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GREAT BODY MOVES RAPIDLY IN TRANSACTION OF MUCH BUSINESS

By THE EDITOR

Houston, Texas, May 12, 1926.

The great Convention got under way with a spirit that promises victory for another year. The auditorium was packed to the top gallery, and crowds of people were milling around in the corridors and among the display booths talking and visiting and having a good time, all unconscious of the grave matters that were up for consideration within.

Following the election of the officers, President McDaniel delivered his annual address. It was brief and yet filled with stirring words. It expressed his appreciation for honors conferred by the Convention and for the privilege of presiding again in his native state. It rang clear and loud upon some of the plans and policies of the Convention and closed with a declaration upon the evolution issue that was clear and unambiguous. This declaration was accepted by the Convention with prolonged applause and Dr. M. E. Dodd, taking advantage of the enthusiasm, moved that the closing statement of the president's address be adopted as the expression of the Convention on the controverted issue. This motion was carried by a unanimous and thunderous vote.

This declaration upon the evolution issue is as follows:

"I am happy to believe that this Convention accepts Genesis as teaching that man was the special creation of God, and rejects every theory, evolution or otherwise, which teaches that man originated in, or came by way of, a lower animal ancestry." It does not specify some of the distinctive things employed in the declaration which Dr. S. E. Tull proposed to introduce, but it makes perfectly clear the position of Southern Baptists upon the evolution question. If there were any in the Convention who did not favor the passage of the declaration, they dared not open their mouths. The Convention has now interpreted itself to the world. Our only concern now will be as to whether or not it will demand that its employees, both at home and abroad, shall accept its declaration without reservations.

When the Committee on Order of Business made its report, the editor of the Baptist and Reflector moved to amend by striking out the two special sermons each day. The vote was close on this issue, there being 1,223 for the amendment and 1,072

against it. Mr. Robert Coleman, of Dallas, Texas, moved to make more room on the program for special music, but a motion from Dr. A. J. Barton sent the report back to the committee for readjustment in view of the fact that the special sermons had been eliminated.

Dr. J. B. Leavell, pastor of the First Church, a man known and loved in Tennessee and Mississippi, was introduced to present the man who was to deliver the address of welcome. He came to the platform amidst applause, and in a fitting way presented Mayor Oscar F. Holcomb, of Houston. Dr. Leavell told how he had had the joy of teaching this man to know Christ and had baptized him into the fellowship of First Church.

Mayor Holcomb spoke briefly, giving instructions to the managers of the building concerning the use of the loud speaker and assuring President McDaniel that if there was anything he needed or the Convention needed, he had but to call for it. The response was made by Dr. Henry Alford Porter.

The report of the Committee on Business Efficiency was read by Dr. Austin Crouch, of Murfreesboro. A digest of this report is herein given. The full report will be published in the Convention minutes and every pastor ought to get a copy of this minute as soon as it is off the press. His report touched some of the vital weaknesses of the Convention and recommended some radical departures from administration policies. Later we hope to make editorial comment upon this report. The committee did some excellent work on it and it evoked a good deal of discussion, after which it was made a special order for 12 noon on Thursday.

SUMMARY OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS EFFICIENCY

Submitted by Dr. Austin Crouch, Murfreesboro, Tenn., Chairman

After a year's investigation of the detailed business methods employed by the various general boards and other South-wide agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention, with a view to recommending how the financial matters of the Convention may be handled more efficiently, the Committee on Business Efficiency presented its report to the Convention Wednesday morning, showing that while the boards

and institutions of the Convention on February 1 of this year had outstanding debts in the sum of \$5,337,960.93, these debts were offset by assets in the sum of \$22,725,188.70. A considerable portion of these debts are in the form of loans and bonds and, therefore, are not due immediately.

The committee, while recognizing that these obligations are amply secured by the resources of the various agencies, recommends that the debts be not enlarged and that early provision be made for their payments. One means of bringing these ends about, as proposed by the committee, is that a unified budget control whereby the Convention will authorize the creation of some central agency to supervise the budgets of each board and institution and see to it that no interest be permitted to expend more money than this budget provided for. The committee believes in this way it will be possible to determine exactly how much money is needed to carry on the several departments of the Convention's work each year, and that when this is known it will be easier to raise that amount.

To operate such a budget control the committee recommends the appointment of a central agency to make out annually the suggested combined budget for the Convention, fix percentages which each object fostered by the Convention should receive from this general budget, deal directly with the state boards with a view to making definite agreements with them and co-operation with them in the co-operative work of the denomination as a whole. Some possibilities of such an agency suggested by the committee are those taking over the functions of the Executive Committee and the Co-operative Program Commission.

Among the advantages which the committee believes would accrue from the work of such a central agency would be the following:

1. A real budget control which would prevent without the authority of the Convention a contraction of new debts by the Convention agencies, which policy, heretofore pursued, is largely responsible for our present plight.

2. The gradual liquidation of all Convention indebtedness which will be taken care of in the budget adopted by the Convention in advance.

3. A system of uniform auditing of all Convention agencies by a certified public

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EDITORIAL

CONVENTION TIT-BITS

"The state must protect herself from the waste of ignorance."—Dr. Truett.

"Don't try to rattle the umpire during the game."—Dr. McDaniel during a hot parliamentary battle.

"I came to the convention with fear and trembling; I go home with confidence and joy."—J. H. Anderson.

"One has not put his tithe into the storehouse when he has put it in a separate bank account."—C. L. Durrett.

"The pious hypocritical advocates of light wine and beer are saying to us: 'You had better let us be bad in order that we may not be worse.'"—E. H. Marriner.

"The cradle roll department of the faculty is glad to be here."—Prof. Harold Tribble, when introduced as youngest professor.

Dr. George Leavell asked, "Would I make the sacrifice and go again to China? Yes, a hundred times over, I would make it."

"Judson, because he could read his Greek New Testament, became a Baptist. Don't you wish all preachers would learn to read the Greek New Testament well?"—Truett.

"When the eighteenth amendment was adopted, the American people considered it an armistice when they should have considered it a declaration of war."—Quoted by E. H. Marriner.

Southern Baptists have now set before the world their unqualified belief in the Genesis account of creation and their unqualified rejection of any theory, evolution or other, that teaches that man came up from lower forms of animal life.

"While a great deal of our troubles during the past three years may have been due to financial stringency, most of them have been due to financial stinginess."—Dr. J. T. Henderson.

"No man can keep faith with the Christian fathers without seeking to emulate them, to surpass them, and to pass on to his children a larger heritage than we have had."—Carter Helm Jones.

The Co-operative Program Commission had an expense account of about \$46,000 during the year. The Education Board had expenses of more than \$27,500. And many of the brethren asking, "Is it worth it?"

"The man who defends the Bible best is the one who seeks to get the submarine rather than the one who stands within the hold of the vessel and tries to guard the ship's treasure."—Dr. Mullins.

"Some people have been on the side-lines criticising those who have kicked the ball when they ought to have been playing the game."—Dr. Burts. And some are on the side-lines in Houston instead of getting into the game.

"If you could see conditions as we on the foreign field see them, I am sure there would be fewer churches in towns of 100,000 people but employing more workers than we have in whole sections with 12,000,000 people."—L. L. Johnson, Brazil.

It happened according to schedule. When the convention finally disposed of the matters brought before it by Dr. J. Frank Norris and Dr. George Ragland, a protest meeting was called. Now we wait through another year wondering what will happen next.

"If we get nine million dollars this next year, we must tell people everywhere what we are going to do with it."—Dr. Carver.

Louisville and Oklahoma City have invited the convention for its 1927 meeting. We feel better than we did last year when invitations were scarce.

The Houston Post-Dispatch reporter, in quoting from Dr. McDaniel's inaugural address, gave him full credit for his quotations from 1 Corinthians 13. Yet some messengers wonder how press dispatches garble religious news!

Dr. John R. Sampey of the Louisville Seminary is to be married soon to Miss Ellen Wood of Birmingham, Ala. Beloved "Tiglath" will take his bride with him on his South American trip. We congratulate him and the fair lady and wish for them many years of usefulness together.

This notice was thrown on the screen during one of the sessions of the convention: "Mothers can leave their babies in the room just above the platform." We hope John R. Neal does not get hold of it, else he may use it to prove his alleged slanders against Southern ministers.

Dr. Sampey made a burning appeal for a more generous support of our mission work among the lost foreigners. One wanted to join hands with him and go to help the overworked missionaries. Why will so many of our Baptists not help them even if we cannot go?

"Jesus stood by the treasury one day and saw the people putting their money into the budget. A poor woman came and put her mite into the budget. She had no control over how it should be spent, * * * and Jesus commended her for it. * * * Mary of Bethany came with her special offering of precious ointment and poured it out, anointing Jesus for his death. That was a special offering and Jesus commended her for it."—Dr. Sampey.

When so many references to heaven are made, we cannot help but wonder why so many of us do not more readily rejoice in the glorious picture revealed in God's Book concerning it. Surely if we believe as we claim to do, that Genesis is a true account of the creation of the world, we cannot doubt God's ability to create the new heavens and the new earth which have been promised. He is creating them now!

When Vice President Bennett asked all messengers who were from the country to raise their hands, about two-thirds of the hands went up. A ripple of laughter went over the audience, while a pang of fear went to our heart. If Southern Baptists—convention-going Baptists—are so overwhelmingly rural in origin even at this day, what must we look forward to when the South is no longer rural?

The editor has been struck by the prevalence of the "money note" which has rung loudest during the convention. There has seemed to be almost complete harmony among the speakers, and the harmony has been built around the money note. Our ears have grown weary waiting for the melody to switch to burning, heart-searching appeals for plans and programs that will reach the lost. We love to hear the call for money; we love to plan to utilize that which is saved; but our heart bleeds for those who are lost, and evangelism has been mentioned too little during this great convention.

Mr. R. B. Niese, author of "News Writing for Religious Workers," a splendid book published by our Sunday School Board, was on the job at Houston preparing dispatch copy. We rejoice that a reporter of his fine character, Baptist conscience, and discerning mind should be sent to cover our convention. It would pay well to have a man of his experience and his wide contacts with the modern press associations, to be more largely entrusted with the control of some great newspaper wires. Certainly they would not commit such gross breaches of comity as that in which the convention was charged with having a minority in favor of light wines and beers.

A great moving picture screen is used for making announcements. These are thrown upon the screen which is just back of the president's chair. Many abbreviations are used, one of which is "INF" for information. The editor is not telling who started the following conversation:

One Delegate: "There must be a lot of sick babies in this convention."

Another D.: "Why? What makes you think so?"

One D.: "Well, they keep asking for some doctor to come to the infant booth."

"Attention has been called to the fact that the number of ministerial students in our Baptist colleges is falling off during the past few years. Perhaps if one would investigate, he might easily discover one outstanding cause. It is well known that most ministerial students come from the rural sections where people never have great bank deposits. Opportunities for self-help decrease as college endowments increase. So, while there are relatively fewer opportunities for poor students to work their ways through college, there is a rapidly increasing cost of going to college. Let us reduce some of the social demands of college life, increase our support for ministerial students and provide more jobs for worthy men and our supply of ministerial students will come back to normal."

A young woman who will sit in an auto beside the public highway, with her feet hanging over the door and with a cigarette in her mouth, would have been arrested fifteen years ago as an undesirable. Fifteen years ago a woman was arrested in a Southern city for wearing a skirt with a slit in it running from her shoe top to her knee. Today we can only wonder how little one would have to wear before she would be molested by the officers of the law.

THE PROGRESS OF THE ITALIAN BAPTIST MISSION WORK IN MEMPHIS

By Benjamin J. Arena, A.B., B.O., LL.B.

The formal opening of the Italian Baptist Mission Church in Memphis, Tenn., on January 31, 1926, gave rise to a far-reaching influence that was heretofore unknown. When the edifice of the Italian Baptist Mission was dedicated to the Italian people of Memphis, on January 31, 1926, to carry on the work of Christ, the church had a membership of thirty-nine. Since its dedication and formal opening five new members have been added, three of whom were baptized and two received by letter.

On May the 2, 1926, at the instance of Dr. A. U. Boone, pastor of the mother church (First Baptist), we met at his church and had an attendance of fifty-five, and again three more signified their intention of receiving Christ. This grand and glorious work is being carried on by Rev. Joseph Papia, pastor of the Italian Baptist Mission. His everlasting efforts have always brought great results, and without any doubt he will succeed in the years to come by having the largest Italian Mission in the South. This he will do with the aid and co-operation of all us Baptists.

Memphis has a wide and large field for Italian mission work. The recent census shows about 8,000 Italian people in this city, and a very few of them are evangelical Christians. We can all rest assured that with the fine work of Brother

Papia, who has won the love and admiration of his people and others, the Italian Baptist Church of Memphis, will be the leading step to greater success in this work of Christ.

SWANNANOVA CAMP FOR GIRLS AT RIDGECREST

By J. W. Cammack, Secretary Education Board, S. B. C., Birmingham, Ala.

The summer camp for girls is already quite generally recognized by our most thoughtful Christian people as a very highly desirable means of wholesome recreation, which offers many educational advantages not to be found in other forms of outings. Conducted under religious auspices, it has still more to commend it. Among the best in the entire country is Camp Swannanoa for girls between the ages of ten and twenty, at Ridgecrest, N. C., on the beautiful grounds of the Southern Baptist Assembly.

