributed as follows:

Foreigners, 64; Indians, 13; Negroes, 27; evangelism, 28; Panama, 3; Cuba, 34; army work, 10; cooperative, 941.

These workers administered a total of 38,770 baptisms; secured 59,597 additions to the churches; enlisted 2,249 volunteers for definite Christian service; constituted 176 churches; built or improved 465 church houses, and organized 622 Sunday schools.

Pointing out some of the achievements of the Home board during the campaign period as compared to a corresponding period prior to the campaign the report shows a gain for the campaign period of over 21,000 baptisms; over 35,000 additions to the churches; five more mountain schools; 1,200 more pupils; 217 more churches organized; 1,163 more church houses built or improved; 2,100 more Sunday schools organized; an advance of \$1,380,000 in expenditures for property, while the gain in the Church Building Loan fund receipts has been \$200,000.

The report of the committee on the report of the Home Board was read by Rev. H. L. Martin of Mississippi.

Congressman B. G. Lowrey of Mississippi spoke to the report telling of his observation of the work made during a visit with a congressional investigation committee in the Panama Canal Zone. He praised the efforts of the missionaries in the highest degree.

Dr. A. E. Brown of North Carolina, mountain school secretary of the Board, made a vigorous speech in the interest of his department of the work. It was his conviction that Southern Baptists are doing no more far-reaching work than that wrought through their mountain schools.

Vice President J. D. Sandifer, of Texas, presided with skill over the deliberations of the convention during a part of the day and Congressman W. D. Upshaw, of Atlanta, Ga., another layman and vice president of the body, relieved him at different stages.

Registration of delegates to the convention passed the 3,200 mark at 9:30 o'clock last night. Of the seventeen states from which the delegates came, Oklahoma led the field with 388.

The registration, so far, does not include more than a thousand visitors here. Also many delegates attending the convention have not registered, it is said.

Prayer at adjournment was offered by Dr. B. D. Gray of Atlanta, Ga.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

Vice President J. D. Sandifer of Texas called the convention to order at 7:30 o'clock. R. H. Coleman of Dallas, Texas, led a spirited song service. The glee club from William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., rendered several musical selections. Prayer by Rev. F. J. Harrell of Dyersburg, Tenn. William Lewis of Dallas, Texas, a negro, sang two

solos which were greatly enjoyed.

The Committee on Legal Status of the Boards reported that all of the general boards of the Convention were co-operating in the matter of securing such legal adjustments in their charters as are needed to safe-guard the ownership of property held by them to the Convention. Clifford H. Walker of Georgia, chairman, reported and the committee was continued.

Home Missions Continued.

The general theme of the night session was Home Missions. Dr. H. F. Vermillion of El Paso, Texas, superintendent of the Southern Baptist Tuberculosis Hospital, gave a glowing account of the splendid work being done by that institution. Jacob Gartenhouse of Atlanta, Missionary among his own people, the Jews, spoke interestingly of the success of his efforts. Dr. B. C. Henning of Atlanta, secretary of the Board's department of Foreign Population, Indians and Negroes, made a characteristically bright, forceful and witty address on his phase of the work, although some of his jokes, would have sounded better in a vaudeville show. Nevertheless, his telling points in behalf of the work had good effect on the crowd. The Home Board quartette sang "Fight to Win," and "When I Carry My Burden to Jesus."

Missionary J. W. Micheals of Louisville, Ky., was presented during the discussion of the work of the Home Mission Board. He being a deaf mute, labors by the authority of the board among the thousands of those unfortunate as he is and wins many to Christ. It was a picture of unspeakable tenderness when five deaf mute Christian women advanced to the platform and rendered in the sign language, "God Will Take Care of You."

Dr. Lon G. Broughton of Richmond, Va., prayed at the time of adjournment.

FRIDAY MORNING.

R. H. Coleman of Texas led an inspiring service of song beginning at 9:00 o'clock. Sang, "Rescue the Perishing." Dr. L. L. Henson of Covington, Ky., led the devotions, reading Eph. 4 and offering helpful comment. Rev. A. H. Ellis of Covington, Ky., offered prayer.

A. B. Brown, a full-blooded Chickasha Indian, sang a solo entitled, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

President E. Y. Mullins of Kentucky was in the chair.

Dr. O. L. Hailey of Nashville moved that the appointment and quota for the next campaign be referred to the Executive Committee. The motion passed.

Dr. Henry Alford Porter, of Georgia, offered the following report for the committee to which was referred the resolutions introduced on Wednesday by the committee on order:

Your committee, to whom was referred the recommendations of the committee on order, approve and recommend for adoption by the Convention resolutions 1, 2 and 4. These resolutions are as follows:

1. Resolved, That the convention instruct its committee on order of business to arrange for a missionary mass meeting in the convention hall for Sunday evening at which time we may hear from returned missionaries of the foreign board, and missionaries of the home board, who labor among alien peoples.

2. Resolved, that hereafter all nominating speeches shall be limited to five minutes and there shall be but one second to any nomination.

4. Resolved, That hereafter the committee on order of business be instructed to arrange for brief

memorial services to be held during the sessions of the convention, provided that the convention may, if it so desires instruct otherwise.

We recommended that resolution 3 be changed to read:

Resolved That hereafter the address or addresses of welcome shall be limited to 20 minutes and the responses thereto to ten minutes.

The report was adopted.

Interboard Commission.

Mr. Frank H. Leavell of Memphis presented the annual report of the work of the Interboard Commission.

The report showed that of ninety-two thousand Baptist boys and girls attending southern schools, about forty thousand were in the 120 Baptist schools, while the remainder were enrolled in the eighty-two tax supported and fifty private schools. The commission reported it had for its program:

The establishment of personal contact with students in all of the schools.

The issuance of bulletins which would acquaint the students with the work and purposes of the commission.

The publication and circulation of a monthly magazine, to be sent to each student.

The institution and promotion of three student conferences, within easy reach of three sections of the South, where students might discuss denominational and other problems.

Dr. Leavell said the commission's traveling secretary, Miss Louise Foreman, visited almost all of the schools last year and established a relationship with the students. Three conferences for students were held, one at Shreveport, La.; another at Chattanooga, Tenn.; the third at Greensboro, N. C. At these conferences fifty-eight of the 120 Baptist schools in the South were represented, the report said, with an attendance of 460 students.

Following a laudatory motion by Dr. J. C. Hardy, president of Baylor College for Women, Belton, Tex., the convention adopted the commission's report.

Details of the work of the Sunday school lesson committee were told by Dr. E. C. Dargan of Nashville, Tenn., who said the committee was ready to prepare separate lessons for Southern Baptists should lessons put forth by the International committee not be approved. A motion of the Rev. G. C. Epps of Fort Mill, S. C., that there be two lessons a year dealing with financing His kingdom carried.

It was pointed out that Drs. J. R. Sampey, I. J. Van Ness and E. C. Dargan had been elected members of the International Lesson Committee for a term of eight years.

Sunday School Board.

When it was announced that the special order of the consideration of the work of the Sunday School Board of Nashville had arrived the interest was keen.

Dr. I. J. Van Ness of Nashville presented Rev. E. E. Dudley of Virginia who read the report of the committee on the report of the Sunday School Board.

Marked advances in every department of Southern Baptist Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work was reported. The report showed that there are now a total of 20,835 Sunday Schools in the churches affiliating with the Convention and these schools have an enrollment of 2,230,035 pupils, and eighty-seven paid employees giving their whole time to

the work. Last year 3,300 new young people's unions were organized, while the gain in membership for the year was 167,434. The board carried forward extensive work in teacher training, issuing a total of 16,997 normal course diplomas in the year. The architectural department gave suggestions to 790 churches for building plans.

Receipts of the board from its regular business last year amounted to \$1,398,300, a gain over the previous year of \$108,000.

Dr. Wallace Bassett of Texas, discussed in a masterful fashion the report under the head of "The Sunday School as an Evangelistic Force."

"Sunday Schools should not only impart the need of Christianity," Dr. Bassett declared, "but they should preach beyond the shadow of a doubt that Christ is the Savior. We do not need a new system for God's word implanted in the heart."

A Tennessean, Dr. F. F. Brown, of the First Baptist Church, Knoxville made today what was freely pronounced by many the greatest address of the convention. His theme was "The Home and the Church," and the address came under the general discussion of the work of the Sunday school board of Nashville. The appeal of Dr. Brown was so remarkable that the thousands of delegates were moved to tears.

Dr. I. J. Van Ness of Nashville spoke briefly of the Board's plans and labors.

Rev. H. R. Holcomb of Mansfield, La., in a thrilling address of methods of enlisting country churches, called for all who had been converted in such churches to stand. It appeared that 90 per cent of the members stood.

Dr. E. P. Alldredge of Nashville, secretary of the department of survey, statistics and information of the Sunday school board, announced the progress of an exhaustive survey of the condition of country churches throughout the southern territory.

Dr. J. F. Vines of Virginia reported for the committee on committees the appointment of the following committees:

Order of Business, Dr. L. O. Dawson, of Alabama, chairman; member from Tennessee, Dr. A. U. Boone of Memphis.

Tender of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Geo. W. McDaniel of Virginia, chairman; member from Tennessee, Dr. F. F. Brown of Knoxville.

George Washington University, Dr. C. W. Daniel of Georgia, chairman; member from Tennessee, Dr. Oscar E. Sams of Jefferson, City.

Resolutions.

The following report of the Committee on Resolutions, to which was referred the resolution on the teaching of evolution in Baptist schools, was offered by Dr. F. C. McConnell of Georgia, for J. T. Riddick of Virginia chairman, and adopted:

Our Convention has arrived at a situation which was not contemplated in the founding of this body. The interdependence of our Convention institutions seems to call for reaffirmation of certain great truths such as creation by divine fiat as set forth in the Word of God, the incarnation, involving the virgin birth of our Saviour and His atoning death. But not less should our Convention avoid the dangers of interference with the sovereignty of the churches and the autonomy and individual control of many institutions not under the auspices of this Convention.