Ridgecrest nestles on the side of Mount Mitchell, eighteen miles northeast of Asheville, in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The camp is easily accessible, being situated near the National Highway and the main line of the Southern Railway, yet it is so well located, hidden as it is from both highway and railroad, that privacy and quiet are assured. In its lovely secluded cove, the camp has its lake, tennis courts, bungalows, dining hall, private grounds for every phase of outdoor enjoyment. In the vicinity ample opportunity is afforded for horseback riding, for hiking and for extensive nature study. Nights are always cool enough for covers.

Owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Education Board, every effort has been made to secure the most competent direction. The camp director is Mrs. J. M. Dawson, of Waco, Texas, well known throughout the South as a cultured mother with a heart for girls. She is closely associated with Baylor University, teaching a large class of college girls in the Sunday school of the First Baptist Church, Waco, of which Dr. J. M. Dawson is pastor. This famed speaker to young women will lead the daily vesper services and exercise a general oversight of the camp. Her large experience in the leadership of organizations in which she has been conspicuously successful, together with her strong, winsome personality and sympathetic understanding of girls will, it is believed, prove of great value to the camp.

On the staff will be: Dr. Howard Richardson, noted specialist for children and young people, of New York; Miss Allie Middleton, graduate nurse from Temple Sanitarium, a graduate of the Southwestern Baptist Training School; Miss Florence C. Maulsby, director of Physical Education, a graduate of Sargent School, Boston; Mrs. Ella C. Ficklin, Arts and Crafts, from the Children's Hospital, St. Louis; Miss Cornelia Marschall, Nature Study, teacher in Baylor University; Mrs. S. E. Holland, Dietician, Danville, Va. Others associated with Mrs. Dawson will be a group of picked counselors, every one a college graduate.

Swannanoa Camp will be open July 7th and close August 31st. The fees are very reasonable and full particulars may be had by addressing the Camp Manager, Dr. J. W. Cammack, Education Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Birmingham, Ala., or Mrs. J. M. Dawson, 717 Speight Street, Waco, Texas. One great advantage to Baptist patrons will be the proximity to the Southern Baptist Assembly at Ridgecrest, where parents in attendance will be near their girls. Handsome illustrated catalogues giving complete description of the Camp and its activities will be sent to those who are interested.

"Chaos of thought and passion, all confused;
Still by himself abused and disabused;
Created half to rise, and half to fall;
Great lord of all things, yet a prey to all;
Sole judge of truth, in endless error hurled;
The glory, jest and riddle of the world."

—Pope, from Essay on Man.

PURPOSE IN LIFE
By Dr. William James Robinson

"Let a man contend to the uttermost
For Life's set prize, be it what it will."

An aimless character is a pitiable derelict full of dangers and void of virtues. There is so much work in the world to be done, so many wrongs that it is imperative that every rational man do his best as a matter of self-protection, if for no nobler reason. To enjoy the comforts derived from the heroic efforts of others and not strive for the betterment of society is the basest and insanest ingratitude.

Morley says of Gladstone: "He was in quietude or movement always a man of purpose, and never a loiterer or lounge, never apathetic, never a sufferer from the worst malady of the human soul—from cheerlessness or cold." He persistently taxed his genius to the limit that he might ameliorate human ills. He was a statesman of the highest type, but, greater than that, a Christian philanthropist of the noblest order.

The less of genius one has, the more imperative that he be possessed of a definite and noble aim in life. There are countless glorious careers possible, of which you may be the maker of one—careers which are superably honorable; or, if you choose, you may have a life void of value or one filled with inexcusable and irretrievable shame. You are maker of your own position, the architect of your own career, and the determiner of your own destiny.

I have gained one abiding conviction from my experience: life is not flippancy and ease; life is not pleasure, but it is hard labor. If you have not learned to serve, you have not learned to live. The man who does not serve his fellow man has a name to live, but is actually dead. Forgetfulness of self, renunciation of personal rights for the good of others—that is the true meaning of life, the solution of all its mysteries, and the achievement of its supreme goal.

Immortal days are those in which some martyr spirit sees something that needs to be done and proceeds to do it. Discover the thing that needs to be done and without dallying do it. Learn to decide wisely, quickly, and with a finality that needs no revision. Remember, opportunities fly swiftly by and never return. "The wings of manly life are plumed with the feathers of death."

Begin your career now by discharging the duty that claims your attention most. Never leave to be done by another what you should do yourself. That is both robbery and imposition. No man ever yet occupied a position void of a duty or an ideal. You must find your ideal where you are and begin there to realize it. Believe that God has planted within you a possibility that can be unfolded by you and that will crown you with regal honors and give your life a wealth of meaning.

The life of ease, that escapes danger, avoids duty, gratifies appetites, is the life of a parasite and cowardly fool. The real man scorns indolence and ease and seeks the ways of adventurous service. Be a man.

"A little learning is a dangerous thing;
Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring.
Their shallow draughts intoxicate the brain,
And drinking largely sobers us again."

—Pope.

"Man is the miracle in nature. God
Is the One Miracle to man. Behold,
"There is a God," thou sayest. Thou sayest well:
In that, thou sayest all. To be is more
Of wonderful, than being, to have wrought,
Or reigned, or rested."—Jean Ingelow.

"If I knew a miser, who gave up every kind of comfortable living, all the pleasures of doing good to others, all the esteem of his fellow-citizens, and the joys of benevolent friendship, for the sake of accumulating wealth, poor man, said I, you pay too much for your whistle."—Ben Franklin.

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accountant, reviewed by a committee of the agency involved, and submitted in advance of the Convention to the Executive Committee, thus enlarged for its analysis and report to the Convention.

4. This system also would make certain that all trust funds and designated gifts be kept intact, preventing even their temporary use for any purpose other than that specified, and also preventing the investment of such funds in the bonds of any denominational agency and guaranteeing that securities, covering such investments, would be only such as would be approved by a court charged with the responsibility of keeping intact trust funds.

5. This plan would also make possible the presenting to the Convention each year a combined financial statement of all the boards, institutions and other agencies of the Convention, thus enabling the Convention to understand its financial condition in advance and act with intelligence as to a new financial program.

6. It follows that this plan would also make it impossible for any Convention agency to create any new indebtedness without the authority of the Convention in advance. In this connection, however, any unexpected decrease in receipts from the percentages allocated would have to be taken care of in some intelligent fashion.

7. It should be fully understood that such central agency would have no authority over the boards, institutions or other agencies of the Convention. Its functions would be solely to perform certain specified tasks for the Convention itself.

The Committee recommends that the Convention this year commit itself definitely to the policy of budget control and that the Executive Committee of the Convention be instructed to suggest to the body next year a suggested, detailed, combined budget. Further definite recommendations are that the Convention go on record as favoring a single agency to function along the lines indicated in its report and that the Convention direct that no trust funds of any of its boards or institutions be used for any other purpose under any conditions.

Following the deferring of action on this special report, Dr. F. F. Brown delivered the annual convention sermon. The editor could wish that every Tennessee Baptist could have heard this masterful deliverance. Dr. Brown was at his best. Mrs. Brown sat in the audience and their two girls were present as the youngest messengers ever enrolled in the Convention. The pastor of First Church, Knoxville, spoke with power and fervor, the words which we gave our readers last week, and his magnetic personality, gripped by the power of the Holy Spirit, made them telling and forceful. If our readers have not done so already, we urge them to get the issue of last week and read the message, parts of which will be heralded to the world.

Wednesday Afternoon

The devotional service was conducted by Dr. Carter Helm Jones of Atlanta, Ga., who read from Hebrews 12 and who classed Hebrews 11 as the Christian's "Battle Abbey." He spoke of the testimony of the faithful and urged the convention members to look to their testimony, saying: "If these men did their duty in their way, let us also look to our record. No man can stand between these great days—yesterday and tomorrow—without feeling thrilled by the prophet."

The Committee on Order of Business reported with changes made to provide for the time left

vacant by cutting out the extra sermons. This change gave some extra time to both the Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

When visitors were called for introduction, Dr. F. W. Gracey, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Cork, Ireland, was introduced and spoke at length of the Irish work and promise. Messages were read from the Northern Baptist Convention and from the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which was in session at Memphis, Tenn. Dr. George W. McDaniel was elected fraternal messenger to the Northern Convention and was authorized to appoint other messengers as he saw fit.

The Committee on Representation made its report through Chairman E. Y. Mullins. A digest of the report is herein given. Some radical changes were proposed. A prolonged parliamentary battle ensued when Dr. J. E. White of South Carolina introduced an amendment to the report, the substance of which was to eliminate from the convention any messenger whose church is not admitted to membership in its district association and in its state convention. This amendment, along with the report of the committee, was ordered printed in the bulletin and passed over to the following year. The report may be summarized as follows:

Digest of Committee Report on Change in Basis of Representation

After reviewing the difficulties in securing full deliberation in the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, including the large number of messengers, number and length of reports, and lack of information of average messengers on issues involved, the committee on changing the basis of representation, through Dr. E. Y. Mullins, chairman, made the following recommendations:

1. Retention of financial basis of representation.
2. That no essential change in basis of representation be made at this time.
3. That the Executive Committee be reorganized as follows:

(1) President and Senior Secretary of the Convention, one member from each co-operative state, and one additional member for each additional \$100,000 contributed by any state to the work of the convention during the preceding conventional year. One-third of the Executive Committee shall be selected at the end of each two-year period of service.

(2) That the Executive Committee shall elect among its other officers an executive secretary, who shall be a salaried employe.

(3) The duties of the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

(a) To act for the convention ad interim on matters not otherwise provided for in its plans of work.

(b) To have oversight of arrangements for meetings of convention, with authority to change time and place if necessary.

(c) To represent the Southern Baptist Convention in all negotiations with state or other co-operating bodies in all matters of common interest.

(d) To fix total financial objectives for the convention, allocate the funds raised, and serve as the promotional agency of the denomination in raising funds.

(e) To receive from the boards and other agencies of the convention each year by March 1, its proposed budget for the ensuing year, no budget to become effective until reviewed by the Executive Committee and submitted to the Southern Baptist Convention, and approved.

The Executive Committee made its report which included an account of its expenditures during the year of work done under its direction. A change was ordered made in the by-laws of the convention so that the names of women who are to serve on various committees shall be listed as members of the W. M. U.

The Committee on Hospitals brought a report that was lengthy. It gave a record of the work which it had done and of the moneys it had received during the year. It brought out the fact that the sanitorium at El Paso, Texas, could not at this time be transferred to the Commission on Hospitals because of an indebtedness placed against the property by the Home Board, this indebtedness amounting to \$300,000. A digest of the report is as follows:

Digest of the Report of the Hospital Commission

In addition to effecting the completion and opening of the Southwide Baptist Hospital at New Or-

leans, the Hospital Commission has been of large service during the year to the Baptist hospitals in the various states, according to the usual report of that body to the Southern Baptist Convention, submitted Wednesday by them, through Dr. F. S. Groner, Dallas, chairman, and Dr. L. J. Bristow, New Orleans, secretary. Service to other hospitals than the one at New Orleans took the form of assistance in financing their needs and solving problems of administration and policy.

The New Orleans hospital, upon which considerable interest at the convention has centered for the past several years, was formally opened to the public on March 8, and up until May 1 had treated 487 cases. Of its patients, 142 have been Catholics, 105 Baptists, 55 Methodists, 42 Episcopalians, 29 Presbyterians and 114 have been of other or no religious faiths. The most cordial attitude is manifested toward the new hospital by all elements of New Orleans' citizenship.

Valued at \$1,000,000, the plant of the New Orleans hospital is said to be a model in hospital architecture and convenience, and the board and Dr. Bristow, the superintendent, expect for it a large ministry to the denomination along distinctively missionary and spiritual lines as well as to the bodies of suffering humanity. A first-class training school for nurses is operated in connection with the hospital.

A total of 24 other hospitals are operated by Southern Baptists, the others being owned by the various state conventions. The total hospital property of the denomination is valued at about \$12,500,000. More than \$1,250,000 worth of charity work is done in them each year.

FRANK E. BURKHALTER.

A false press report was brought to the attention of the convention by Dr. A. J. Barton. This report stated that while the majority of the convention was in favor of strict enforcement of the Volstead law, a minority was in favor of light wines and beers as an aid to temperance and law enforcement. Dr. Barton introduced a ringing resolution which set forth the fact that Southern Baptists have always been opposed to the whole liquor business and that they are unanimous in their opposition to all kinds of intoxicants, light wines and beers included, and that they do not believe in any lightening of the present laws, but, on the other hand, are in favor of more rigid enforcement. He was cheered as he presented his resolutions; and when the vote was taken, it was unanimous and hearty. When the liquor interests are so hard pressed for propaganda that they will so grossly misrepresent a great religious body like ours, it is high time that Christian people were getting on their fighting clothes for the campaign that is before us if we would retain our control of the dastardly liquor interests. It was good for the soul to hear the hearty and unanimous vote given in support of Dr. Barton's resolutions.

One of the interesting things in the convention hall is a large banner just over the stage and extending entirely across the auditorium upon which are placed the following figures which reveal the tragic cause of our failure to keep out of debt. This banner clearly shows that our gifts to general objects have steadily decreased, while our gifts to our own local needs has steadily increased. We give these figures and trust that our people will study them carefully.

Our Gifts to Ourselves and Others

	Gifts to Local Work	Gifts to General Work	Total Gifts All Purposes
1919—	\$13,996,180, 65.6%	\$ 7,331,226, 34.4%	\$21,327,406, 100%
1920—	20,843,421, 56.9%	14,037,611, 43.1%	34,881,032, 100%
1921—	22,470,021, 66.1%	11,416,960, 33.9%	33,886,981, 100%
1922—	22,318,120, 69.3%	9,849,856, 30.7%	32,167,967, 100%
1923—	25,045,818, 72.7%	9,393,617, 27.3%	34,439,435, 100%
1924—	27,496,460, 73.6%	9,863,153, 26.4%	37,359,613, 100%
1925—	30,771,574, 78.5%	8,255,435, 21.2%	39,027,009, 100%

Wednesday Evening

Dr. W. D. Nowlin of Florida conducted the devotional exercises. The male quartet of the Coliseum Place Church of New Orleans sang. This quartet is made up of the following young men:

Cluffie Carman of Mississippi, L. C. Alexander of Kentucky, Marion Schauburger of Florida, and E. Edwards of Texas, all students in the Baptist Bible Institute.

The report of the Committee on Better Music in our Churches was read by Prof. I. E. Reynolds of Southwestern Seminary, discussed by Dr. W. W. Hamilton of New Orleans, and adopted.

The report of the Sunday School Board was read by Dr. Harold Majors of Dallas, Texas. Many items of interest were included in this splendid report of our great educational agency. Among other things, it set forth the fact that Southern Baptists now have the second largest Sunday school enrollment in the United States, only Northern Methodists exceeding them. There are now 2,691,828 enrolled in our schools, a gain in ten years of more than two times as many as any other denomination has had during the same time.

The financial report of the Board showed a pleasing growth in volume of business done during the year and a wonderful amount of work done in the promotion of denominational work. The total receipts for the year amounted to \$1,780,699.91. The sum of \$346,557.17 was spent in general denominational work. The operating expense of the Board was \$236,533.58, while the total expended for all purposes, including \$98,852 placed in investments, was \$1,743,049.95, leaving a balance on hand April 30 of \$37,649.96.

Vice President Bennett of Florida presided during the discussion of the report. Dr. Major spoke about the general work of the Board and its broadening field of service to the denomination and to the kingdom. Dr. W. C. Boone (whom Dr. Van Ness introduced as Dr. W. C. Cook because of his familiarity with his given name of "Cook") spoke of "The Pastor and the Sunday School." He said among other things, "I believe the Sunday school is the modern pastor's greatest ally, because: (1) It helps him to enlist his people in real service for Christ; (2) it gets the Word of God taught to more people than he could possibly reach by himself; (3) it provides him with his greatest evangelistic opportunity.

Rev. J. M. Barnett of North Carolina spoke of the rural Sunday school and its relation to the denominational life. He made a plea for the 24,329 rural churches of our Southland and showed why they constitute our most serious problem. He said, in part: "These churches no longer constitute a problem; they offer us a supreme challenge. If we can develop even one-half of them as some of them have been developed, they will do more than all our churches are now doing. The future of Southern Baptists lies in the hands of the nine millions of rural people who are rural."

Dr. Van Ness of the Sunday School Board closed the discussion. He pointed out the fact that the Sunday School Board knows no distinction between the country and the city and declared: "Anybody who is in the business of setting the country against the city among Southern Baptists is in an iniquitous business." He warned the convention against certain publications which make an appeal to sectional prejudices.

The final order of the day was the report of the Committee on Co-operative Program of which Dr. J. E. Dillard of Birmingham, Ala., was chairman. This report was pleasing and contained several recommendations, some of which had already been set forth in the report of the Business Efficiency Committee and postponed for discussion; yet the convention adopted the report after several speeches had been made. Dr. C. E. Burts, the retiring Director of the Program, made a ringing speech in favor of continuing the commission and defended its expenditures of some \$46,000 during the past year.

Dr. J. T. Henderson, Secretary of the Laymen's Movement, spoke upon the task of Southern Baptists in developing stewardship of life and all among our people. Dr. L. R. Scarborough and Dr. W. O. Carver spoke to the report, and it was adopted.

Announcements, and adjournment.

Summary of the Report of the Co-operative Program Commission

High points in the report of the Co-operative Program Commission, presented to the Southern Baptist Convention on Wednesday by Dr. J. E. Dillard, Birmingham, chairman, and Dr. C. E. Burts, Nashville, general director, include the following recommendations:

1. That the financial objective for 1927 for both state and Southwide objects be fixed at \$9,000,000. If this full amount is raised it will enable the general boards and other institutions and activities to carry forward their work without further retrenchment and begin to take care in a reasonable degree of their indebtedness.

2. That the distribution of the Southwide funds be made among the Southwide objects upon the following basis:

Foreign Missions	50 %
Home Missions	22 1/2 %
Relief and Annuity Board	9 %
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	5 %
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	4 1/2 %
Baptist Bible Institute	3 1/2 %
Education Board	2 %
New Orleans Hospitals	2 %
W. M. U. Training School	1 %
American Baptist Theological Seminary	1/2 %

3. That the boards and other agencies and activities of the convention which have debts be instructed to proceed immediately with arrangements for extending their obligations over a period of years, if this is necessary, in order to take care of those obligations gradually without too greatly curtailing their present work.

4. That under the direction of the Co-operative Program Commission there be inaugurated this year the most intensive effort there has ever been conducted among Southern Baptists for the full enlistment of the churches in systematic and proportionate giving, through a regular budget that shall give due recognition to the claims of the general work of the denomination as well as the local work of the churches. To this end it is recommended that an effort be made immediately to enroll at least 500,000 tithers among Southern Baptists.

5. That the every-member convass for the enlistment of the churches in the support of the causes embraced in the Co-operative Program be pushed with greater vigor than ever before.

Collections on the Co-operative Program for the past convention year amounted to \$6,752,361.64, according to the report of the commission. Of this amount, only \$4,604,174.23 was in distributable funds, shared by all the co-operating causes upon the established percentages; the Christmas love offering for foreign missions as sent through the state offices amounting to \$744,786.24, while other designated gifts amounted to \$1,403,401.17.

Special campaigns in behalf of individual interests were discouraged and the churches appealed to to give their whole-hearted support to the whole program to the end that every cause represented therein may be assured of an adequate support.

As to designations, all such were discouraged, and the commission asked that it might be retained another year.

Since 1,250,000 Southern Baptists give to the Co-operative Program, the commission shall launch a great campaign to enlist churches in the program and encourage them to adopt the budget and use the duplex envelopes.

Hearty resolutions were passed concerning the work and going of Dr. C. E. Burts who leaves to resume his pastoral work.

Thursday Morning

"I am bound for the promised land" was ringing to the ceiling as I entered the Convention hall: Dr. E. O. Sellers, of the Bible Institute, was directing the song service. The Bible Institute quartet rendered a very splendid number and Dr. B. D. Clapp, of Paducah, Kentucky, conducted the devotional service. The journal was read and approved.

In the midst of the miscellaneous business which followed the reading of the journal, Dr. George Ragland, of Kentucky, was recognized, and the atmosphere became tense. The hour for the presentation of the memorial from Elkhorn Association in Kentucky had arrived and everyone was expectant. When he was about half through with the reading, Dr. L. E. Barton, of Alabama, called the Question of Consideration, and when the vote was taken, the matter of consideration was voted down and Dr. Ragland retired from the platform. President McDaniel showed his fine presiding ability and his fair spirit when he took unusual pains to let everyone know what was involved in the Call for Consideration.

The treasurer of the Convention read his report,

which dealt primarily with receipts from trust funds and other investments of the Convention.

Dr. J. B. Rounds, of Oklahoma, read some telegrams from Oklahoma City inviting the 1927 session of the Convention to meet in Oklahoma City. The matter was referred to the Committee on Time and Place of Meeting.

Vice-President Louis J. Bristow was called to the chair and the report of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was read by President Mullins. The gist of this report is as follows:

Summary of Report of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has had one of the most significant years in all its history, according to the annual report presented to the convention Thursday morning by Dr. E. Y. Mullins of Louisville, president for twenty-seven years.

Outstanding in the year's events was the removal in the latter part of March from the old downtown site of the Seminary to its new suburban home in "The Beeches" on Lexington Road, one of the most attractive sites and plants to be found anywhere.

From the special building campaign in 1925 to make this new site possible the Seminary reports total assets of \$1,028,012.41, though only \$349,671.58 cash was realized, the remainder being in the form of notes. The total indebtedness of the institution, extended over a brief period of years, is reported at \$901,639.88. This sum does not include the cost of the apartments for married students, work on which is now under way.

By action of the Board of Trustees the central unit of the new dormitory group will be named Mullins Hall; the flanking units, Boyce Hall and Broadus Hall; and the southern units, as Manly Hall and Williams Hall.

The total of 392 students from 33 states and nine foreign countries have attended the Seminary this year, and the year's work has been an excellent one in every way.

Taking advantage of a vacation granted him by his board, following his serious illness, but which he has not yet been able to take on account of the pressure of the building campaign, President Mullins hopes to be able to spend a couple of months in Europe early this fall conducting a series of regional conferences among the various Baptist groups, under the auspices of the Baptist World Alliance, of which he is president.

Dr. Mullins pointed out that the present holdings of the Seminary aggregate in value \$4,144,270 against which there is an indebtedness of approximately \$900,000.

In connection with the report, Dr. Van Ness reported for the committee on the legal status of the Seminary that the matter had been arranged to bring the Seminary more directly under the control of the Convention and that the following matters were being provided for under a new charter which would be secured as soon as legal matters could be carried through:

1. The word "self-perpetuating" is to be stricken from the by-laws.

2. The number of names to be nominated by the Convention is to be reduced from three to two. From these nominees, the Board of Trustees select one member for the Board.

3. Forty-three trustees are to be provided for, nine to be selected at large and two from each of the states of the Convention, Maryland and the District of Columbia to be counted one state.

4. Instead of trustees holding office for life, they are to be elected for only five years with the understanding that the present trustees are to hold office for life unless they voluntarily resign.

5. The financial board of the Seminary is to be brought more directly under the control of the board of trustees and the executive committee is to have enlarged powers.

President Mullins explained that a number of complicated legal matters had been incurred and that it would take some time to iron them out. A meeting by states of representatives was called for the afternoon in order that one legal tangle might be untangled. This arose because when the Seminary was founded, it was founded by representatives from the states and not by the Convention per se.

Prof. Harold Tribble, youngest member of the faculty, was introduced. Dr. A. T. Robertson, who was ill, could not speak, and Dr. W. O. Carver took

his place. He pointed out the danger indicated by the falling off in the number of ministerial students in many of our colleges. Dr. Mullins closed the discussion by calling attention to the many manifestations of Providence in the work of the institution since plans were made for its removal to The Beeches. He also reiterated the well-known platform of the Seminary, the chief items of which are:

1. The inspiration and authenticity of the Bible, the Word of God.
2. The deity of Jesus Christ, virgin birth, burial and resurrection.
3. Redemption, which is a new creation within man and not a making better of that which is there.
4. The New Testament church, which is the expression of the will of Christ and the nature of Christianity.
5. A kingdom program as wide as the program of Christ.
6. A scholarship, intelligent, competent and that makes the minister intellectual, spiritual and practical.

Dr. Z. T. Cody, editor of the Baptist Courier of South Carolina, moved that the Convention send to Dr. A. T. Robertson an expression of its love and abiding confidence, and the motion was carried heartily.

Following the adoption of the report, Brother W. M. Lewis, colored singer of note, sang two spirituals to the great delight of the Convention, "I Shall Not Be Moved," and "My Lord, Have Mercy, If You Please!"

Secretary Cammack followed with the reading of the report of the Education Board. Dr. George Truett delivered an address on Christian Education and in his usual way, swept the Convention with his splendid arguments and his strong appeals. Christian Education, according to Dr. Truett, is that kind which is (1) grounded upon the Word of God! (2) complete in that it develops the three-fold man in body, mind and soul; (3) goes to the fundamentals of social and political life; and (4) masters business relationships in life.

Some of his splendid declarations are: "Build Christian schools in the highest and finest way, and if they are not fundamentally Christian, let us turn education over to the state." "If ever a drum beat sounded clearly to a great denomination, ever sounded in the ears of any people, the drum beat to rally to our schools is sounding in our ears now." "The world is now one great whispering gallery and education is an absolute necessity if one would catch the voices about him." "It is the hour of destiny for our schools. They cannot remain where they are; they cannot go backward; they must go forward."

Secretary Stumph, of New Mexico, asked the Convention to authorize the Education Board to provide \$25,000 for Montezuma college out of funds received this year and a like sum from funds received during 1927. The motion was lost.

The Committee on Business Efficiency brought its reports once more as the special order. He prefaced his remarks by emphasizing that he had no intention of hindering or hurting any department of our work. He pointed out the tremendous need for an agency that could secure and classify information about denominational business affairs and that could thus help messengers to the Conventions to vote intelligently on such matters. He drew some striking illustrations from the records of some of our agencies in order to support his contention for a budget control system. After several amendments were proposed, passed or rejected, the matter was referred to a committee of which Dr. Crouch was to remain chairman with instructions to consult with the Committee on Basis of Representation in regard to the Executive Committee and to print its report at least two months before the meeting of the next convention.

Thursday Afternoon

Judge O. S. Lattimore presided during the first part of the afternoon session. Dr. J. D. Adcock of Florida conducted the devotional exercises. The trustees of Southwestern Seminary reported through Pres. Scarborough. The report was made bright and thrilling by the glorious results of the Seminary's evangelistic efforts. It showed 8,764 pro-

fessions of faith under the ministry of faculty and students during the year; 7,751 baptisms, 10,615 additions to churches, \$207,797 raised for denominational work, and other pleasing features. The enrollment of the Seminary during the past year was 668 with 911 enrolled in correspondence school. Dr. Scarborough reported a recent gift from Judge C. C. Terrell of Anson, Texas, of \$10,000 to endow chair of evangelism. Dr. Scarborough brought joy to hosts of hearts when he announced that the declaration of Pres. McDaniel on evolution would be made a part of the addenda to the Confession of Faith adopted last year at Memphis and that every teacher in the institution would be required to sign and accept the declaration, addenda and all.