Your committee reports adversely upon the resolution offered by Brother Brownlow of Tennessee, not because we dissent from the principles contained in the paper, for we not only do not condemn the

content nor intent of the resolution but look upon our situation regarding the truths of such serious nature as to call for firm adherence to the doctrine of creation and salvation.

We recommend non-concurrence on the ground of interference beyond the province of the Convention.

Dr. John E. White of South Carolina registered a mild protest against the paper.

Congressman, W. D. Upshaw of Georgia presented a telegram from Frank J. Batchelor of Newton Center, Mass., urging the convention to pass resolutions imploring Congress to pass laws forbidding government appropriations for secular schools.

General Forward Plans.

Dr. C. H. Pinchbeck of Maryland read the report of the committee to suggest general forward plans following the 75 million campaign, and the report of the executive committee.

A motion by Dr. J. J. Hurt of North Carolina eliminated from the report of the executive committee the requirement that any city inviting and securing the meeting of the convention shall contribute \$5,000 toward its proper entertainment.

Dr. A. J. Barton of Alexandria, La., opposed naming the personnel of the Committee on Future Campaign, or Forward plans, as general secretaries, state secretaries, etc., preferring that the members of the convention should be named as individuals without regard to their official relation. He said the former procedure tended to build up denominational officialdom.

Dr. W. D. Nowlin of Greenville, Ky., moved to recommit the report with instructions to constitute the committee by name.

The prayer at adjournment was offered by Dr. A. J. Holt of Florida.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

A spirited song service was conducted by Robt. H. Coleman of Texas. Sang, "I Must Tell Jesus." A solo entitled, "Does Jesus Care?" was rendered by Robert Jolly of Houston, Texas. Prayer by Rev. W. W. Weeks of Richmond, Va., Sang, "I Love to Tell the Story."

The committee to nominate names from which to fill vacancies on the Board of Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary reported the following nominations: Kentucky, J. B. Weatherspoon, R. J. Pirkey, W. S. Farmer; Tennessee, A. L. Todd, J. L. Hill, C. H. Baker; Texas, E. F. Lyon, W. W. Lee, T. H. Holcomb; Virginia, J. E. Cook, J. F. Vines, H. H. Seay; Missouri, H. C. Wayman, John W. Crouch, John E. Pike; Maryland and the District of Columbia, C. B. Austin, E. H. Jackson, E. C. Primm; Georgia, W. A. Wray, R. L. Bottom, R. H. Turrell; Mississippi, (1) J. A. Taylor, J. E. Wills, Webb Brame; (2) W. F. Yarbrough, W. R. Cooper, W. A. Roper.

Resolution on Day of Prayer.

Dr. A. C. Dixon, of Maryland offered the following resolution:

Whereas, we believe that our sufficiency for the great and difficult tasks before us is only in God, and that God works in answer to prayer, therefore

Resolved, That we set apart Friday, June 1, 1923, or a day as near that as possible, as a day of prayer, and that we request all our pastors and churches to spend that day together in prayer, with exposition of scripture and testimony concerning prayer, beseeching God to give us in his own way the money to pay our debts and enlarge the work for the glory of Christ.

He followed the reading of his paper with an address of wonderful power following the lines of his resolution. Replete with timely illustrations, his telling points were immensely effective. He said:

"People of the world have caught the light of America, the light of civil liberties, the light of

freedom and the light of the Gospel. May God grant to us the light of a new sunrise, the sunrise of great Christian revivals, and let us ministers preach more earnestly than ever the truth of the word of God."

Dr. W. P. Throgmorton of Illinois offered a fervent prayer at the conclusion of the address.

Dr. F. C. McConnell, of Atlanta, Ga., read the report on committee on Southwide University and Georgia Memorial.

After a full and free discussion, the committee adopted the following report:

The committee appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention at its meeting in Jacksonville, May 17, 1922, to consider the memorial presented by the Georgia Baptist Convention, begs leave to make the following report:

"We are agreed regarding the desirability of Southern Baptists possessing and controlling an institution which will rank with the best universities of the nation, though it involves the investment of many millions of dollars. The tender made by the Georgia Baptist Convention will provide an institution with assets amounting to \$5,000,000, located in a state which boasts of the largest Baptist population in the Union. One million five hundred thousand white Baptists live in Georgia and adjacent states. The tender of control of the board of trustees of Mercer University, made by the Georgia Baptist convention, is similar to the relation which exists between the convention and the Southern Baptists Theological Seminary. The condition made by the Georgia Baptist Convention is that the Southern Baptist Convention shall give \$2,500,000 additional.

"Your committee has received information which indicates the probability that Georgia Baptists will increase the amount which they will be in a position to tender from \$5,000,000 to \$7,500,000; that the Georgia Baptist Hospital, located in Atlanta, Ga., will be transferred to Mercer University, and that large sums of money will be available for the development of dental and medical education in Atlanta.

"Mercer University is now meeting the requirements of the University limited by its inadequate financial income and equipment. There is now located in Macon, Ga., the College of Arts and Sciences, the graduate school, the school of theology, the school of law, the school of journalism, the school of education, the school of commerce.

Dr. J. P. Jenkins of Kentucky presented the report of the Committee on Baptist City Councils which, after setting forth the fact that there are 34 cities in the Convention's territory with a combined population in excess of 6,000,000, called upon the Home Board to make a survey of the situation of the cities in the South and decide on some definite policy for active co-operation with the cities. The report was adopted.

Foreign Missions.

With Dr. J. F. Love of Richmond, Va., giving general direction to the program, the consideration of Foreign Missions, was brought forward in a report from the committee on the Foreign Mission Board's report presented by Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon of Louisville, Ky.

Larger advances were made in the Foreign Mission work of Southern Baptists during the past year than in any other of the 78 years the Southern Baptist Convention has been doing mission work, according to the report. Included in the gains for the 12-month period were the organization of 269 churches, the administration of 12,611 baptisms (a gain over the previous year of 4,720 or more than 50 per cent), 39,077 new members added to the churches, the erection of 67 new houses of worship, organization of 467 new Sunday schools, a gain of 13,716 Sunday school pupils, an increase of 6,282 in the number of pupils enrolled in the mission schools and colleges, the sending out of 47 new foreign missionaries and the addition of 1,647 native missionaries to the staff of workers on the foreign fields.

With the addition of last year's results

the Foreign Mission Board now reports a total of 891 churches on the foreign fields with a membership of 103,328. A total of 211 of these churches are self-supporting and 422 have their own houses of worship. In addition to the regularly organized churches the board reports 2,896 out-stations, giving approximately 4,000 stations where the gospel is preached regularly. The members of these foreign churches gave an average of \$4.23 per capita to religious work during the past year.

A total of 1,447 Sunday schools are in operation on the foreign fields with an enrollment of 67,407 pupils, while a total of 796 mission schools are maintained by the board with a combined student body of 32,789. The total number of foreign missionaries employed by the board at present is 501, while the number of native missionaries is 2,820.

During the year the receipts of the Foreign Mission Board from the various states amounted to only \$1,730,099.91, which were not sufficient to take care of the enormous work of the board, leaving it with a debt at the banks of \$403,879.24.

Some suggestion for the consideration of the denomination, set forth in the report of the board, are summarized as follows:

1. The completion of the aim of the 75 Million Campaign for the raising of \$75,000,000. should engage the undivided co-operation of Southern Baptists during the next year.

2. The denomination as a whole must be made fully acquainted with the crisis, needs and opportunities confronting the board and its work at this time through the larger circulation of the denominational papers and magazines and general literature upon the subject.

3. Southern Baptists must be more deeply and generally educated in the matter of Christian stewardship as the only hope of an adequate financing of all denominational work.

4. The budget plan of supporting both the local work of the churches and the general causes of the denomination should be established in every church.

5. Foreign missions must receive a larger proportionate part of the offerings of Southern Baptists if the mission work is not to be seriously crippled.

6. The claim of foreign missions must be presented to men and women of large means as a worthy cause to be remembered in their wills.

The present indebtedness of the board was given at \$403,879.24, plus a large interest account. About 75 young people have already applied for appointment at the June meeting of the board.

After brief words from Dr. J. F. Love, the corresponding secretary, missionaries were presented by Dr. T. B. Ray of Richmond, Va., foreign secretary of the Board.

When Dr. R. T. Bryan of Shanghai, China was presented, President E. Y. Mullins remarked that he and Dr. Bryan graduated together at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1885. The address of Dr. Bryan aroused missionary enthusiasm.

Rev. A. Blocher, a Baptist pastor in Paris, France, spoke briefly of his great work.

One of the most effective addresses in the discussion was that of missionary W. Harvey Clark of Tokio, Japan, who announced that he had seen 25 years of service as a missionary in Japan.

Rev. W. T. B. McDonald of Chile, a Scotchman, a Baptist missionary to Chile, declared that drunkenness was one of the greatest evils Christians were confronted with in the South American republic.

"Wine is cheap in Chile," Mr. McDonald said, "and I have found instances where its consumption was appalling. One Chilean told me he never drank water, but always wine.

We need Christian workers to combat this evil, and we need nurses to teach the people clean personal habits."

Another missionary who spoke was the Rev. C. A. Baker, Brazil, and the account he gave of the activities carried forward in the great Baptist College at Reo, Brazil, were inspiring.

An amendment to the report of Foreign Missions was offered by Dr. A. J. Barton of Alexandria, La., urging that the Near East Relief organizations to respect and regard the wishes of the Boards as to approaching the Baptist churches of the South for contributions.