The Bible Institute reported through Pres. Dement. He showed a property now worth \$750,000, an enrollment of 275 and brought out some interesting things in connection with the report on growth of Baptist strength in New Orleans since the founding of the Institute. Dr. E. F. Haight, new professor of church history in the institute spoke to the report. Dr. Haight is a promising young man and was the choice of Dr. John T. Christian as his successor.

Following the reports of the two seminaries, Brother Lewis, the colored singer, gave some others of his spirituals. When he sang "Take Your Burdens to the Lord and Leave Them There," he moved the audience to tears and many handkerchiefs were wetted and many hearts moved with a joyful hurt that is never experienced save by the child of God who understands that in Jesus, there is hope and comfort for every weary soul.

The report of the Foreign Mission Board was read by Dr. Love to be followed by the report of the committee on the Foreign Board report. The report of Dr. Love showed 13,269 baptisms on foreign fields during the year or a gain of 1,000 over the previous year. We now have 140,488 Baptists on our foreign fields, 1,215 churches, 3,427 out stations, 568 W. M. S.'s, 1,818 Sunday schools with 76,991 pupils enrolled.

The committee on the report was headed by Dr. L. B. Christie and the report made several suggestions which aroused discussion. The chief feature of the report was that the Foreign Board should prosecute its work on the most economical basis possible and to refrain except in imperative cases from cutting down on evangelistic work.

In the discussion that followed, it was brought out that the per cent of general funds now received by the Foreign Board is less than during the 75 Million Campaign, this being due to the fact that several of the states do not divide their funds on the 50-50 basis.

The present debt of the board was reported at \$727,809. Dr. John R. Sampey made the chief address of the afternoon in which he told of his work in Brazil during the last Summer's campaign and of his plans to go again this year at his own expense to renew that happy experience. Beloved Tigath caused a ripple of smiles when he announced that this year it would cost him twice as much to go as last year. The audience was much moved by his burning message and his earnest appeals to the churches to cut down the costs of their own magnificent buildings in order that the missionaries might have at least simple chapels in order to carry on more effectively.

Thursday Night

The session opened with music from a large chorus choir from Central church of which W. D. Lyerle is pastor. Dr. W. O. Carver had charge of the devotional exercises which consisted of sentence prayers. Dr. A. J. Holt of Florida reported for the committee on preservation of our history and the report was adopted. Pres. McDaniel reminded the convention that Dr. Holt was 79 years old and that he has attended the convention for 53 years.

An appeal from the Lord's Day Alliance for co-operative in securing Sunday observance was referred to the Commission on Social Service.

Vice Pres. Bristow presided during the evening service and had no little ado in keeping things straight. His parliamentary ability was made manifest and during many exciting moments,

he kept a cool head and presided with ease and fairness.

A challenging letter from Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Coon of Florida was read to the convention. It stated that they would send out 25 missionaries during the coming year and provide for their transportation and one year's salary if the convention would provide for a similar number. This matter could not be accepted in view of the action of the Foreign Mission Board in voting on account of debts, to send no new missionaries for twelve months.

When the discussions were halted, Dr. Ray introduced 20 returned missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Blair, Argentina; L. L. Johnson, Brazil; J. V. Howes, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Lide, J. E. Jackson, J. R. Saunders, J. W. Lowe, and Dr. George Leavell, China; J. H. Benson and D. H. le Seuer, Mexico; I. P. Wan, a Chinese who has just been graduated from the seminary at Louisville. Of these, Brethren Blair, Johnson, Le Seuer, Benson, Lide, Hawes, Jackson, and Leavell spoke briefly stirring the convention with their appeals. As we listened, we could not help but wonder how Southern Baptists can go on putting millions into their churches while our missionaries have no where to use their lives fully because they have no equipment and not enough help.

Following the speeches of the missionaries, a parliamentary battle ensued. Dr. Love tried to get the convention to enter some agreement with the W. M. U. which had voted to raise \$300,000 as a Christmas Love Offering. Dr. C. E. Burts and others opposed the movement because it would interfere with the Co-operative Program. After many motions and counter motions, the pending motions and amendments were withdrawn and the report of the committee was adopted with one or two minor amendments.

Dr. Love then asked the convention to stand and join hands as a pledge of their willingness to return home and launch a great and concerted drive for the purpose of raising \$9,000,000 for the whole program and Vice President Bristow led in the closing prayer.

Friday Morning

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Armstrong gave special music and Rev. A. J. Dickson of Newport News, Va., conducted the devotions. The journal was read, corrected and approved. The committee on time and place and preacher reported as follows: Place, The Armory at Louisville, Ky.; Time, Wednesday, May 4, 1927; Preacher, Dr. Wallace Bassett, Dallas, Texas; Alternate, Dr. J. R. Jester, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

The committee to nominate Board members and the committee on committees reported. The committee to report on the Report of the Relief and Annuity Board, brought its findings. It reported a new service annuity plan. Ex-Governor Pat Neff of Texas read the report and after some discussion it was adopted. This new plan provides for old age protection for ministers to be provided by pastors and churches acting in co-operation with the annuity board. The minister will pay each year 2 per cent of the amount of his salary and the church add 8 per cent of same amount. This sum would build up for the pastor an annuity at the age of 65 equal to 40 per cent of his salary when active. This plan will not interfere with the regular relief work of the Board.

Dr. W. M. Seay of Atlanta, Ga., read the report on the W. M. U. This report will be summarized elsewhere. The committee on National Baptist Memorial reported that the building is rapidly nearing completion. A pipe organ has been given the same costing \$20,000. The various states of the nation are providing memorial pews. It was pointed out that Southern Baptists still owe \$70,000 on their pledge to this enterprise; also that co-operative funds are not diverted to this enterprise.

Dr. A. J. Barton reported for a group of brethren who had met to consider some means of saving Montezuma College to the denomination. By motion, the committee on order of business was instructed to provide a time for the committee to report.

Dr. Chas. T. Ball of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary was recognized and he reported

that the Seminary, only one year old, has an endowment of \$1,357,000. He declared that the Seminary is going with Southern Baptists in spreading the truth around the world.

The committee on denominational press reported through Editor J. S. Compere of Arkansas. The report contained recommendations which caused some discussion but it was heartily adopted. It provided for a committee to make a survey of the denominational papers and for a simultaneous campaign to enlarge the circulation of the state papers.

Friday Afternoon

The song service was led by Singer John D. Hoffman, Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Robert Harkness played a piano solo. Dr. Joseph P. Boone of Tuscaloosa, Ala., led the devotions and Mrs. Boone sang "The Old Rugged Cross."

Under miscellaneous business it was voted to put the matter of the time for the books of the various Boards to close next year in the hands of the Co-operative Program Commission. This was thought wise since the convention meets a week earlier next year.

The committee on memorials reported the deaths of A. C. Dixon, Russell H. Conwell, W. W. Landrum, J. F. Purser, B. F. Giles, W. B. Crumpton, John T. Christian, W. W. Landrum, and B. F. Riley. According to custom of preparing special memorials for officers of the convention, beautiful tributes were read to Dr. W. W. Landrum and Dr. B. F. Riley.

The Inter-Board Commission reported through Secretary Frank Leavell. This report showed a splendid growth during the past year. Many states have come to realize the significance of the work done by the commission and have entered into cooperation with it in promoting its work among college students. Fourteen student conferences were held during the year and a great Southwide conference has been planned for next fall, the same to be held at Birmingham, Ala. A number of members of "B. S. U.'s," Baptist Student Unions, were present and three young men bore testimony concerning the good being done by the commission. The report was adopted.

Home Missions

Dr. E. A. Fuller, Supt. of Evangelism under the Home Board, read the report on Home Missions. A summary of this report is as follows:

Although the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was compelled to operate on a reduced budget during the past year, because of a decline in the receipts from the churches, it was able to report many gratifying results in the annual report presented to the convention late Friday afternoon by Dr. B. D. Gray of Atlanta, corresponding secretary.

The 833 missionaries of the board reported, among their other achievements, the supplying of 2,027 churches and stations, assisting in 5,053 religious meetings, the baptism of 19,774 converts, reception into the churches of 35,226 additions, organization of 100 new churches and 458 Sunday schools, and the building or improvement of 402 church houses.

Giving a concrete example of the value of home mission work Dr. Gray pointed out the fact that the First Baptist Churches of both Houston and Galveston were organized by Rev. James Huckins, a home missionary of the old Triennial Baptist Convention, before the Southern Baptist Convention was organized. Many other churches in this city and section have been helped in their early stages by the Home Mission Board. In fact, the whole Baptist structure in Texas was made possible largely through the early help of the Home Mission Board, where large aid is being yet given.

Suggesting something of the large results that have been achieved by the Home Mission Board forces since the convention last met in Houston in 1915, Dr. Gray reported that they had delivered 1,749,408 sermons and addresses, made 3,069,975 religious visits, baptized 405,796 persons, welcomed 652,312 members into the churches, enlisted 121,895 young people in volunteering their lives for Christian service, organized 2,123 churches and 7,148 Sunday schools, built or repaired 4,696 houses of worship and distributed 309,753 Bibles and Testaments.

At present the Home Board's indebtedness is \$1,425,424.50, the report showed. Of this amount, \$931,414.50 is represented by current notes at the banks, \$204,010 by deferred loans and \$290,000 by bonds. The board is issuing bonds on some of its other property to secure ready cash with which to meet its immediate obligations at the banks.

Friday Night

Robert Coleman led the singing during the opening exercises. Dr. Lee White of Jacksonville, Fla., son of Pastor J. L. White of First Church, Miami, led the devotions. Prof. Paul Jacobs, a Hebrew Christian, converted under the ministry of the Bible Institute, sang "One Day" and thrilled the audience by his wonderfully tender interpretation of the gospel song.

Pres. McDaniel called the convention to order. There being no miscellaneous business, Bro. Jacobs and another Christian Jew, Cohen, sang a duet, "There's No Friend Like Jesus." It was a thrilling moment when the two young men, disciples of Christ, sang of their faith in the Redeemer whom their race has so long rejected. Cohen then sang a solo "Throw a Line." He imitated the rescuer throwing a line and drawing in the lost. The line is the Bible through which the scarlet thread runs.

Dr. B. D. Gray took charge and spoke of the work of some early conventions when the Home Board was small. He pointed out some of the achievements of the Home Board in winning Texas and the Southwest to Christ. Texas has more of her sons and daughters on the foreign field than has any other state. First Church, Dallas, was once a Home Mission station. He warned Baptists against the danger of losing their true democracy. He also raised the question of our ability to coordinate all our enterprises, state and southwide. Our hope lies in 1 Cor. 13.

Dr. Beagle introduced the Home Board Missionaries who were present. They were J. W. Newbro, Joseph Papia, Italian pastor at Memphis, J. W. Micheals, missionary to the deaf, Misses Myra Reeves, Mildred Matthews, Mary Kelly, Austin and Ollie Lewellyn, Brethren Mixon, Victor Gonzales, A. N. Porter, Donato Ruiz, Royal, Jacob Gartenhaus, T. D. New, Robert Hamilton, R. D. Sheldon, and Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Bell.

Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus spoke of the new day for our work among the Jews. Dr. Bryan, a teacher of deaf mutes, explained his work.

Negroes were presented and Dr. W. F. Lovelace, corresponding secretary of National Baptist Convention, spoke briefly expressing appreciation for the work done by Southern Baptists for their work among the negro race. Miles W. Jenkins, a Home Board Missionary, spoke briefly, Donato Ruiz, who has been in prison twice and been sentenced once to be shot. During the last 23 months, he has baptized 273 Catholic converts. He reported prospects for conversion of Mexicans to be bright indeed. He described his experiences in fighting Catholic priests in San Angelo, Texas.

Joseph Papia, pastor of First Italian Church of Memphis, began his work in 1922 under the auspices of First Church and with the help of Pastor A. U. Boone. January last, the Italian church was constituted. The missionaries repeated the 23rd Psalm in Spanish.

Robert Hamilton, missionary to the Italian schools.

The report of the Board was then adopted and a moving picture showing the Mountain school work was shown, after which a chorus of negroes sang.

Saturday Morning

The last day of convention business opened with a "heavenly Houston" sky. E. O. Sellers started the song service with half the messengers present and the other half either gone to Galveston or on their way home. Dr. J. S. Compere, editor of the Arkansas Baptist Advance, conducted the devotional service. E. L. Wolslagel sang "When He Loved Me So."

Vice President Bristow took the chair and the journal was read and approved.

Dr. S. E. Tull of Pine Bluff, Ark., presented a resolution, as follows:

Whereas, the Southern Baptist Convention in its session May 12th, 1926, by unanimous vote, declared that it "accepts Genesis as teaching that man was the special creation of God, and rejects every theory, evolution and other, which teaches that man originated in or came by way of a lower animal ancestry," and

Whereas, our great school of the prophets, the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary,

through its Board of Trustees, on May 12th accepted and incorporated the said action of the Convention in its "Statement of Faith" and through its honored president, so announced to this Convention on May 13th, and said President further announced that said "Statement of Faith" would be made a test of all officers and teachers of said Seminary,

Therefore, the Southern Baptist Convention does now resolve that it commends the Board of Trustees of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for its prompt and hearty acceptance of the Convention's action, and

In order that no unfair comparisons arise or unjust accusations be brought against any of our Seminaries, schools or other Convention agencies, be it further resolved that this Convention request all its institutions and Boards, and their missionary representatives, to give like assurance to the Convention and to our Baptist brotherhood in general, of a hearty and individual acceptance of the said action of the Convention to the end that the great cause of our present unrest and agitation over the evolution question be effectively and finally removed in the minds of the constituency of this Convention and all others concerned.