Missionary John Lake of China offered prayer at the hour of adjournment.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

Long before the hour set for convening, hundreds of messengers were sitting in the auditorium. J. F. Scholfield of Birmingham, Ala., led the singing. The Rainbow Chorus of Kansas City, composed of representatives of various Sunday schools in the city sang two choral numbers.

Dr. C. H. Pinchbeck of Maryland offered

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an amended report suggesting the committee of Future Campaign.

The special committee to which was referred special recommendation offered by the Conservation Commission through its chairman, Dr. L. R. Scarborough, that the 1923 Southern Baptist Convention appoint a committee to make recommendations of a general outline of plans for the next forward movement of Southern Baptists (if any is undertaken after the expiration of the 75 Million Campaign) recommends that it be adopted with the understanding that the committee shall carry back their plans, principles, outlines of methods and organization to all our people for their suggestion, approval and co-operation, this is to be done through the subcommittee to be hereafter appointed by them as recommended in Section 12 of the recommendation offered by Chairman Scarborough.

The committee to be appointed at this session of the Convention, in compliance with this recommendation and to report at the 1924 Convention, shall consist of four members from each state, two from the District of Columbia and 15 at large, as follows:

M. E. Dodd, Louisiana, and the following:
Alabama—D. F. Green, J. R. Hobbs, Miss Mary Northington, D. H. Brown.
Arkansas—J. S. Rogers, Mrs. J. G. Jackson, H. L. Winburn, J. P. Runyon.
District of Columbia—E. Hilton Jackson, H. W. O. Millington.
Florida—S. B. Rogers, Mrs. H. C. Peelman, J. L. White, Mrs. Bentley.
Georgia—Arch C. Cree, Miss Laura Lee Patrick, John D. Meil, J. P. Nichols.
Illinois—B. F. Rodman, Miss Evelyn Quarles, W. A. Kelley, W. P. Throgmorton.
Kentucky—C. M. Thompson, W. S. Farmer, Mrs. Janie Cree Bose, W. E. Hunter.
Louisiana—E. Godbold, Miss Georgia Barnett, W. H. Managan.
Maryland—J. E. Hicks, W. H. Baylor, Mrs. Samuel R. Barnes, Francis Davis.
Mississippi—R. B. Gunter, Miss M. M. Lackey, N. T. Tull, W. F. Yarbrough.
Missouri—Mrs. J. G. Reynolds, O. L. Wood, D. H. Harris, J. C. Owen.
New Mexico—J. D. Shrecongost, C. W. Stumph, Miss Arretta Beswick, T. F. Harvey.
North Carolina—C. E. Maddry, Miss Mary Warren, Charles Anderson, Gilbert Stephenson.
Oklahoma—Mrs. Berta K. Spooner, J. B. Rounds, I. W. Shannon, P. J. Cronkwright.
South Carolina—C. E. Burts, Miss Vonnice Lance, Z. T. Cody, J. J. Lawton.
Tennessee—Norman Smith, Mrs. W. J. Cox, W. L. Pickard, Lloyd T. Wilson.
Texas—George W. Truett, Frank S. Groner, Mrs. A. F. Beddoe, S. P. Brooks.
Virginia—Miss Lizzie Savage, T. E. Peters, R. D. Garland, W. M. Rucker.
Members at Large—Livingston Johnson, North Carolina; L. R. Scarborough and William Lunsford, Texas; E. Y. Mullins and George E. Hays, Kentucky; B. D. Gray, Georgia; I. J. Van Ness, J. T. Henderson and C. Cecil Baker, Tennessee; W. C. James, Mrs. W. C. James and Miss Kathleen Mallory, Alabama, and B. H. DeMent, Louisiana.

Foreign Missions Continued.

Continuing the consideration of foreign missions there were discussions by Secretaries Love and Ray and brief messages from the following missionaries: J. E. Davis of the Mexican Baptist Publishing House, El Paso; H. H. Muirhead, president Baptist College, Pernambuco, Brazil; Frank H. Connelly, Tsining, China; Y. K. Wong, Canton, China, with John Lake of China as interpreter, and J. H. Rowe of Kokura, Japan.

At the request of J. F. Love, J. L. Gross of Missouri led the Convention in an earnest prayer that God would induce his people to provide in special offerings the funds to lift the burdensome debt on the Foreign Mission Board and all the other agencies of the Convention. Before the services closed many churches and individuals volunteered to provide funds with which to send out the 75 young people who are asking to be named as foreign missionaries at the June meeting of the board.

The congregation sang, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," and "I'm Bound for the Promised Land."

Dr. J. F. Love announced that on May 4, 1923 he had paid to a Richmond bank in a

single check \$1,056,741.56 for money borrowed with which to carry on the support of the missionaries pending the receipt of funds from the churches. He exhibited a photographed copy of the check. The system of delaying contributions until once a year is deplored.

Rev. J. Marcus Kester of North Carolina, new education secretary of the Board, was presented and spoke briefly.

Protest Persecution in Roumania.

The following resolution offered by Dr. George W. Truett of Texas was adopted after discussion by Dr. E. Y. Mullins of Kentucky:

This Convention notes with astonishment and indignation that many acts of persecution have been directed against Baptists in Roumania during the past year, and further notes that the clauses of the new Roumanian constitution which profess to give religious freedom are nullified by regulations absolutely destructive of such freedom.

This Convention would express its profound sympathy with the Baptists of Roumania, and with all other suffering persecution in that land, and would hereby instruct the Foreign Mission Board to approach the Secretary of State, the Hon. Charles E. Hughes, with a request that he will transmit to the Roumanian government our solemn protest against the policy which persecutes and differentiates between loyal citizens on religious grounds.

Granting, as does the United States, absolute and impartial liberty to men of all creeds and of no creeds, including those who now represent the prevailing religion in Roumania, we make this appeal not only in the interest of Baptist, but, equally so, in the interest of all others who suffer religious disabilities in Roumania. Baptists neither ask nor desire any religious privileges for themselves which they do not equally request and desire for everybody else.

A motion was made that Sunday, June 3, should be set aside as a day when Southern Baptists will be asked to give a thank offering to relieve the debts on the Boards. For a time it looked like pandemonium would break loose. Dr. S. E. Tull of Pine Bluff, Ark., made a motion to apply the receipts of that day to the debts on only the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, Dr. F. C. McConnell of Atlanta, Ga., said the scheme would vitiate the 75 million contract with the churches. Dr. J. J. Wicker of Virginia shouted in reply, "Many churches have themselves vitiated the contract by their failure to pay up." Dr. I. N. Penick of Jackson, Tenn., begged that the convention keep faith with the churches. Dr. J. L. Gross of Missouri spoke for the new scheme saying that it would revive interest in the campaign. Dr. A. C. Cree of Georgia voiced the protest of Georgia Baptists against the scheme on the ground that there was an agreement with the churches of that state not to make any special appeal during the 75 million campaign. It was finally decided to make June 10 pay-up day.

After a heart-searching address by Dr. J. F. Love, of Richmond, Va., in which he brought the members of the convention face to face with the critical situation of the Board's work, a scene beggaring description occurred when delegates spontaneously pledged \$76,000 to send 75 new missionaries to the foreign fields.

The impulse to subscribe came when Dr. Love stated there were one thousand students at present in training in Baptist schools and colleges for service as foreign missionaries who could not be sent to the foreign field when they shall have completed their training unless money was provided to send them. In closing, he described letters which he had received recently, many

of them in the convention period here, from seventy-five young persons who were earnest and eager to sail for the foreign fields, but were compelled to wait until the necessary funds were provided.

Prof. George J. Burnett, president of Tennessee college, Murfreesboro, Tenn., addressed the chair and asked how much it cost to send a missionary to the foreign fields.

"It takes \$800," Dr. Love said, "to send one of these young persons over to the mission field."

Dr. Love had scarcely taken his seat before Prof. Burnett, in one of the galleries, shouted out a pledge of \$800. His example was followed by several others, each pledging to provide the \$800 necessary to equip and send one missionary to the field.

A shout of applause swept the crowd when the chairman announced that R. E. Burt, of Dallas, Tex., pledged \$4,000 to send five missionaries over. Other \$4,000 pledges were given by the First Baptist church of Knoxville, Tenn., and the First Baptist church of Shreveport, La. These large contributions had an electrical effect, and smaller contributions began to pour in so fast that the tellers were swamped.

Young Man's Story Brings Cash.

Although it was nearly 10:30 o'clock, and half an hour past the usual time for adjournment, President E. Y. Mullins showed no inclination to close the session, and the seven hundred or more persons who remained in the hall did not seem anxious to go home.

A young man arose near the front of the arena and told, in tears, of his own desire to serve as a foreign mission worker in 1916, and of his inability to go because there was no money for his expenses.

The story had an immediate effect. In the five minutes that followed, many more missionaries were provided for. In one section of the big auditorium, a man called out a pledge of \$800 in behalf of himself and his wife.

Country Pastor and Wife to Go.

A country pastor agreed to "save \$800 somehow" to send one of the young persons into foreign work. Some delegates gave \$400, and their gifts were immediately supplemented to make the necessary \$800 total. Many gifts of \$100 and \$200 were pledged.

At 10:40 o'clock, the tellers announced that thirty-eight missionaries had been provided for, and that \$200 additional had been pledged.

"We've gone more than half-way!" shouted William D. Upshaw, representative in congress from Atlanta, Ga., who is a delegate to the convention, and took an enthusiastic interest in the pledging. "Let's go the whole way," shouted some one from the galleries.

At this point, Dr. W. F. Powell, of the First Church, Nashville, agreed to give \$800 a year to keep one of the missionaries on the field until his own daughter, Sarah, 16 years old, should be old enough to go into missionary work.

Dr. J. J. Wicker, of Richmond, Va., said he would provide for two missionaries.

A little before 11:30 o'clock, someone suggested that the rest of the pledges be secured

from the folks back/home. But the crowd was not in a quitting mood.

"Stay till we get through," shouted a delegate from the rear of the hall.

And they did.

A dramatic moment occurred shortly after midnight just before the session adjourned. Contributions were coming in more slowly, and the chairman was rapping

on the table to inquire if any more present wished to contribute. A young man arose from his seat behind the platform and addressed the chair.

"I have no money," he said, "but I hereby dedicate my life to the cause of foreign missions."

He was the Rev. L. R. Shelton, of Morrow, La. Dr. Love seized him by the arm

and led him to the front amidst a storm of applause.

At 12:20 o'clock, midnight, Dr. Mullins announced that enough money had been pledged to send ninety-five young persons to the mission field. Everybody then sang the doxology.

Dr. Geo. W. Truett, of Dallas, Tex., offered a fervent prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Vice President Len G. Broughton, of Richmond, Va., presided over the session, calling it to order at 9:00 o'clock. Sang, "Send the Light," John Hoffman of Atlanta, Ga., leading. Devotions were led by Dr. O. C. S. Wallace of Baltimore, Md. Many members of the Convention offered brief, definite, volunteer prayers. Sang, "I am Thine O Lord."

On motion, Dr. John Jeter Hurt of North Carolina offered an amendment to subdivision C of By-law 12 of the Constitution by making the following addition:

"One-fourth of the time for said discussion being allotted to undesignated speakers of the floor of the Convention if they desire to use it. This allotment of time for popular discussion shall be interpreted as referring also to all speeches affecting the work and the policies of the Convention."

W. K. Oldham of Arkansas offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Whereas, The Southern Baptist Convention has a committee whose duty it is to make a complete survey of the needs of the country churches; and

Whereas, This work will have been completed by the time for the meeting of the next Southern Baptist Convention; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Order of Business for the next Convention be hereby instructed to set apart a special hour to hear the report of the Committee on Country Church Survey and for a full discussion of all the needs of the country church.

Protest Mistreatment of Chinese.

Contending that many Chinese citizens of this country are being expelled and sent to China without cause, the special committee on proposed amendments to the Chinese Exclusion Laws, through its chairman, F. S. Yeager, of Kentucky, recommended the Convention go on record as protesting the mistreatment of these representatives of a friendly race, many of whom were born in this country. The report was read by Dr. Hugh T. Stevenson of Washington, D. C. Judge Yeager made a strong speech in support of the measures proposed. He said: "I am 100 per cent American, 100 per cent Baptist with not a drop of monkey blood in my veins. And I am bitterly opposed to the treatment accorded the Chinese in California. Some people are afraid of a yellow peril. There is no yellow peril."

Congressman W. D. Upshaw of Georgia, spoke to the report in the same style.

Negro Seminary Authorized to Proceed

The report of the Negro Baptist Theological Seminary was offered by Prof. John L. Hill of Tennessee as follows:

Your Committee appointed to consider the report of the Joint Commission on the Negro Theological Seminary naturally inclines to grant the requests of a Commission which is so representative of the best judgment and wisdom among us. We therefore respectfully recommend:

1. That the Commission be authorized, in its discretion, to purchase St. Cecilia Academy at a price of \$300,000, provided the assets of the Commission in hand, supplemented by gifts from the National Baptist Convention or other sources shall be sufficient to meet the first payment of \$100,000.

2. That, in the event of failure to purchase St. Cecilia Academy the Com-

mission be authorized, in its discretion, to proceed with the erection of buildings on the property now held by the Commission.

3. That the Commission be authorized to reopen the whole question of location of the Seminary, if it seems wise.

4. That the Commission be authorized to make all necessary preparations to open the Seminary in the autumn of 1924.

5. The organization of two Boards, a Holding Board composed of twelve (12) men, eight from the Southern Baptist Convention and four from the National Baptist Convention; a governing Board composed of thirty-six (36) members, twenty-four (24) from the National Baptist Convention and twelve (12) from the Southern Baptist Convention. Said Holding Board shall acquire, by purchase, gift, or otherwise, property for the Seminary; shall hold it in trust, managing all its interests, transacting all business with respect to it; shall rent the property for a nominal sum to the Governing Board. The Governing Board, the Secretary of which shall be a member of the Southern Baptist Convention and a paid officer of the Board, shall organize and conduct the Seminary and manage all its educational and internal affairs.

6. That the several members from the Southern Baptist Convention on these two Boards for the ensuing year be selected by the Commission, and that after this year said members shall be elected by this Convention.

7. That the Commission be authorized to use its Secretary and other agencies to secure contributions to this Seminary in harmony with the plans of the Southern Baptist Convention.

8. That the plans of the Convention following the 75 Million Campaign \$50,000 a year be set apart for the Seminary until such time the National Baptist Convention shall be able to care for all its expenses.

William Lewis of Dallas, Texas, was again requested to sing and he responded with the selections, "The Old Time Religion," and "Take Your Burden to the Lord and Leave it There."

Baptist History.

On the motion of Dr. O. P. Bishop of Missouri a vote of thanks was extended the local papers for their handling of the proceedings of the Convention.

Dr. John T. Christian of Louisiana presented the report of the Committee on the Preservation of Baptist History, calling attention to the lack of Baptist sources along historical lines and urged that larger attention be given to this matter. The report recommended that each state board be asked to assemble all possible historical material, provide proper archives for its proper preservation, and secure, if possible, the preparation and publication of an adequate history of the Baptist work in their states.

Sang, "Faith of Our Fathers."

Woman's Work Goes Forward

Dr. W. W. Hamilton of Louisiana presented the report of the Committee on Woman's Work which was discussed by John L. White of Florida, which was adopted. The report follows in part:

The coral anniversary report of the Woman's Missionary Union sets forth the fact that multiplied lives have co-operated to make possible what has been so constructively done, that the foundations on which these workers have builded very deeply and firmly laid, and that the superstructure has been compact and durable.

These thirty-five years have been filled by these willing workers with

prayerful planning, sacrificial service, consecrated contributions and with happy harvests. The present report of the women has about it a quiet consciousness of strength gained from past experience and victory, and has a prayer and purposefulness which betoken another year of growth and progress and achievement.

The total number of organizations comprising the Union last year was 20,878 while this year the number is 22,109, of which 10,889 are women's societies and 11,220 represent their work with the younger people. Among the states Georgia stands first with 2,651 societies, Virginia next with 2,590, Texas third with 2,427, and North Carolina fourth with 2,279.

The mission study record for 1923 shows a total of 19,364 classes held with 77,076 seals taken. Of this number Mississippi reports 1,280 classes. The standard of excellence has been attained by 7,472 societies and Texas leads in this with 1,074, while Mississippi is second with 798, Virginia third with 776, and Alabama fourth with 732.

In the White Cross work for our foreign hospitals 1,268 societies participated, and sent 75,039 supplies to the value of \$11,546. This amount is not included in the Campaign, and was in addition to all of the other gifts and sacrifices.

The total cash gifts for 1923 to the 75 Million Campaign fund was \$2,770,283.87 as compared with \$3,163,615.84 for 1922, and the cash and box total for 1923 is \$2,827,086.96 as compared with \$3,238,072.92 for the previous year, a decrease of about \$400,000 in each case. In these gifts Virginia is first with \$354,965.30, with Texas second, Kentucky third, and North Carolina fourth, all going beyond the three hundred thousand mark. How wonderful these figures are, and how we thank God for them! We believe that in the closing year of the Campaign we may expect the greatest report that the Woman's Missionary Union has ever given, and a determination to finish up the 75 Million Fund in a way worthy of our Baptist people.

Dr. Jacob L. White of Miami, Fla., in discussing the report, delivered an unusually strong address bringing the hundreds of delegates to tears as he recited the recent response of his own daughter as a volunteer for mission work.

Dr. J. M. Shelburne of Alabama for the committee on the proposed Eastern Theological Seminary, reported that the matter should be recommitted to the same committee for consideration another year.

Dr. M. D. Jeffries of Memphis, Tenn., announced as items of interest cer-

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tain transactions of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Among the new trustees elected is C. H. Baker of Knoxville, Tenn. Tennessee's apportionment to the Students' Fund is \$1,200.

Boards Nominated.

A committee of which James H. Anderson of Knoxville, Tenn., is chairman, reported nominating the Boards of the Convention as follows:

Sunday School Board, Nashville, Dr. I. J. Van Ness, corresponding secretary; Dr. A. U. Boone of Memphis, member from Tennessee.

Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, Dr. William Lunsford, Corresponding Secretary; Dr. W. M. Bostick of Memphis, member from Tennessee.

Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Dr. J. F. Love, Corresponding Secretary; Dr. F. F. Brown of Knoxville, member from Tennessee.

Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Dr. B. D. Gray, Corresponding Secretary; Dr. E. L. Atwood of Murfreesboro, member from Tennessee.

Laymen's Missionary Movement, Knoxville; Dr. John T. Henderson, general secretary.

Executive Committee, Nashville, Rev. J. R. Johnson of Maryville, member from Tennessee.

Denominational Press.

Dr. L. L. Gwaltney of Alabama, retiring president of the Baptist Press Association, read the report on the work of the Denominational Press.

"The committee on the denominational press begs to submit the following brief report:

There are 3,362,111 white Baptists in the south; counting four persons to the family, which would probably be not far from a correct estimate as there are 841,553 families among our people.