Mr. Robert Coleman introduced a memorial from Bell County Association in Texas. This memorial had to do with debt-paying. Upon motion of Dr. A. J. Barton it was referred to the Commission on Co-operative Program.

Dr. W. S. Wiley of Oklahoma made a motion that a committee be appointed to consider the memorial from the Irish Baptist Union and to report before the close of the convention. The motion was carried.

By motion, the time for miscellaneous business was extended long enough for Mr. Robert Jolly to sing a solo.

The committee on legal status of the Boards reported pleasing progress in the matter of bringing the Boards under a closer relation to the convention. Most of its work during the past year has been directed to clearing up the tangles connected with the Seminary at Louisville.

The committee asked to be continued for another year.

Dr. A. J. Barton read the report of the committee on Montezuma College. The report cited the dire condition of Montezuma College and recommended the following:

1. That the Education Board lend its educational secretary, Mr. Albert Bond, to the institution for one year;

2. That the Education Board lend its moral support to the campaign to be launched for the institution;

3. That Dr. Bond institute a quiet but persistent campaign among the well-to-do and in New Mexico and neighboring state, to raise \$25,000 or such part as is needed to save the institution;

4. That the convention request the college to institute a rigidly economical budget, taking into its counsels for the purpose, the Education Board, and Secretary Bond.

Pres. S. P. Brooks of Baylor University supported the recommendations, as did Dr. J. T. Henderson. The resolutions were adopted.

The Laymen's committee reported through its secretary, Dr. J. T. Henderson. The report set forth the various phases of work being done by the board. These include tracts and books circulated, laymen's meetings held, banquets and fellowship services. Special mention was made of the services rendered by J. H. Anderson of Tennessee, T. Russ Hill of Kentucky, Judge R. A. Brown, Tennessee; W. E. Holcomb, Mississippi; C. L. Durrett, Arkansas, and others who gave their services without remuneration and after at their own expense.

The secretary reported visits to 17 states, seven state conventions, 25 banquets, 95 conferences, 260 addresses and traveled 44,283 miles, at an expense of \$475.56. Study classes for laymen have been encouraged and are growing in popularity. Churches are being enlisted in the Unified Budget while laymen are being trained for kingdom tasks. The following recommendations were made in the report:

1. That the name of the laymen's movement be changed to "The Baptist Brotherhood of the South;"
2. That a general campaign be launched to install the budget in every church and to enlist all members in scriptural giving;
3. That more attention be given to evangelism by laymen;
4. That states employ laymen's secretaries as soon as practical;
5. That during the year two regional conventions, one east of the Mississippi and one west, be held;
6. That, having adopted a satisfactory declaration concerning evolution, we spend the year in earnest effort to support the co-operative program.

Dr. A. E. Bryan, spoke of the work of laymen in our organized work. He urged that pastors put more responsibility upon layman.

Dr. R. L. Saunders, a busy Baptist surgeon of Memphis, told of some of his experiences in teaching a class of men in Sunday school.

C. L. Durrett of Arkansas spoke of stewardship of many and cited instance after instance of men who promised God a certain sum of money and refused to pay with the result that they suffered financially.

A general discussion followed the three formal speeches, after which the report was adopted.

Dr. A. L. Hailey made the report for the American Baptist Theological Seminary. It showed a satisfactory year; 28 students have enrolled and 3 are to be graduated this spring. The report showed a total of 76 hours per week done by three full time teachers and two part time teachers. Sec. Hailey's report showed a large amount of work done during the year. Dr. Sutton E. Griggs has been secured as President but draws his salary from the National Baptist convention. Dr. Van Ness read the treasurer's report showing \$13,455.31 received during the year. Dr. Hailey spoke briefly about the work of the school and its problem. He set forth the fact that the negroes are by choice and nature Baptists, hence we should help them.

Saturday Night

B. B. Crimm conducted the devotional services. Following the devotions the journal was read and approved to date.

The committee to report on the memorial of the Irish Baptist Union reported through Dr. L. R. Scarborough and Dr. Gracey of Cork, Ireland, spoke to the report. The report commended Brother Gracey to the churches of the South and to render him whatever help they might care to give.

The quartet from First Church at New Orleans sang, "I Want My Life to Tell for Jesus."

The Social Service Commission reported through Chairman A. J. Barton. Dr. M. P. Hunt, secretary of the Anti-Race Track Gambling League of Kentucky, spoke first and gave a ringing attack against the obnoxious and degrading race-track menace and exposed many of the subtle political machinations of the racing fraternity.

Dr. E. H. Mariner of Mississippi spoke next on prohibition. He pictured from scenes in the Delta country of his own states the wondrous changes produced by prohibition and urged people to open an offensive warfare against the liquor traffic.

Brother James B. Hastings of Florida offered an amendment to the effect that the convention go on record as being opposed to and as condemning all kinds of beauty shows and bathing revues. The amendment was heartily and unanimously adopted.

Rev. Porter M. Bailes of Florida introduced another amendment to the report, the substance of which is "the convention goes on record as being opposed to card-playing, dancing, late joy-riding and general mixed bathing, believing them to be harmful and opposed to our happiness and well-being."

Brother J. B. Pope of Louisiana spoke to the report as a whole. Pastor Maxwell of Beaumont, Texas, introduced a third amendment which was aimed against lewd picture shows, and the amendment was adopted.

Total enrollment—Messengers	4,220
Missionaries	48
	4,268

Dr. McDaniel closed the convention with a splendid message appealing to Southern Baptists to get under the load and pull it out, while at the same time we should hold together and make a great new year.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON SOCIAL SERVICE

Arthur J. Barton, Chairman

There are many matters of vital importance that might properly find place in this report but the report is limited to a few of the most important. Whatever affects social order and civic conditions is a matter of interest and concern to us as citizens and as servants of our Lord. Each period of time has its outstanding matters which command interest and call for consideration and action.

Hurtful Literature

As was indicated in our last annual report, one of the menacing problems with which we have to deal at the present time is the prevalence of obscene and salacious literature. Again during the year we have sought to exercise influence for the suppression of such literature and protection of our people against its baleful effects. The Chairman of the Commission has had personal conference with the solicitor of the Post Office Department in Washington City concerning the exclusion of such literature from the mails. The solicitor seems entirely sympathetic with our purpose and point of view and holds himself ready at any time to give careful consideration to any matter that may be called to his attention. He calls attention also to the fact that most states and communities have laws against the circulation and the display of obscene and immoral literature and he advises that all of our people interested in this very vital matter take the matter up with local authorities and avail themselves of full benefits of such laws. Your committee would urge that all of our people be vigilant and diligent.

Marriage and Divorce

In fulfillment of the promise made in our last annual report, we hereby present full exhibit of statistics gathered by the Department of Commerce of the United States on the subject of marriage and divorce. According to the returns received by the department there were in the United States, for the calendar year 1924, 1,178,206 marriages performed and 170,867 divorces granted. For the calendar year 1923, 1,223,924 marriages and 165,096 divorces were reported. The decrease in marriages reported for 1924, from the number reported for 1923 is 45,718, or 3.7 per cent. The divorces reported for 1924, with four counties lacking, show an increase of 5,771, or 3.5 per cent, over the number reported for 1923. As will be seen, these figures reveal the appalling fact that during the year 1924 there was one divorce for every 6.8 marriages. It will be noted that while the number of divorces showed substantial increase the number of marriages showed almost an exact corresponding decrease. Any one of several different things may have contributed to this decrease in the number of marriages. The decrease itself is occasion for concern unless possibly it may be in some measure due to the enactment by some of the states of laws hedging marriage about with greater restrictions and to the fact that there has come some awakening of the public conscience to the danger and disaster of ill-timed, ill-considered and hasty marriage.

Conference on Peace

In pursuance of your action and in keeping with the authority granted, your Commission represented the Convention in the "National Study Conference on the Churches and World Peace" which was held in Washington, D. C., December 1-3, 1925. After three days of prayer and consultation the body adopted "Findings" on the subject of "The Churches and World Peace" which, for the most part were

reasonable and sound. Beyond doubt or dispute war is the most destructive evil of the age. Civilization must find a way to destroy war or war will destroy civilization. It is the high privilege and duty of Christian men and of Christian bodies in the spirit of Christ to cultivate the spirit of peace and to do all within their power for the banishment of war. It will be well for the Convention to authorize the Commission, or such other agency as the Convention may desire to charge with the duty, to represent the Convention in such other conference as may be called during the present year provided, however, that such conference shall be a thing separate and apart from the "Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America" and shall not be subject in any way to the direction or control of the Federal Council.

Prohibition and Law Enforcement

Our supreme task in the field of Social Service and civic affairs at present is to conserve and perpetuate the benefits and blessings which have accrued to our people from National Prohibition in force now for six years. This is a sufficient period of time for us to begin to forget the extent and horror of the conditions produced by the saloon. It is also a period sufficient for alcoholic addicts and for the makers and vendors of illicit liquor to devise ways and means to circumvent and defeat the law. The blessings of prohibition are many and far-reaching. There are many violations. But the amount of intoxicants consumed and the amount of harm done by and through the illicit liquor traffic is negligible in comparison with conditions that existed in the days of the saloon. The supposition on the part of law abiding citizens that the liquor question was solved when the Eighteenth Amendment was ratified and when the National Prohibition code was enacted was an undeserved compliment to a large element of our citizens and failed utterly to take into account the spirit of lawlessness and anarchy which has always characterized the liquor traffic and its sponsors.

The amendment itself confers concurrent power upon the states with the federal government to enact all the laws that may be necessary to make the amendment effective. From the standpoint of the federal government enforcement has never had a full and fair chance. Unfortunately, the administration of the law has been entrusted in numerous instances to officials who do not believe in the law. The appointment of prohibition administrators and agents has been immeshed in the contentions of party politics. The number of enforcement officers, the judicial machinery and the amount of money appropriated have not been adequate. As reorganized and as operating at the present time, national machinery for the enforcement of prohibition is functioning better than heretofore and we do not doubt that its efficiency will steadily increase.

The friends of the liquor traffic are becoming more active and persistent in their efforts to discredit the law and in their demands for its modification or appeal than ever before. The recent straw vote inaugurated and conducted by the wet press and the recent hearings before the Senate Committee on the numerous wet bills which have been introduced are all a part of the wet propaganda. The wets did not have the slightest hope of effecting any immediate change. These were all maneuvers for publicity and for propaganda purposes, the ultimate hope being that they might gain the congressional and senatorial election next fall in a few doubtful districts and states. It is a war of attrition. They are hoping to wear down the morale of the dry forces and prepare the way for an overthrow of the law and the constitution.

In the recent hearings before the subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee the Chairman of your Commission represented you and joined with the representatives of other Christian denominations and moral and reform organizations testifying to the benefits of prohibition and protecting against any weakening of the law. It is the opinion of your Commission that on the whole the results of these hearings will be favorable to our

cause. The hearings have revealed the lengths to which the lawless element will go with the advocacy of their cause, have shown how unfounded are their claims as to the extent of law violation and have aroused to indignant protest the friends of righteousness. It is rather a rude awakening but it is the awakening that was needed.

Constructive Legislation

Several bills have been introduced in the present congress of the constructive nature to strengthen the Volstead law and to increase efficiency in enforcement. The session is nearing its close, and the calendars are crowded, but we are hopeful that some, if not all, of these measures may be enacted into laws. We refer especially to H. R. 10729, known as the Reorganization Bill; Senate Resolution 3823, known as the Goff bill; Senate Resolutions 4100, 4103 and 4104, introduced by Senator Cummins and having as their purpose the stopping of smuggling; the Hudson-Jones bills, H. R. 9731 and Senate Resolution 3411 to establish United States border of patrol to aid in stopping smuggling; H. R. 3821, known as the Cramton bill, to place prohibition agents under civil service, and the Stalker bill, H. R. 377, for increased penalties for violation of national prohibition act. It is highly important that the members of the convention and our constituency wire their approval of these measures to their senators and congressmen and urge their passage.

At the Polls

Every battle of civic righteousness is won or lost at the polls when legislative and law-enforcement officers are elected and when the citizen exercises his highest prerogative in governmental affairs. The general election this fall and the presidential election two years hence will largely determine how well the prohibition laws and all other laws for that matter are to be enforced, whether lawlessness and crime are to be stamped out and whether public peace and order shall be maintained. With partisan politics a great Christian body like ours cannot properly concern itself, but with the great moral issues of law and order and of the protection of the weak against the avarice and greed of the strong we may well be deeply concerned. We may well lay it upon the hearts and consciences of all citizens to meet squarely their obligation and to support for nomination and for election to office only such men as are unalterably committed to the enforcement of law and to the enactment of any and all laws that may be found necessary for the protection of the peace, health and morals of the people and for the highest and best interests of the state and nation. This we ought to do. This we will do for every office from constable to President.

The Future

Never before since national prohibition was enacted has our situation been so acute and vitally important. Our great Southern Baptist constituency must not fail or falter in their citizenship obligations and duties. Not only must we not slacken our efforts in this field; we must find some proper means to strengthen the work and to let the full force and impact of our loyalty and devotion to the cause of the right be felt in the great task of conserving what we gained and reaping the yet larger results that remain.

Since there is no provision in the budget of the convention for funds to meet the necessary expenses of the commission, we recommend that the executive committee be instructed to provide such funds as may be necessary and as it may be able to do out of the amount at its disposal.