Could the ideal be reached in the circulation of our papers, then every one of these 841,553 Baptist families would receive at least one of our denominational papers. But as a matter of fact, the total circulation of the sixteen southern Baptist papers, exclusive of home and foreign fields and royal service, is only 181,100, which would leave 543,300 homes of our people without a denominational paper of any kind. And if this number of homes are estimated four to the family, it means that 2,641,811 of our people never see a Baptist paper against only 724,000 who do, and though the exact facts are not in hand, it will be found that in about the same ratio as our papers are read are our people enlisted. That is to say of more than 3,000,000 Baptists in the south only about 700,000 or 800,000 have any part in the benevolent work of their convention.

Herein, as all will agree, lies one of our greatest problems, but it would be useless to again emphasize it unless the convention should set itself to the task of helping to overcome the difficulty in every possible way. We recommend:

First—That it become the fixed policy of the convention to give the Southern Baptist Press Association a place on the annual programme of not less than 45 minutes, similarly as has been done this year, and that the committee on order of business be, and is hereby instructed to provide such place at each annual session of the convention.

Second—In view of the importance of the papers in helping all the work of the convention, that in any plans for a future programme following the present period, the papers may be given due consideration looking to an enlarged usefulness in the general work.

Third—That the convention urgently request the pastors and churches to give a hearty and serious consideration to their circulation of the papers in their respective states with special reference to the budget plan."

In the general discussion which followed addresses were made by Dr. Livingston Johnson, editor of the Biblical Recorder, Raleigh, N. C.; Dr. Z. T. Cody, editor of the Baptist Courier, Greenville, S. C., and Senator W. A. Frost of Louisville, Ky., business manager of the Western Recorder. Each

strongly emphasized the importance and value of the denominational paper.

Evangelist T. T. Martin of Blue Mountain, Miss., shouted out his approval of the policy of the various state mission boards distributing the respective state papers free as missionary propaganda.

A motion was made and prevailed extending an invitation to President Warren G. Harding to attend and address the next session of the convention.

Time, Place and Preacher.

The discussion on Time, Place and Preacher for the next convention called forth a new voice in the convention. It was that of Rev. E. F. Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Galveston, Texas. Mr. Adams is a former Tennessee pastor. Dr. J. J. Hurt of Wilmington, N. C., reported for the committee on Time, Place and Preacher that Atlanta, Ga., be the next place of meeting; Wednesday before the second Sunday in May, 1924, time, and Dr. F. F. Gibson of Louisville, Ky., the preacher, with Dr. A. E. Prince of Marion, Ill., the alternate. Dr. Adams moved to substitute Galveston, Texas, as the place of meeting instead of Atlanta, and it was on this motion that the speech which stamped him as one of the most gifted of the younger ministers of the Convention, was made. It was eloquent, pointed and breezy, but he fought a losing battle.

The argument which won the Convention for Atlanta was that it was a city in the center of the large Baptist population of the South, which would guarantee a larger attendance than Galveston, on the outer rim of the Southwestern territory. It was pointed out that it is more desirable to have a large and representative Convention in the last year of the famous 75 Million five-year Campaign. It required a motion by Dr. A. J. Barton of Alexandria, La., for the previous question to stop the debate on the matter. Even this motion provoked parliamentary tilt, Dr. Chas. W. Daniel of Atlanta, Ga., insisting that sustaining the previous question cut off all amendments as well as the discussion, and killed the amendment to go to Galveston. Drs. Barton and Z. T. Cody of Greenville, S. C., claimed parliamentary authority to the effect that the motion did not kill the amendment, but only stopped debate. Dr. L. G. Broughton of Richmond, Va., who was in the chair, ruled with Drs. Barton and Cody. The vote in favor of Atlanta over Galveston was very decisive.

Prayer at conclusion of session by Dr. J. L. Gross of Kansas City, Md.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The enthusiastic song service was directed by R. H. Coleman of Dallas, Texas, who sang "Faith is the Victory." Prayer by Rev. R. J. Brown of Texas.

A telegram of greetings from the Presbyterian General Assembly in session at Montreal, N. C., was read and the Secretaries ordered to make suitable response.

Board of Relief and Annuity.

Dr. F. M. McConnell of Texas, read the report of the committee to consider the annual report of the Board of Ministerial Relief and Annuities.

While the relief and annuity board of the Southern Baptist convention is now adding 925 aged ministers and dependent members of their families and has total resources in the sum of \$1,490,193.59, this represents only a small part of what Southern Baptists need to do in the matter of taking care of their aged pioneer preachers who laid the foundation for the present growth and success of the denomination, according to the annual report of the board presented to the convention Saturday night by Dr. William Lunsford of Dallas, corresponding secretary.

The board has projected a programme calling for the raising of a total of \$10,000,000 to its future work, this fund to be derived on a basis of 60 per cent to relief work and 40 per cent to annuity work, the secretary

pointed out. Such a fund will make possible an annual income of each year of from \$500,000 to \$600,000 and will enable the board to do a worthy part by the aged Baptist ministers of the south and to raise the annuity benefits to the members of that department to the maximum of \$500 a year. The annuity is only \$400 a year at present.

From the \$75,000,000 campaign the relief and annuity board has received to date the sum of \$1,178,320.30. It is due to receive a total of \$2,500,600 from the campaign by its conclusion in December, 1924. Other aims for the board in this connection as set out by Dr. Lunsford in his report are the following:

1—By May 1, 1926, complete the collection of the first \$5,000,000 for its relief and annuity work.

2—By May 1, 1926, have an interest-bearing fund of \$2,000,000 for relief work.

3—By May 1, 1926, have a permanent income for relief alone of \$130,000, independent of what is received from the states each year.

4—By May 1, 1926, have interest-bearing assets for the annuity fund sufficient to bring it to the maximum of \$500.

Dr. William Lunsford of Dallas, Texas, briefly and informally discussed the report.

Dr. A. H. C. Morse of the First Baptist Church, Denver, Colo., was introduced.

Baptist Hospitals Make Progress.

There are now within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention a total of 22 Baptist hospitals, with three others under course of construction, and still more definitely projected or planned, according to the annual report of the hospital committee made to the Convention Saturday afternoon through Dr. F. S. Groner, Texas, chairman. These hospitals have property valued at \$5,578,418.67, and a total bed capacity of 2,823. Two of these hospitals are located at Selma, Ala., while the locations of the others are at Birmingham, Ala.; Pine Bluff and Little Rock, Ark.; Atlanta, Ga.; Robinson, Ill.; Alexandria, La.; Jackson, Miss.; St. Louis, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Clovis, N. M.; Muskogee, Miami and Oklahoma City, Okla.; Columbia, S. C.; Memphis, Tenn.; Houston, Waco, Dallas, Fort Worth and El Paso, Tex., with one under course of construction at Abilene, Tex., and Lynchburg, Va. Contract has been let for the first unit of a modern hospital at Louisville, Ky. A large sum of money has been raised for the construction of a hospital at Louisville, Ky. A large sum of money has been raised for the construction of a hospital at San Antonio, Tex., but work on this has not begun as yet. Two hospitals were added to the list during the past year with a bed capacity of 300, and there was an addition for the year of \$500,000 in property valuation, the report shows. A total of fourteen nurses, training schools, with a student body of 837, are maintained in connection with the hospitals, and 151 graduates from these schools were reported last year. On the matter of the New Orleans Hospital and the memorials on that subject referred to this committee, the following report was made:

"It will be recalled that this Convention, at its Jacksonville session last year, instructed the Home Mission Board to erect and maintain a General Hospital in the city of New Orleans to cost ultimately as much as \$2,000,000. There are two memorials before this Convention touching on the New Orleans Hospital matter, one from Maryland and the other from Louisiana. These two memorials, together with a memorial from the Southern Baptist Hospital Association, have been referred to this Committee. On the question raised by these two memorials we beg to recommend:

"1. That a special hospital commission consisting of one member from each state shall be appointed by this Convention and that the erection and administration of the proposed New Orleans Hospital be turned over to this Commission.

"2. That the Home Mission Board be instructed to contribute \$250,000 toward the first unit of the institution, the construction of which shall commence not earlier than December 1, 1924, and that this amount shall be the limit of the Home Mission Board's responsibility.

"3. That the Baptists of Louisiana will be expected to contribute not less than \$100,000 toward the first unit.

"4. That the additional fund necessary to ultimately complete an institution to cost not less than \$2,000,000 shall be provided by this Convention from future campaigns, said funds to be administered by said hospital commission.

"5. That the title to the New Orleans Hospital shall be held in trust by this commission for the Southern Baptist Convention.

"We further recommend that this hospital commission shall make a survey of the hospital situation in the South from a Baptist standpoint, with the view to bring definite recommendations to this Convention one year hence in regard to a permanent hospital policy for the future. We recommend that whatever expense the proposed Hospital Commission may incur in course of its work shall be defrayed by our several Baptist hospitals of the South on such pro rata basis as shall be suggested by the commission.

"Conclusion. Your Committee feels that this Convention, and Southern Baptists generally have every reason for thanksgiving to God for the almost unequalled progress that we have made in our hospital work since we ventured on this line of Christian endeavor less than two decades ago. God's signal blessings have been upon us and we have earnest hope of larger conquest yet to follow. Let it be understood now and forever that Southern Baptists are definitely committed to a great hospital and benevolent policy, and thus with a symmetrical program we shall go forward to conquer in the name of our great King."

The report was spoken to by Rev. Louis J. Bristow of Alabama and Dr. B. D. Gray of the Home Mission Board.

Dr. A. J. Barton of Louisiana moved to amend the report by providing that at sometime in the future the Tuberculosis Sanatorium at El Paso, Tex., be transferred to the newly named Hospital Commission in such a way as will embarrass neither the Hospital Commission nor the Home Mission Board. This amendment was adopted.