"Have you found your life distasteful?

My life did, and does, smack sweet.

Was your youth of pleasure wasteful?

Mine I saved and hold complete.

Do your joys with age diminish?

When mine fail me, I'll complain.

Must in death your daylight finish?

My sun sets to rise again."

—Robert Browning.

SOME LESSONS FROM LIFE IN CHINA

A. R. Gallimore

We have already passed seven years in China and we are now far into our eighth. We have recently returned from furlough and we have had the advantage of looking at China from the home base. What have we learned along the way?

If we live long among a people we learn many lessons from experience, and these are things we never forget. We have always heard of the politeness of the Chinese and of Orientals in general. But these lessons of courtesy can not be had for a wish; they must come from every day contact.

Chinese children begin in infancy to learn the little rules of conduct which are so familiar to them. We Westerners are sometimes considered very rude because of our seeming abrupt way of doing things.

Patience is one of the great virtues of the Chinese people. And that is one of the difficult things for those from the bustling West to attain to. It is so hard to be patient. Sometimes we need just to sit down and be quiet and think. We once had the great privilege of a few minutes of conversation with Dr. Wu Ting Fang, former Chinese Ambassador at Washington. We were struck quite forcibly with one thing especially in the conversation with the grand old man of South China. He said he had read a great deal, but he lost his library by fire just before he died. But he said he now had time to think about what he had read before. He said further that he made it a rule to read ten minutes and then take twenty minutes to think about what he had read.

Then we have learned much by mistake. The Chinese people, as matter of fact as they may sometimes seem, do have a real sense of humor. Which is also a good quality for any one. When we were battling with the language which contest continues as the years go by, our Christian friends laughed heartily at our blunders and then they very kindly told us of the mistake we made. "Silence is golden" sometimes in China as well as elsewhere. It saves embarrassment at least. It is very easy to say eat when we intend to say "know." A little variation of the tone of voice may make us say "big" when our meaning is "Lord." And so on. The Chinese language is made up of a system of sounds and tones, and the least deviation from the right sound or tone may make us say something ridiculous instead of what we intended to say. So in China we have to be careful about our speech in more ways than one.

When we think of China and the Chinese people we must not forget that they have a civilization which is wonderful in many ways. While it is lacking in Christian foundation it has many fine qualities from a moral standpoint. Indeed there is much good hidden away in their religions, and the people are very religious, even though it may largely be superstition. Take, for instance, the five classes of Chinese citizenship. First and foremost stands the scholar, then comes the farmer, the artisan, the merchant and last of all the soldier. Aren't we liable sometimes to reverse the order? The scholar is first because he is considered as the man of culture and a thinker. The farmer comes next since he is the one who feeds the people through tilling the soil. Then follows the artisan, for he it is who does the building. The merchant is placed fourth, because his temptation is to speculate in buying for too little and selling for too much. The soldier is considered last because he kills and engages in destruction rather than constructive work. The attempt to reverse the order in China is today bringing the country to ruin. China is being forced to become a militaristic nation when eighty or ninety per cent of her people are peace loving tillers of the soil.

We have noticed the five classes of people. We might say that the number five is looked upon with special favor somewhat as seven is sometimes considered a "lucky number" in our own country. There are five elements with which we are surrounded; there are five metals, etc. There

are five blessings and five eternal virtues. The eternal virtues are benevolence, righteousness, politeness discernment of good and evil, and sincerity. These would be considered as a fairly good basis of a system of morals. But here is where the Chinese civilization fails, for morals will not save. It is not necessary to say that people do not live up to their system of morals. They need an inner power which they have not received.

In China "a man's word is his bond," is about as near true as anywhere in all the world perhaps. It is said that a great per cent of the shops and stores in China would be rated as "A-1." A business man from New York, with whom we traveled from Canton to Hong Kong, told us that he considered the Chinese the most reliable people with whom he dealt in all the East. These things are worth considering in passing upon the qualities of a nation.

However, we are more interested in the real spiritual qualities. What results have been accomplished in the great missionary enterprise? One question is often asked: "Do the Chinese become as zealous Christians as do others? The answer would be yes. Why shouldn't they? Since human nature is about the same everywhere we should not be surprised if some of them fail. But some are very "hot hearted." Isn't that a beautiful way in which to express loyalty and consecration? Would that we all had hearts that burn with the desire to make Christ known to the nations of earth. And that's the great work in which we are engaged.

These are only a few of the many things we might mention in connection with our life among the Chinese people. We want to think of still another of their beautiful expressions. We have just used one above. A parting greeting which we have often heard the Christians use is this: "I wish for you one straight road of peace." What a blessing it would be if the Chinese people might now enjoy one straight road of peace.

We like to think of the great things of a people's civilization rather than the discouraging things. It is interesting to see many things at this time of uncertainty that give ground for hope. We were coming down the East River the other day in a boat. While there is much misunderstanding, and in some cases Christians are being persecuted for their faith, there was a young man who came as it seemed as an earnest seeker after the truth. But evidently he had been influenced by the anti-Christian propaganda, for he said he was not a Christian, although he did not oppose it. Still he had many wrong conceptions of the real meaning of the Christian life. Moreover he was very considerate and courteous in the midst of a large crowd who were none too friendly.

When we arrived at the end of the boat line at eleven o'clock at night we decided to sit on the boat until day light before continuing our journey. It was refreshing and encouraging to have a young man hardly out of his teens to come up and introduce himself as a Christian and he kept me company through the remainder of the night. Before we parted he made special efforts to accommodate me personally and wished me the "Heavenly Father's blessing," which is heard constantly among the Christians. This among passengers who were more or less hostile to Christians and foreigners.

At a recent meeting of the Hakka Association the question of the proper attitude in prayer was discussed. Since it is the custom of the Chinese to rise from their seats when any one enters the room, it was thought that certainly we ought not to do less when the Lord comes into our midst or we come into His presence. Furthermore, kneeling is the attitude of greatest respect and esteem. So it was thought that we ought to stand or kneel when we come into the presence of the Lord.

Surely "every knee should bow, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Lord hasten the day in this land that needs Him so much.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Chattanooga, First	1,028
Knoxville, Bell Avenue	996
Memphis, Temple	948
Knoxville, First	933
Knoxville, Broadway	876
Knoxville, Fifth Avenue	785
Johnson City, Central	637
Jackson, First	607
Chattanooga, Highland Park	580
Chattanooga, Tabernacle	519
West Jackson	501
Knoxville, Judson	465
Nashville, Eastland	428
Knoxville, Immanuel	406
Fountain City, Central	391
Alcoa, Calvary	387
East Chattanooga	373
Martin, First	355
LaFollette, First	340
Chattanooga, Clifton Hills	330
Knoxville, Euclid Avenue	315
Humboldt, First	315
Nashville, Lockeland	312
Elizabethton, First	308
Rockwood, First	307
Paris, First	303
Chattanooga, Ragsdale	300
St. Elmo	300

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT BETHEL CHURCH

On Sunday, May 30th, Bethel Church, in Robertson County, will hold an all-day meeting and make a drive for funds to meet the indebtedness of the church. Dr. W. B. Powell, a returned missionary, who is now with the Home Mission Board, will preach at both the morning and evening services. On Wednesday before the fifth Sunday Dr. Powell will begin a series of evening meetings which will terminate with the evening service on Sunday. A fifth Sunday meeting will be held with the Dotsonville Church, Cumberland Association, May 30th. The services will begin on Friday evening, May 28th.

WHERE THE BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR GOES

Read and You Will See Who is to Blame for Our Weakness!

Nashville	441
Knoxville	286
Memphis	242
Chattanooga	167
Jackson	98
Springfield	83
Paris	64
Bolivar	59
Lebanon	56
Johnson City	54
Dyersburg	49
Jefferson City	49
Murfreesboro	48
Greenbrier	45
Fountain City	44
Brownsville	43
Clarksville	41
Cleveland	40
McMinnville	39
Harriman	38
Martin	38
Ripley	38
Morristown	36
Newport	34
Maryville	34
Covington	33
Erwin	33
Orinda	33
Madisonville	28
Norene	28
Whiteville	28
Athens	27
Columbia	27
Humboldt	27
Sweetwater	27
Elizabethton	25
Jonesboro	25
Sevierville	25
LaFollette	24
Etawah	23

Halls	22
Milan	22
Shelbyville	21
Trenton	21
Liberty	19
Carthage	18
Greeneville	18
Lawrenceburg	18
Mt. Juliet	16
South Pittsburg	16
Watertown	16
Alcoa	15
Englewood	15
Fayetteville	15
Rockwood	15
Rogersville	15
Trezevant	15
Dayton	14
Hartsville	14
Lewisburg	14
Lascassas	13
Goodlettsville	13
Mountain City	13
Newbern	13
Tullahoma	13
Christiana	12
Bluff City	12
Oneida	12
Wartrace	12
Alexandria	11
Butler	11
Church Hill	11
Clinton	11
Dandridge	11
Spring City	11
Lenoir City	10
Stantonville	11
Baileytown	10
Loudon	10
Mohawk	10
Oliver Springs	10
Petersburg	10
Rutledge	10
Smithville	10
St. Elmo	10
Adamsville	9
Cookeville	9
Doeville	9
Doyle	9
Eagleville	9
Franklin	9
Friendship	9
Gallatin	9
Grand Junction	9
Lexington	9
Parsons	9
Portland	9
Rutherford	9
Seymour	9
White Pine	9
Woodbury	9
Antioch	9
Bells	8
Bradford	8
Bulls Gap	8
Cross Plains	8
Dixon Springs	8
Gladeville	8
McKenzie	8
Niota	8
Riddleton	8
Stanton	8
Tazewell	8
Tellico Plains	8
Charleston	7
Corryton	7
Friendsville	7
Kingston	7
Milton	7
Oakdale	7
Parrottsville	7
Powell Station	7
Pulaski	7
Saulsbery	7
Selmer	7
Toone	7
Benfield	6
Bellbuckle	6
Blountville	6
Cedar Hill	6
Cordova	6
Decherd	6
Dyer	6
Fall Branch	6
Jacksboro	6
Kinsport	6
Monterey	6
North Alexandria	6
Riceville	6
Walter Hill	6
Whitesburg	6
Bethpage	5
Bruceton	5
Bunker Hill	5
Curve	5
Gibson	5
Harrogate	5
Henderson	5
Henning	5
Huntingdon	5
Mercer	5
Mitchie	5
Mt. Pleasant	5
New Market	5
Rogersville	5
Shop Springs	5
Smyrna	5
Wheat	5
Andersonville	4
Benton	4
Boyd's Creek	4
Brighton	4
Byington	4
Carter's Creek	4
Culleoka	4
Cumberland Gap	4
Decatur	4
Ducktown	4
Erin	4
Flintville	4
Gates	4
Good Springs	4
Hickman	4
Huntland	4
Kenton	4
Jones	4
Medon	4
Minor Hill	4
Russellville	4
Santa Fe	4
Shepherd	4
Talbott	4
Union City	4
West Point	4
Winchester	4
Adams	3
Auburntown	3
Buena Vista	3
Calhoun	3
Camden	3
Carbondale	3
Cornersville	3
Cowan	3
Croby	3
Dickson	3
Dresden	3
Dunlap	3
East Lake	3
Eads	3
Edgemoore	3
Germantown	3
Gordonsville	3
Grandview	3
Hampton	3
Hermitage	3
Iron City	3
Huntsville	3
Indian Mound	3
Lancaster	3
Livingston	3
Martha	3
McEwen	3
Middleton	3
Midway	3
Mooresburg	3
Neva	3
Normal	3
Old Hickory	3
Oakland	3
Palmyra	3
Purveyer	3
Petros	3
Rhea Springs	3
Ridgeley	3
Spring Hill	3
Thompson Station	3
Townsend	3
Trimble	3
Vildo	3
Vonore	3
Walland	3
Waynesboro	3
Whitehouse	3
White Haven	3
Wynnburg	3
Alpha	2
Altamont	2
Alton Park	2
Ardmore	2
Atwood	2
Bearden	2
Bemis	2
Big Rock	2
Big Springs	2
Bon Aqua	2
Brentwood	2

Brush Creek	2
Burlison	2
Bylee	2
Careyville	2
Coal Creek	2
Coalfield	2
Collierville	2
Cumberland City	2
Cunningham	2
Denmark	2
Eidson	2
Estill Springs	2
Farmington	2
Fosterville	2
Fowlkes	2
Fruitvale	2
Glenallice	2
Greenback	2
Hanging Limb	2
Hendersonville	2
Highland Park	2
Hickory Valley	2
Hillsdale	2
Hixon	2
Hollow Rock	2
Huron	2
Ivy	2
Little Crab	2
Loretta	2
Louisville	2
Mason	2
Maury City	2
Maynardsville	2
Medina	2
Millington	2
Mint	2
Monoville	2
Moscow	2
Morrison	2
Mulberry	2
Ned Middleton	2
New Tazewell	2
Palmersville	2
Ocoee	2
Pinson	2
Pioneer	2
Postelle	2
Philadelphia	2
Reliance	2
Rockford	2
Rockvale	2
Shellmound	2
Sale Creek	2
Savannah	2
Shoun	2
Signal Mountain	2
Somerville	2
Sparta	2
Straw Plains	2
Surgoinsville	2
Tracy City	2
Turtletown	2
Tyner	2
Washburn	2
Watauga Valley	2
Westmoreland	2
Westport	2
Woodlawn	2
Afton	1
Alamo	1
Algood	1
Apison	1
Archville	1
Ashland City	1
Auburn	1
Bailey	1
Bakers Gap	1
Baxter	1
Beacon	1
Belvidere	1
Ben Stockton	1
Big Sandy	1
Bogata	1
Boma	1
Bone Cave	1
Braden	1
Bradyville	1
Bristol	1
Bryants Station	1
Cades	1
Byrdstown	1
Capleville	1
Catoosa	1
Caulderwood	1
Cedar Springs	1
Chesterfield	1
Cheewalla	1
Chilhowee	1
College Grove	1
Concord	1
Copper Hill	1
Coopertown	1
Crockett Mills	1
Crossville	1
Daysville	1
Decaturville	1
Defeated	1
Del Rio	1
Densons Landing	1

Denver	1
Difficult	1
Donelson	1
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PASTORS PLEASE ANNOUNCE

In order that as many of our people as possible may have the reports of the Southern Baptist Convention as well as the report of our own State Convention next fall, we are making a special offer of the Baptist and Reflector from now until December 1st next for one dollar—seven months' trial subscription for \$1.00. Surely, if pastors will announce that the time will include reports of both conventions, we shall have a response.