Dr. F. S. Groner chairman of the Hospital Committee, explained that report meant that the Home Board would not have to spend any money on this project before December, 1924, and after that only as needed and that the Home Board would be reimbursed in the sum of \$250,000 from the hospital fund from the forward movement to be launched after the 75 Million Campaign is over.

Adjournment was reached at a late hour.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

The opening songs of this session were "I'm Bound for the Promised Land," and a number of others equally as familiar, and right lustily did the great congregation sing, R. H. Coleman of Dallas, Texas, leading. Stanley Armstrong of New Orleans, La., rendered a solo entitled, "Christ Returneth." Prayer was offered by Rev. I. N. Strother of Memphis.

Dr. E. Y. Mullins of Louisville, Ky., presided. Sang "America." A. H. C. Morse of Denver, Col., prayed. Sang "O Come Angel Band."

William Lewis of Dallas, the negro soloist, was called for and sang "Four and Twenty Elders," and so prolonged was the applause that he sang again, repeating the selection "Take Your Burden to the Lord." Prayer by Dr. C. P. Stealey of Oklahoma City, Okla.

The Southern Baptist Convention tonight adopted strong resolutions of thanks to the daily press of Kansas City, the Associated Press, The Commercial Appeal of Memphis and the papers of Fort Worth, Tex., for such

full and complete stories of the daily sessions. The expression was made in a rising vote.

Applause By-Law Appealed.

By-law No. 10 of the convention forbidding applause was repealed by the adoption of a resolution presented by Carson Taylor of Texas but not without fight. Congressman W. D. Upshaw of Georgia made a brief but breezy speech favoring the repeal of the law. President Mullins stated that applause could not be suppressed by banging on a table with a piece of wood. He favored the repeal of the by-law.

Dr. E. F. Adams of Galveston, Texas, asked if the privilege of expressing approval by applause in hand clapping did not involve the use of its antithesis, hissing, as an expression of disapproval. President Mullins answered that hissing was never indulged in by people dominated by the Christian spirit. The movement to repeal the by-law seemed certain of success from the start and was passed overwhelmingly. Henceforth, the delegates may express their appreciation of the remarks of the several speakers in that way without fear of being repressed by the presiding officer. The sentiment has been growing for years to that effect.

Social Service.

Dr. A. J. Barton of Alexandria, La., presented the report of the Social Service Commission, a strong, but lengthy document. It dealt with gambling, marathon dances, mobs masked or unmasked, the divorce menace, prohibition and law enforcement.

Touching the divorce menace the report said:

"At Washington City three years ago your commission made an extensive report on the divorce evil, giving the latest authentic statistics on the subject and calling attention to the urgent need for better and more uniform legislation regulating marriage and divorce. The evil is not much abated if at all. The divorce courts still grind, the foundation of the home, the basic institution of all social order, is seriously menaced. It is good to see that the secular press, including some of the great magazines, is becoming aroused to the danger and declaring boldly against it. For example we quote a sentence or two from a vigorous editorial in the World's Work for the current month: 'About 115,000 divorces are granted in the United States every year, and it seems to be true that the ratio of increase is considerably greater than the increase of the population. The deplorable truth is that about one in ten American marriages is broken up by the courts.' The editor strongly urges the need, as he sees it, for an amendment to the constitution of the United States giving the federal government legislative power over the question of marriage and divorce. Whether this is to be the solution of this problem and if so whether the American people are now ready for such a step, two things are certainly true: 1—We must find some method of reducing the evil to the minimum. 2—Our Southern Baptist people must do their full share.

"Your commission recommends that the convention by the adoption of this report reaffirm the historic Baptist position, that there is only one scriptural ground for divorce with the privilege of remarriage, namely, infidelity to the marital relation; that this is the privilege of the innocent only and that the convention call this matter to the attention of the pastors, urging them to preach clearly and earnestly upon the subject and to refrain from marrying divorced people except when the divorce has been sought and secured on the scriptural ground herein cited. We recommend also that the pastors and other Baptist leaders in the several states in co-operation with Christians of the faiths and other intelligent and patriotic citizens be on the alert to secure the enactment by the legislatures of better and more wholesome laws regulating marriage and divorce. We must safeguard the foundations of our social order."

Dr. E. D. Cameron, of Muskogee, Okla., offered an amendment to the report striking out the statement that there is a scriptural ground for remarriage after divorce. Dr. Barton sprang to the support of his report, stating that all Baptist authorities he had consulted on the divorce question favored the idea expressed in the report. The stentorian voice of Dr. A. C. Dixon, of Baltimore, Md., was heard by a dozen others to be heard and he was allowed to speak. He said:

"There is only one scriptural ground for divorce, adultery, and there is no scriptural grounds for remarriage." His statement was greeted by a chorus of amens.

Congressman W. D. Upshaw, of Atlanta, Ga., offered an amendment to the social service commission's report indorsing the campaign of the W. C. T. U., asking a pledge to total abstinence from all candidates for office on the American continent. The name of Prof. John L. Hill, of Nashville, Tenn., was added to the social service commission.

W. J. Bryan Speaks.

More than 10,000 people were in the hall. They received Mr. Bryan enthusiastically when he appeared on the platform at 9 o'clock, and he repaid them by giving them numerous occasions for laughter. He jested at what he regarded as the futility of the wets in their fight against the Volstead act, the futility of Darwinism and the futility of some of his fights for office, including his failure to obtain the position of moderator of the Northern Presbyterian convention in Indianapolis Thursday.

The gist of the speech may be summed up in the two following statements:

Prohibition is here to stay and immediate steps should be taken for more stringent enforcement.

Evolution is not true and it should not be allowed to be taught as a truth in our public or denominational colleges.

The inference was that if you believed as the speaker did regarding these questions Christian citizenship would take care of itself.

Mr. Bryan caused a roar of laughter at the start when he said he brought his audience greetings from another Christian convention in Indianapolis. Then he added the remark that caused the amusement when he said:

"I would have been able to make that greeting official if I had had 26 more votes two days ago."

It did not take the speaker long to launch into the liquor question. He started it by saying that one of the most important problems of today to be solved by Christianity in the country is that of law enforcement.

"There was a time," Mr. Bryan went on, when I supposed that law enforcement would never be a problem in this country. I thought it was the ideal of our government that the minority should acquiesce to the will of the majority. It has been the practice with us for over a century. We have had three presidential elections that were exciting and close in illustration of this ideal."

The speaker then cited the election of President Hayes by one vote in the electoral college in 1876, the election of Grover Cleveland eight years later by the electoral vote of the state of New York, which he obtained by a majority of 1,200 popular votes and the election of Woodrow Wilson in 1916 by California. In all these cases the minority abided by the results, and rightly so. Mr. Bryan said.

"But," he cried out, "not until after prohibition did we find men who did not know what acquiescence is and who do not care. It is the first time we have been organized opposition to the will of a legal majority."

Mr. Bryan added that the charge of the wets that prohibition was "slipped over" on the country, was untrue, because the W. C. T. U., the Anti-Saloon leagues and churches had declared war on the liquor traffic years before prohibition and the congress that submitted the eighteenth amendment to the states was the third successive one.

"The press of Europe has been stat-

ing that a protest has been arising in the United States toward the smuggling of liquor into this country by European ships. I hope this protest will rise and rise until foreign nations will learn that we consider it a deliberate outrage for foreign nations to lend their flags to deliberate conspiracy against the constitution of the United States."

For the greater enforcement of prohibition, the speaker recommended the building of a total abstinence sentiment furthered by the public signing of the pledge by the president and his cabinet, members of congress and all political office holders, members of churches and the faculties and students of colleges.

This plan was greeted by enthusiastic applause.

"And now," said the Commoner, "I have finished my introduction and will start on my speech."

Then, after dwelling for a few minutes on the adequacy of the Christian religion in solving the problems of human life, the speaker turned on Darwin to the evident enjoyment of his hearers.

He took up one at a time the evolutionists' theory of the descent of man and the development of some of the highly specialized organs of the human body and held them all up for ridicule amidst much laughter. His conclusions were:

"Evolution is merely a guess, and I disapprove of allowing atheists to muffle their guesses in the faces of our children in school. If they want to teach their theories as truth, let them build their own colleges for that purpose. I prefer to accept the Book of Genesis, which says that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, that each animal reproduces after its own kind and that God made man in His own image."

A hearty rising vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Bryan for his address and he received an ovation after adjournment, hundreds shaking hands with him.

The announcement of the appointment of Prof. John L. Hill of Nashville on the Social Service Commission was made.

Prayer at adjournment by Dr. Z. T. Cody of Greenville, S. C.

SUNDAY.

Possibly the busiest day in point of worship spent by the 6,000 Southern Baptists attending their annual convention here was Sunday. The day dawned fair and lovely, and as early as 9:30 the delegates began wending their way to the preferred places of worship for the Sunday school and preaching services. All of the pulpits of the Baptists in Kansas City and the majority of those of the Protestant denominations were occupied at both hours Sunday by noted preachers of the convention.

At 3 p.m. Dr. George W. Truett of Dallas, Texas, pastor of the First Baptist Church, preached to 10,000 people in the city auditorium. The service furnished the spiritual climax of the convention.

SUNDAY NIGHT.

Delegates to the convention Sunday night abandoned plans for a final meeting Sunday and adjourned sine die following a conference devoted to home and foreign missions in Convention hall.

Those who remained for the closing session were startled by the announcement of Dr. John Lake, Chinese missionary for seventeen years, cancelling all engagements in order to sail to the Orient June 30, because of his conviction that China is about to face a terrific upheaval. Mrs. Lake will accompany him.

Dr. Lake had planned a six months' stay in the United States, and had made many speaking and convention engagements.

"Not force of arms, but the Prince of Peace, will bring peace to China and to all the world," said Dr. Lake

in one of the most impassioned addresses of the convention. "Missions will halt the Chinese bandits, but not gunboats. The condition in China is critical."

He drew a vivid word picture of his frequent contact with Chinese bandits and pirates, relating an instance when he was under cannon fire, accompanied by his wife and a party of Americans. Again, on the way to the Baptist leper colony, he was fired upon and later, caught in a typhoon, he was driven into a backwater inhabited by the pirates. Remaining there four days, Dr. Lake said he was on the best of terms with the cut-throats when the sea quieted.

Dr. J. P. Greene president emeritus of William Jewell college, was unable to attend last night because of illness and a telegram of sympathy was forwarded to him by the convention. Dr. E. Y. Mullins, of Louisville, president of the convention, occupied the chair and at his suggestion, the proposed meeting Monday was abandoned.

Dr. B. C. Henning, of Atlanta, was in charge of the home mission addresses submitted by Dr. J. G. Chastain, of Tampa, covering work among the Cubans; Dr. T. D. New, of Pawnee, Ok., for the Indians, who was accompanied by Charles Goodeagle and his wife and Dr. J. F. Lovelace, corresponding secretary of the home mission board of the Northern Baptist convention of Negroes.

Foreign Missionaries.

Dr. T. B. Ray introduced the foreign missionaries, who brought greetings from Japan, China, France and Brazil. Dr. A. Blocher, of Paris, expressed pride in the unity of Baptists in France. Dr. J. H. Roe, for seventeen years a missionary in Fukuoka and other sections of Japan, asserted that 90 per cent of the younger generation was inclined toward Christianity. He added that Japan, with 98 per cent of her people educated, leads the Orient and offers the greatest missionary field in the world.

Dr. D. S. Soren, from Rio de Janeiro, voiced a plea for funds with which to build a suitable church to care for the needs of his followers. Offers were made to launch a campaign for the money at the meeting, but these were declined with the understanding that ways would be found to finance the project without delay.

A resolution by Dr. Livingston Johnson, of Raleigh, N. C., expressed the appreciation of messengers to the convention for the perfection of arrangements in Kansas City, the reduced railroad rates and the hospitality of the city in general to its guests.

Dr. Mullins appointed the following messengers to the Northern Baptist convention opening Wednesday at Atlanta: Dr. B. D. Gray and Representative W. D. Upshaw, of Atlanta; Dr. W. H. Baylor, of Baltimore; Dr. E. C. Routh, Dallas; Dr. J. D. Adcock, Orlando, Fla.; Dr. H. H. Buzbee, Goodwater, Ala., and Dr. M. C. Cargill, Texarkana, Ark.

The convention was adjourned after benediction by the Rev. R. M. Inlow, of Sedalia, Mo. Approximately 2,000 were in attendance at the closing session.

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TO OUR PASTORS.

By W. H. Preston.

On Tuesday afternoon, the 12th of June, in the largest city of our state, will gather perhaps the greatest number of young people ever brought together in the history of Tennessee for one common purpose—crowning Christ pre-eminent as their King and Lord. It is expected that the number of visiting young people will reach 2,000, many coming from Mississippi and Arkansas to share with Tennessee young people in this spiritual good time.

An unusually fine program will be presented. Such Southern leaders as Dr. W. F. Powell, Dr. F. F. Brown, Dr. A. U. Boone, Dr. Harry Clark and others will appear on the program. All phases of our denominational work will be recognized.

Friday, the closing day of the Convention, will begin with the Consecration Service and at eventide close with a pledge to definite service "back home."

Would it not be a splendid thing if at this convention, at least 200 of our pastors should be present along with their young people, who will receive a greater inspiration and a larger vision?

The B.Y.P.U. Convention extends a special invitation to our pastors.

Our Speakers

Mrs. A. L. Crawley, formerly Miss Sadie Tiller, will conduct conferences on "B.Y.P.U. Programs." Mrs. Crawley is without doubt one of the most practical and delightful conference leaders that we have in the South. In her work as leader of the Junior B.Y.P.U.'s of Georgia and as the leader in the local church at Newport, Tenn., of which Rev. A. L. Crawley is the pastor, Mrs. Crawley has gained a rich experience which will be of great value to the Senior, Junior and Intermediate leaders who attend.

Mr. W. D. Hudgins, Superintendent of the Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. work of Tennessee, will bring the report of the work of the department on Wednesday morning and will lend his helpful presence to the spirit of the meeting. In Mr. Hudgins, the young people of Tennessee have one of their truest and best friends. It is hoped that at this Convention our appreciation may be expressed to him in a substantial way.

Miss Tarwanda Garabedian, a graduate nurse in the Baptist Memorial Hospital, at Memphis, and a native of Armenia, will, at one of the devotional periods, tell of her life's story and bring a message on "Missions." Many of our young people heard Miss Garabedian at the Baptist Student's Conference, held recently at Chattanooga and were deeply impressed by the fervor of her message.

The Registration Fee

A registration fee of 50 cents will be asked of all those attending in order to cover

the expense of the program that has been arranged. Advertising, postage, railroad fare of the speakers from outside of the state and their entertainment while our guests here, make it necessary for us to have not only this registration fee but one dollar from each Union throughout the State.

A Program Advisory Committee

An advisory committee to the president consisting of Supt. W. D. Hudgins and the three vice presidents will be seated at the front of the Convention Hall and will pass on all changes in the program or any matters that would affect the carrying out of

the program. All resolutions and other business not included in the printed program will be referred to this committee.

The Delegate's Card

The by-laws of the State Convention permit only two duly elected delegates from each Union to vote. These delegate cards have been mailed out. *If you have not received your delegate's card as yet*, please write to the B.Y.P.U. Department at Tullahoma for the same. You must have this delegate card with you properly filled out in order to vote.

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A GREAT MEETING

By O. W. Taylor

The writer recently had the joy of attending a goodly number of services in a great revival in the Morganfield Baptist Church, Morganfield, Ky., of which Brother R. E. Downing, a former Tennessean, is the beloved and aggressive pastor. The preaching was done by Brother W. C. Reeves, of the First Church, Clarksville, Tenn., and it was most nobly and spiritually accomplished.

For a few days of the meeting Pastor Dowling was confined to his room with what was for a while a serious illness. But God answered the prayers of his people, and Brother Downing, together with his companion, who had been so faithfully ministering to him, was permitted to be present at the last few services.

Numerically, the results of the meeting were fifty professions of faith, 34 additions to the church, 31 of which were by baptism. But the far-reaching influence of the meeting cannot be tabulated in figures.

Brother Reeves is one of the most Christly men and one of the finest preachers the writer has heard in many a day. And Brother Downing is a man whom to know is to love, an excellent preacher, an unusual executive, and an aggressive leader. The Morganfield church under his leadership is going forward by leaps and bounds. The church is over the top and beyond in the Campaign.

The last night of the meeting witnessed a sight that might gladden the angels. At the suggestion of Brother Reeves, the church unanimously increased the pastor's salary \$300.00, voted to send him to the Convention, instructed him to take a much needed rest with his salary to be paid as if he were on the field. And then, the converts, with the additions of the church and a dozen or more young people, volunteered to go and do what their Lord desires of them, stood in a row at the front, with the pastor and visiting preacher in the center, and while the choir and congregation sang gospel songs, the great audience passed by and gave the hand of God-speed to those in the line. "Heaven came down our souls to greet And glory crowned the Mercy seat."

A Correction

In my recent report of the Bible Institute in the Sturgis Baptist

Church, I left out an important detail. I omitted the name of Brother B. S. Ding, student in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, a native of China, who was one of our speakers. By one of these lapses which many of us are sometimes guilty of, which we always regret, and which we cannot explain, his name was left from the reported list of our speakers. In this public way I wish to apologize to our brother and to express my bitter regret over the omission of his name.

Brother Ding spoke to us on Sunday morning and evening the opening day of the Institute. Great were the messages he brought us, Christly was his spirit amongst us, heavenly was his influence upon us. The fragrance of his coming still lingers. His presence in the pastor's home was a distinct benediction. Our prayers for him shall ascend to the Throne.

THE BYPU IN MY LIFE

By Elizabeth Burton, Orlinda

The BYPU is the greatest training service for the young people. It has meant much to me since I have been a member. It has taught me how to get up in public and talk without getting embarrassed. It has taught me to do more efficient work for the Lord. Being associated with Christian people has been a great help to me. In being associated with them and through the BYPU I have seen more clearly my duty. The BYPU teaches one to seek after the right kind of pleasures and not seek the pleasures of the world.

Through the BYPU many young people learn to lead in public prayer. They are learning to take the place of the older generation in later years. In this way they are preparing to do the greatest work of their lives.

FIRST CHURCH NASHVILLE A-1 DESPITE HANDICAPS

We are glad to tell you of our success in athletics and also of our success in attaining the A-1 Standard during the first quarter of this year. This was no little task for our Union which has so many "temporary members," owing to the fact that it is a down-town church. People come to town for two or three months, join our Union, and just as they begin to take an active part, they leave us and we have to find someone else to fill their place. However we are A-1 now. Last quarter we had the following percentage:

Study Courses...Sixty-eight per cent.
Bible Readers...Eighty-five per cent.
Givers...Eighty-three per cent.
Average attendance...Seventy-eight per cent.

We hope to report one hundred per cent from each of these points before very long.

SPECIAL NOTE

Orlinda had Sunday, May 13, the following report which is very remarkable:

Attendance—346.
100 per cent Pupils—306.
On Time—335.
School had read 3,750 chapters in the Bible during the past week.
Junior Department had read 2,249 chapters.
Adult Department Present—195.
Number 100 per cent pupils in Adult Department—170.
They use the Six-Point Record system.