AT A HEROIC INLAND POST

Another type of young woman and another kind of work we meet is Mrs. Dana Terry, up at Corrente, Brazil. As a small girl, Mrs. Terry, in a Sunbeam Band, was impressed with the idea that she must go as a foreign missionary. Growing up, she forgot that wish by crowding it out of her heart and thinking, attempting to fill her life with gay nothings of amusements. Graceful and popular in the midst of a gay party one night she astonished her companions with the announcement: "I am through. All these years I've played strenuously and been unhappy. Now I am going to do what God wants me to do." And the gay party grew quiet, respecting her purpose. She went to the W. M. U. training school, happier than she had ever been. Later she married Mr. Terry and sailed for South America. Theirs is a lonely interior post, miles from other missionaries. Preaching station and industrial institute are their usual channel for reaching the people. Recently during a bandit conflict Mrs. Terry served as nurse, and another contact was established for Jesus. During the warfare the government could not maintain its authority, but so great is the respect of all the people for our missionaries that a paper signed by Dr. Terry carried travelers through the lines unharmed. School was interrupted, but the fighting did not result in harm for the Terrys, for Christian fortitude and love kept the good will of both parties and showed forth Jesus Christ. Away at her interior post which they will not leave even though their furlough time is overdue because there is no one to relieve them and carry on the work. Mrs. Terry must rejoice that at last she decided to do what God wanted her to do, even though it cost a wrench at first. Y. W. A. Bulletin.

TEACHING SCHOOL IN SOUTH AMERICA

Southern Baptists have 88 schools in South America. All are crowded, demanding more equipment, larger faculty force, ability to enter into great opportunities open to tell about Jesus Christ. Illiteracy percentages in South American countries are distressingly high. The Catholic church prefers that its constituency there be kept in ignorance. Of recent years school systems have been set up, education boards established. That of Argentina is probably the most efficient, yet it provides for only two-thirds of the child population, allowing two sets of pupils each

day. Pupils of all ranks of society are reached through our schools. Rio Baptist College enrolled one year the nephew of the President of the Brazilian republic and arranged tuition for charity pupils also. Such sweep of influence makes for the spread of Christian democracy. The bishop of Pernambuco published this comment on our college there, college being the term used for the entire system of education maintained through elementary, high school and collegiate grades of study: "I do not say that Collegio Americano Braziliense is not a good school. I do not even say that it is not the best school, but I do say that it is not a good place for Catholics to send their children." Miss Agnes Graham went to Chile in 1920 and presently started the first school for girls we had or have in Chile, at Temuco. Response was

immediate. A few boarding pupils, many day students and other young women went to help—Cornelia Brewer from South Carolina and later Anne Lassiter from Texas. Now there is an enrollment of 238. Decided co-education would work well and proved so by results. The high school standard is recognized by the state and a splendid grade of work is complimented on all hands. Miss Graham has almost to lock the doors against more pupils who wish to enter, but cannot for lack of space. A graduate of college, post-graduate with Master's degree, she might have taught ably in any college at home. Consecrated, following His will, she has opened for hundreds of girls in Chile the door that leads to Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life. South America needs more young women to teach Jesus Christ to its young womanhood.

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THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

En Route

Saturday morning, May 8th, Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Dr. C. E. Burts and this scribe left for Houston. We were fortunate in having passes on the railroad which made us unfortunate in being unable to ride the Pan-American with our crowd. In Birmingham and Montgomery we were joined by friends we had known in Alabama Union work, so we had a most pleasant day on a slow train to New Orleans.

Having lived in Montgomery, it was my lot to pilot the friends to a restaurant on which I had done much bragging. On reaching this famous place a sign was seen on the door, "Fire, Closed for Repairs." Immediately Dr. Burts said he saw a restaurant we passed on the way from the station that looked fine. We went in, we ate, we were sorry. Never take a man's advice about a restaurant, if he has never sampled the "eats."

When we got back on the train after our wait of an hour and a half, we found all berths made down so we were forced to retire at 8:30. Early Sunday morning we arose and found that we were in the swamps near New Orleans. The beautiful live oaks covered with long gray moss hanging almost to the ground, the very large palm trees, the beautiful water lilies and the japonicas growing on large bushes caught our eyes at once.

The Pan-American arrived in New Orleans at 9:30. We were delighted to find Miss Roxie Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Gaines, Mrs. Shumate, Miss Dillard, Mrs. R. E. Lanier, Miss Eva McCullough, Mrs. R. K. Kimmons, Mrs. Arch Rollow, Miss Cornelia Rollow, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smith and Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Shannon on this train.

It was Sunday School time when we reached the city, so we went immediately to the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church. This is a marvel to New Orleans, for the Catholics have owned this city, and to have the Baptists to erect this magnificent church seemed strange in their eyes.

Dr. E. D. Gray, Secretary of the Home Mission Board, preached on "The Vision of the Church." He said that it was worship, teaching and giving. Dr. W. W. Hamilton is the pastor of this great church. The Home Mission Board has stood by this city and has helped these churches to get started. Today we saw the results. A lovely dinner was served to all visitors in their basement. In the afternoon Dr. Mullins preached the dedicatory sermon.

We were much pleased with the Baptist Bible Institute and our new Baptist Hospital. The Institute has already contributed very much to the Baptist life of the city and the world. The hospital will also be an evangelizing agency. No longer will Baptists be an unknown sect in this city.

The French coffee, so black and very strong, the delicious sea foods and the French cooking have been enjoyed.

Nine o'clock. All aboard for Houston!

Houston

At 7:45 we arrived in Houston. Most hospitable we found the people here, for our train was met and we were conveyed in their cars to the Rice Hotel, headquarters for the convention. The lobby was crowded

and we wondered why so many came early. A second glance made us know that this crowd of men were not here for this convention, for they were Lions. The roar they made and the space they occupied made us glad to hear that their convention would end Monday afternoon.

Your State, President and Secretary were in committee meetings all day. Mrs. J. H. Anderson, Margaret Fund Trustee, and Mrs. W. F. Powell, Training School Trustee, being absent, both board meetings we had to attend. The pre-convention session of the W. M. U. Executive Committee met the entire Monday afternoon, so we did not see Houston or anything else but W. M. U. plans of work. In these meetings all of the policies are formulated, so they are most important.

Young People's Session

Monday evening the Young People's session was held in the city auditorium. It seats about seven thousand and it was full this first evening. What will it be later?

Our Mrs. J. W. Cox, Southern Union president, called the meeting to order and presented Miss Juliette Mather, Young People's leader, who presided through the session.

The devotional was led by Mrs. Frank Lide of China. She used the text, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it."

In a beautiful pageant the voices of youth in speech and spectacle were heard portraying the work of our young people. As Miss Mather gave her report, sixty Sunbeams came on the platform singing and gave the Sunbeam rally cry, led by one of the little boys. "World Comrades" came in as a living picture with boys and girls from all over the world with clasped hands carrying out the magazine's motto, "Girdle the World With Friendliness."

Sixty beautiful girls dressed in green and white represented the G. A.'s. There are now 2,848 Girls' Auxiliaries in our convention. Twenty-one big boys with R. A. banners, wearing R. A. arm bands came on the stage whistling "The King's Business." There are now 1527 Royal Ambassador organizations in the South.

The Y. W. A.'s were beautiful in the costumes of college girls, nurses and the stay at home girls. There are 2,548 Young Women's Auxiliaries.

The W. M. U. Training School was presented by Mrs. Janie Cree Bose, the principal. She pleaded for choice young women to give their lives for special training.

Each state leader of Young People spoke for two minutes on some phase of the work. Mrs. Hattie Baker and Mr. Huey were not present so Miss Cornelia Rollow was asked to tell of the banquets at the divisional meetings. We were proud of our representative.

Tennessee wins the R. A. banner! Long have we desired to win a banner in Tennessee, and this year we were thrilled because Tennessee won the R. A. banner for having the greatest per cent increase in new organizations. Boys, let us keep this banner in Tennessee! We can if we will. Girls, South Carolina walked off with the Y. W. A., G. A. and Sunbeam pennants. Why not have these, too, in our state?

The service flags were dedicated in the days of the great war. Most of them are forgotten now, but not the one belonging to our Union, for our

soldiers of the cross are still on the battlefield. Each year the stars are added for the new missionaries and always there must also be placed the gold stars for those who have died in service. Miss Leachman called this roll while all stood reverently.

In a few well chosen words, Dr. W. O. Carver of our Seminary told of the "Youth of the World." Dr. Carver made a trip around the world visiting all of our mission fields, and he told of our organizations on these fields. He said the W. M. U. had as its motive these words, "We would have all of the world to see Jesus." His address closed a great meeting with our young people.

Tuesday Morning

Promptly at 9:30 Tuesday morning Mrs. Cox called the convention to order in the First Baptist Church. The church auditorium is very large and is well arranged for all of the meetings. The decorations of gladiolas and ferns made the platform beautiful indeed.

The devotional was led by Mrs. C. A. Leonard of China. Her subject was "Stewardship of Life." She said that we are stewards of personality, joy, prayer, faith, service, riches and love. The message was beautiful and exceedingly well given.

Mrs. W. N. Harrell of Houston gave a most cordial welcome to all. She told of a recent cartoon appearing in a recent issue of a daily paper, taking off the four conventions meeting in Houston in May. The osteopaths would tell you that you had more bones than fish. They would pitch you to the nurses, who in turn would throw you to the lions, but never worry, for the Baptists would save you in the end.

The four conventions were the

osteopaths, nurses, Lions and our convention.

Mrs. Harrell introduced her chairmen who had worked so faithfully to make our stay pleasant.

Mrs. Wesley Jones, vice president, of North Carolina, responded in a fitting way.

Miss Kathleen Mallory, our beloved secretary, gave the report of the year. She said that we now had 70,112 subscriptions to Royal Service. Tennessee more than raised her quota. Tennessee was also given honorable mention in standard societies, in their 984 mission study classes in eight months, and in winning 5,925 mission study seals. Forty-eight churches had full graded A-1 Unions. Banners were awarded in Tennessee to Island Home, Knoxville, First and Tabernacle, Chattanooga, for having these A-1 Unions. May we have many more next year!

Georgia and Maryland won the loving cups for standard societies.

Miss Juliette Mahter, the young people's leader, gave her report in her own spicy way. The college Y. W. A.'s reporting A-1 in Tennessee were Hall-Moody, Harrison, Chilhowie, Tennessee College, Union and Watauga. Tennessee came second in new organizations for Y. W. A.'s, G. A.'s and Sunbeams. We just missed getting these three banners. Tennessee G. A.'s led the South in gifts to the foreign mission special offering.

Mrs. Lowndes read the treasurer's report showing that in eight months our Union gave \$2,067,212.11 to missions and benevolences. Tennessee reported \$112,190.

Miss Ethel Winfield, who stays in our office in Birmingham, gave us the experience of one day at 1111 Age-Herald Bldg. She told of how often letters come unsigned, no ad-

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dress, yet literature is always wanted at once.

Mrs. W. J. Cox brought a wonderful message. It will be given to you in full in this paper. Tennessee has always been proud of giving Mrs. Cox to the Union, but never more so than when she gave this message, "Sowing Beside All Waters," in her clear ringing voice, yet in her sweet womanly way. Already she has won a place in the hearts of Southern Baptists.

Tuesday Afternoon

"Jesus Shall Reign" is to be our hymn next year, and it is being sung at every session.

Again Tennesseans were proud when Mrs. Lee Shahan led the afternoon devotionals. By request, she repeated "The Lame Man at the Gate," indeed a masterpiece. We want to publish this also on this page.

Mrs. A. J. Aven, of Mississippi, read the report of the Baptist Bible Institute, showing the wonderful growth. There are now 267 students in this school. Our baby training school is growing most rapidly.

Dr. Clevendon in a most forceful way told of the work of the school.

Mrs. J. M. Flenniken, of Arkansas, read the report of Southwestern Seminary. Dr. Scarborough and Mrs. McGarity told us of the needs of scholarships, work for the graduates and prayers for the students. Miss Ludivaca Christie of Roumania, who was a student there last year, thanked the women for the help given her. She wants to go back to her own people to tell the old, old story.

Dr. I. J. Van Ness, the Sunday School Secretary, brought a brief message on the Bible fund and told us the Sunday School Board would give the money to complete the James Seminary building in Bucharest. He offered \$15,000 for rural field work to be matched by a similar amount by the State Unions. The Sunday School Board has always been a friend to our Union.