10 SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO VARY YOUR WEEKLY PROGRAMS

By Miss Lucy E. Stark, Union University

In my opinion the program is the most important part of the weekly meeting. Programs should be varied in order to avoid monotony, and keep up an interest in the Union. It is my purpose in this article to give

some suggestions for varying the program.

1. You might have demonstration programs showing how not to have a BYPU program, and then have another on how to have one.

2. Have a round-table discussion of the lesson in a general and informal way.

3. If your program is on Prayer, for instance, pretend that one of your members does not believe in Prayer. Let him give his reason for not believing in it, and then ask any questions that would suggest the different talks. In the end he is convinced that Prayer is altogether essential to the Christian life.

4. We had a radio program this winter that took well. We got our material from the "Home and Foreign Fields"—articles from our missionaries in different countries. Those on the program, after they had been announced, gave their reports in the first person. They talked through a large horn behind a curtain.

5. If you are planning a Missionary program, write in advance to some of the workers on the field and get direct information about the work in the country which you are going to study. It will be very effective if you can use some appropriate costumes and stage decorations, and have some souvenirs from this country.

6. Vary your material. Introduce local conditions and events. Make your programs practical.

7. Encourage your members to use personal experiences in their talks. This will not only strengthen them, but will also be helpful to those present.

8. It is a good idea to get experienced workers—returned missionaries for instance—to appear before your Union occasionally. Their experiences are always interesting and inspiring.

9. Vary the manner of presenting your programs. Take the idea suggested in the Quarterly and dramatize it, making your own plot and characters.

10. Use things that appeal to the eye when possible; such as, charts, posters, maps, etc. Visualize facts always make a lasting impression.

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IS LIFE WORTH LIVING?

By Alfred Austin

Is Life worth living? Yes, so long
As there is wrong to right,
Wail of the weak against the strong,
Or Tyranny to fight;
Long as there lingers gloom to chase,
Or streaming tear to dry,
One kindred woe, one sorrowing face,
That smiles as we draw nigh;
Long as a tale of anguish swells
The heart, and lids grow wet,
And at the sound of Christmas bells
We pardon and forget;
So long as Faith with Freedom reigns,
And loyal Hope survives,
And gracious Charity remains.
To heaven lowly lives;
While there is one untrodden tract
For intellect and Will,
And men are free to think and act,
Life is worth living still.

IN A MINUTE

"Robert, come into the house," called mother.

"In a minute," replied Robert, "I want to finish my game of marbles."

Mother turned and went into the house with a sigh.

Robert finished the game and started another. He was surprised that she did not call again, for his mother usually had to call several times before he came, for Robert had not learned to obey promptly. He quieted his conscience and also his playmate, Willie, by saying that if mother had wanted him much she would have called again.

After a while, when Willie had to go home, Robert went in to see what his mother wanted.

"I want nothing now, but what I wanted before was to tell you that Uncle Tom had come and was going to take you home with him on the farm, but as he was in a great hurry your sister Mary went without you. I am sorry, but Uncle Tom could not wait a minute."

Robert forgot that he was a big boy and threw himself on the floor and cried as if his heart would break. His uncle had written that he was coming to the city some time that week and would take the children home with him; so it was a great disappointment to think all his lovely plans could not come true. "Why didn't you call me again?" he asked.

Robert's mother sat on the floor beside him and taking his head in her lap, said: "Robert, dear, you have a very bad habit of not obeying at once. I have tried in many ways to break you of it, but none did any good; so I have tried this way. I know it seems hard; but if it will do any good, it is worth disappointment."

Needless to say it did do good, and he never forgot the lesson.—Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

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Will get up in the morning
From an advertised mattress
Shave with an advertised razor,
And put on advertised underwear,
Advertised hose, shirt, collar, tie
and shoes,
Seat himself at the table and
Eat advertised breakfast food,
Put on an advertised hat,
Go to his place of business and
Turn down advertising on the
ground
That advertising doesn't pay.

THE PRESENT STATE CONVENTION YEAR IN TENNESSEE

By Lloyd T. Wilson, Cor. Secretary

The receipts for the Convention year by months furnish us an interesting study and ought to stimulate us to enlarged effort for the remainder of the year. In making our budget for State Missions for the year the Board counted on net receipts of not less than \$500,000.00 for the year, but unless we make heroic efforts we are not going to reach that amount. If we fail to reach this amount it will mean a debt on State Missions.

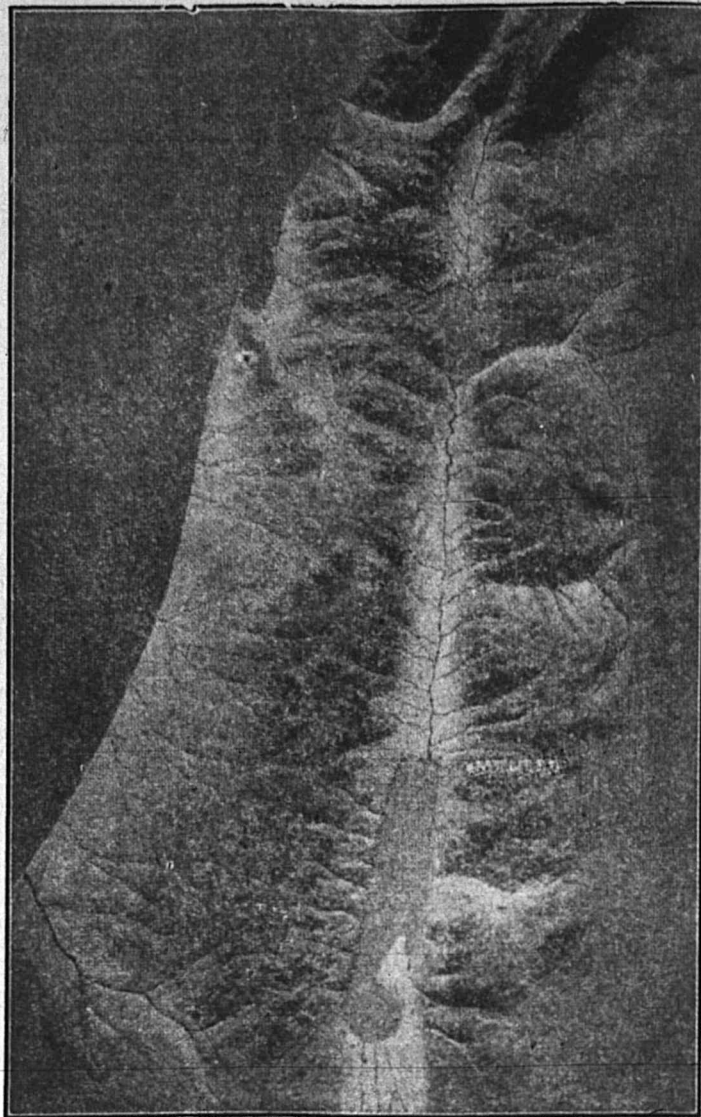
The Receipts are as follows:

November, 1922	\$ 30,220.01
December, 1922	17,549.91
January, 1923	39,960.77
February, 1923	28,699.48
March, 1923	22,928.85
April, 1923	260,947.85

Total, six months	\$400,306.87
Special designations	19,984.92

Balance for distribution 380,321.95

The summer and fall months are always our smallest months for receipts. The receipts for these last year were less than \$95,000.00, so it is easily seen that unless we make large increase for the next six months we are going to fall far short. We are short on the State Convention year thus far more than \$120,000.00, so we must make large gain during the remaining six months or come to the end of the State Convention year with considerable debt on State Missions to say nothing of the shortage to other objects. At the present rate we are drawing more money for our old Ministers than we are paying into the Relief Board. We lead all the States in applications for aid to old ministers and their widows.



Relief Map of the Holy Land.

SMILES SELECTED

Editor—"Have you submitted these poems anywhere else, first?"

Poet—"No, sir."

Editor—"Then, where did you get that black eye?"—Judge.

"I guess—"

"Oh, don't guess. You Americans always guess, you know."

"No, I don't know. You English always know, don't you know?"—Chicago Tribune.

"When we first came here," said a Dakota man to his visitor from the East, "our nearest neighbor lived twelve miles away." "The land sake!" she cried. "Who'd yer borrow from?"—The Christian Herald.

Johnny handed the following note from his mother to the teacher one morning:

"Dere teacher: You keep tellin' my boy to brethe with his difram. Maybe rich children has got diframs, but how about when there father only makes \$1.50 a day and has got five children to keep? First, it's one thing, then it's another, and now it's diframs. That's the worst yet."

A carping old Scotch woman said to her pastor one day:

"Dear me, meenisters mak' mukle adae about their hard work. But what's two bits o' sermons in the week tae mak' up? I cud dae it mase."

"Well, Janet," said the minister, "lets hear ye."

"Come awa' wi' a text, then," quoth she.

He repeated with emphasis: "It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop than with a brawling woman and in a wide house."

Janet fired up instantly. "What's that ye say sir? Dae ye intend anything personal?"

"Stop, stop!" broke in the pastor. "You would never do for a minister."

"And what for no?" asked she sharply.

"Because, Janet, you come too soon to the application!"

KNOCK ON WOOD

A temperance lecturer was violently denouncing the use of all intoxicants before an audience in a town where the majority appeared to favor the "wide-open shop." He was frequently interrupted by sarcastic remarks and finally a huge chunk of wood was thrown at him. Fortunately, however, the aim was bad and it fell on the platform. The lecturer picked it up and showed it to the audience.

"Good heavens," he exclaimed in mock anxiety, "some one present has lost his head!"—From Everybody's Magazine for May.