The Margaret Fund celebrated its tenth birthday at this meeting. A beautiful cake with ten candles was on the stand, as a representative from each state told of some of the achievements of this fund. Seventy sons and daughters of our missionaries will be given scholarships this year. Each society is asked to have a birthday party with a Margaret Fund program. Each member is asked to bring ten cents, ten dimes or ten dollars for this worthy object. Ten of these students are in Tennessee. Surely we ought to be first to have such a party. Two students—Miss Witt of the Canal Zone and one from China—thanked the Union so beautifully for giving them the privilege of receiving a college education. Ninety per cent of the sons and daughters of missionaries go to foreign fields.

Mrs. George Eager, chairman of our W. M. U. training school, was unable to be present. Her report was read by Miss Leigh of Texas and was spoken to by Mrs. Janie Cree Bose, the new principal. Mrs. Bose pleaded for us to remember the large number of girls who felt that God had called them to the foreign field, who have prepared to go, yet now cannot because of the debt on our board. "How shall they go unless they be sent?"

Tuesday Evening

This evening session was given to home and foreign missions. Miss Enima Leachman, field worker of the Home Board, brought a helpful devotional. The home missionaries present were introduced by Miss Mallory. Miss Mary Kelly, missionary for fourteen years among the foreigners in Illinois, told of her joy in serving there. She said that there was everything to encourage, but her work would be easier if we would treat the foreigners like we do the Americans.

Miss Reaves is working among the Mexicans in Eagle Pass, Texas. Mr.

and Mrs. Burnett labor among the Osage Indians. She said that they were rich and very hard to reach.

Miss Louellen is working in the only Chinese church in the Southern Baptist Convention. It is in San Antonio, Texas. Miss Austin, a teacher in one of our mountain schools in Eldridge, Ala., told of the need of missionary work in the mountains. Miss Inlow, a daughter of Dr. I. M. Inlow, a former Tennessee pastor, is a missionary in Cuba. She is young people's leader on this island—and called to the choice young women to come over and help her. Miss Mildred Matthews, president of Cuba W. M. U., directs 29 W. M. U.'s and teachers school in Havana.

Dr. B. D. Gray, the secretary of the Home Board, was presented. He spoke on "Watchman, What of the Night?" The challenge of 2,500,000 Baptists in the South giving nothing to missions has brought night. He said the brightest thing is the assurance of the love and prayers of the women. The Union gave two and a half times as much for special home mission offering this year as last.

Foreign Mission Hour

A high point in every convention is the time when foreign missionaries speak. Miss Nannie David of Africa was the first missionary presented. She pleaded for Southern Baptists to be the connecting link between volunteers and mission fields. Her African name means "Honor, going forward," because her parents were missionaries. Miss Hunt of Brazil spoke of her work with the children. Mrs. Blair of Argentina said that she and her husband were the only missionaries in a field larger than Georgia. She spoke of the great disappointment because debt on the board made advancement impossible.

Mrs. Leonard of China said that missionaries there were honored, but she felt like putting on sack cloth and ashes because she was living on borrowed money. For sixteen years she has served in China. She said, "Could the Lord say, 'Well done good and faithful servants,' to Southern Baptists if He came today?"

Miss Summer of South China said that her part was to discover and train Christian workers. Prayers of the people at home always smoothed out the hard places.

Mrs. Frank Lide of North China said, "Will the line hold? No, it is already broken. Southern Baptists have called the missionaries home because they have refused to reinforce and give equipment so necessary, and twenty-one missionaries have fallen by the way in this one mission in three years. Gaps are wide open. Recruits are on the outside. Fill up the gaps!"

Miss Blanche Walker of China brought the first ray of sunshine when she said, "The promises of Jesus will never fail. He will find His sheep and He is doing so by the help of the faithful ones at home sending the hospital supplies, scrapbooks from Sunbeams and the prayers of the women. He will find His sheep."

Mrs. Stewart of China brought two idols and an ancestral tablet to show us what the heathens had worshipped in her station, but now the ones who owned them are true Christians.

Dr. Jeanette Belle, who is the resident doctor at Kathleen Mallory Hospital in China said they were trying to do Kathleen Mallory type of work, but having appropriations cut, meant that the hospital was now using candles. They did have a Deleo plant, but the engine broke down, and they had no money to put it in repair. Think of candles in a hospital! All lights were turned out and only the light of one candle was seen. Truly we saw how, as Southern Baptists, we were in the candle stage of development in giving.

Dr. Love, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, was the last speaker.

He expressed his great gratitude for the love offering, and said it was the hearts and prayers of the women that made the whole offering possible. He said what we needed today was the spirit of God in the hearts of the people—a vital touch with Christ.

After Dr. Love's great address a motion was made to take as our next Christmas offering objective \$300,000, and for March home mission offering \$100,000. It was a high hour in the W. M. U. Convention!

Wednesday Morning

Miss Addie Cox of China who won her way into the hearts of Tennessee women this spring, led the opening devotional. She spoke on tithing as a debt we owe to God. She told of a heathen man in China teaching the language to a missionary becoming a Christian. He waited some weeks in joining the church, finally he came and said, "Now I am ready to tithe, and I want to become a member." In teaching the missionary to read the Bible in Chinese, he found that all church members must tithe.

Miss Cox said when all learn to tithe, then not thousands but millions would sing, "Glory to God in the highest."

Recognition was given M. A. Fuller, Corresponding Secretary of Negro W. M. U. Convention. Sixty-six per cent of negroes are Baptists. She said that they believed in the Bible from "kiver to kiver." A negro thanked Southern Baptists for what they had done for them, and especially for the Seminary at Nashville.

In Mrs. Cox's address she called attention to our fortieth anniversary that should be celebrated in 1928.

Mrs. Vines of Virginia moved that a committee be appointed to report next year on plans for a great ruby celebration. It will be something we will look forward to with great interest.

The plan of work was presented by Miss Mallory. Our watchword for the coming year, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God." Matt. 6:33; hymn, "Jesus shall reign."

Few changes were made in our plans. One aim is, "Organized personal service in His Name." Emphasis is to be given to the fact that to be personal service it must be in God's name.

The week of prayer for foreign missions will this year be from Nov. 29 to Dec. 3. The offering will no longer be only for China, but for all foreign mission fields.

The home mission week of prayer will be March 21-25.

The tithing hour was another great hour of the convention. Tithing songs written by our Mrs. C. D. Creasman were used on the program. Mrs. Carter Wright, president of the Alabama Union brought us a matchless address on "The Tithing, God's Law, Our Test and Opportunity." Mrs. Wright is a beautiful speaker. We were happy that Mrs. Hight Moore made the motion that this address should be printed so you may read it. Mrs. Wright gave us this definition of stewardship. "Stewardship is the trust which God commits to us to use all that we are and have for the promotion of the kingdom of heaven on earth. We are stewards of our time, talents, energy, influence prayers and possessions." She challenged us over again (Continued on page 16.)

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I. Fundamentals.

1. Watchword: Seek ye first the Kingdom of God.—Matt. 6:33.
2. Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign."
3. Chief Aims: (1) Prayer—Individual and United, (2) Bible Study, (3) Mission Study, (4) Soul-Winning, (5) Enlistment and Training for Service, (6) Organized Personal Service in His Name, (7) Systematic and Proportionate Giving.

4. Moral Standards: We declare ourselves on the side of all the forces of righteousness, international and interracial justice; world peace, patriotism, law enforcement, Christian Americanization, universal education, Sabbath observance, sacredness of the home, the family altar, high standards for speech, dress and conduct, improved industrial conditions, child welfare, public health.

II. Prayer—Individual and United.

Recognizing prayer as the supreme dynamic in Christianity, that the missionary enterprise was born in prayer and that every forward movement has been the result of prayer, we therefore urge:

1. Maintenance of family altars.
2. Regular use in the homes and society meetings of the Calendar of Prayer in Royal Service.
3. Observance of the 9:00 o'clock morning prayer for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.
4. A season of prayer preceding or during the meetings of society or circles for the objects suggested in "Pray Ye" department of Royal Service.

5. Cottage prayer meetings conducted whenever and wherever conditions of home or neighborhood indicate the need.

6. Observance of Weeks of Prayer, namely:

January Week of Prayer for World-Wide Missions, January 3-7 inclusive, 1927, following the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in December.

March Week of Prayer and Thank-Offering for Home Missions, March 21-25 inclusive, 1927.

State Season of Prayer, date and program to be arranged by State W. M. U.

7. Books on Prayer: (1) "How to Pray," by Dr. R. A. Torrey; (2) "Intercessory Prayer," by Dr. J. G. K. McClure.

III. Bible Study.

The Bible, our authority for missionary endeavor, has a distinctively missionary message. Therefore, we recommend emphasis upon its missionary teachings through use of:

1. Daily Bible Readings and month Bible Study in Royal Service.
2. Bible study classes using courses which emphasize its missionary teaching.

IV. Mission Study.

In mission study we would urge as the chief objectives:

1. At least one book a year studied in each W. M. S. preferably in each circle, effort being made to have the study of foreign mission book preceding observance of January Week of Prayer and of home mission book before the March Week of Prayer.

2. At least one class during the year in each Y. W. A., G. A. and R. A., awards to be made only after examination with books closed; and for Sunbeam Band regular study, preferably in story form, of a mission book, oral test permitted for Sunbeams.

3. Study classes and missionary story hours respectively for women and young people at summer assemblies.

4. Earning of awards described in the leaflet, "Mission Study Courses," with emphasis upon significance of the honor certificate which are awarded for the teaching of mission study classes to those already holding the two large silver seals.

5. Mastery of certain great missionary books through pursuance of

the Union's Advanced Course by those who have completed Certificate Courses I and II.

6. Systematic readings of mission books and securing of reward cards and stamps. For lists of books see leaflet, entitled "Mission Study Courses," also list recommended by State W. M. U. headquarters. Colateral reading in connection with mission study classes will broaden and deepen interest, especially reading by W. M. S. and Y. W. A. members of the "approved course of reading."

7. Building up of missionary libraries under supervision of W. M. S., but for us of all W. M. U. organizations in church.

8. Supplementing missionary library in each denominational school in state.

9. Co-operation in Church Schools of Missions and holding of all-day institutes on mission study.

V. White Cross Work.

Such work for S. B. C. foreign and home hospitals and for State Baptist hospitals shall be directed by each State W. M. U. according to its own policy.

VI. Soul-Winning.

The chief aim of all Christian work is the saving of souls. Let us help actively, therefore, in evangelistic work of our churches and strive individually to win many souls to Christ. As helps in such work let us study especially: "Talks on Soul-Winning," by Dr. E. Y. Mullins; "The Plan of Salvation," by Dr. Austin Crouch.

VII. Enlistment and Training for Service.

Enlisting and training the large number of unenlisted in our church membership are of vital interest to every kingdom enterprise and call for a large place in the society's plans and prayers. Therefore, every society should heartily support the following enlistment program:

1. Organization and fostering by strong societies, in co-operation with associational leaders, of societies in neighboring weak churches, emphasizing our W. M. U. rural extension work made possible by the generous offer of the Sunday School Board.

2. Winning for life service of young women in churches and colleges, names of volunteers for home and foreign service being kept on file by the State W. M. U. college correspondent.

3. Observance of October as enlistment month, each state developing its own plans.

4. Presentation of W. M. U. methods and achievements at general as well as W. M. U., State, district and associational meetings, care being exercised in such presentation to use the term W. M. U. rather than "woman's work."

5. Co-operation with enlistment work of State and Home Mission Boards.

VIII. Organized Personal Service in His Name.

Knowing that personal service is Christlike living in one's own community, we will, to reach the oppressed and unsaved in our immediate localities, particularly encourage:

1. Study of state and federal laws relating to health, employment of women and children, general public welfare, and report to proper authorities of non-enforcement of law.

2. Efforts to raise standard of health in our communities.

3. Study of policies and methods of social service in other organizations.

4. Co-operation in the promotion of general and local inter-racial committees for the securing of more sympathetic and equitable relations between the races.

5. Class and individual efforts for adult illiterates.

6. Establishment and maintenance of Good Will Centers, Homemakers' Clubs, industrial schools, adult classes and daily vacation Bible schools.

7. In rural sections: Adult classes,

mission Sunday schools, neighborhood Bible classes, Homemakers' Clubs and get-together days.

8. Personal service for young people's organizations:

(1) Y. W. A.'s and G. A.'s: Conducting clubs and assisting in Good Will Centers and in daily vacation Bible school and mission Sunday schools.

(2) For R. A.'s: Interest in the appearance and condition of their communities and bringing to Sunday school those outside church influence.

(3) For Sunbeams: Carrying of cheer to crippled or sick children or older shut-ins in homes and hospitals.

9. Co-operation with other personal service plans of state personal service chairmen and young people's leaders for young people in their states.

10. The personal service standard shall be: For society: Regular assignment of activities by personal service chairman and regular reports, of work previously assigned by each circle or individual (in the case of small societies). For association: At least 50 per cent of societies reporting to associational chairman quarterly. For state: Reports from all district chairmen quarterly.

11. Personal service as integral part of summer assemblies.

12. References: Books recommended by state W. M. U. headquarters, including "Manual of W. M. U. Methods" and W. M. U. free leaflets on personal service.

IX. Christian Stewardship.

"Christian stewardship rests upon the foundation of God's ownership of ourselves and our possessions. 'Ye are not your own. Ye have been bought with a price' is the divine declaration. All wealth is to be held in trust as God's gift. It is to be used as He commands. * * * Under the old dispensation the Jews gave at least one-tenth of their income to the service of God. Christians are not under law, but under the gospel. But surely their obligation requires giving upon a scale equal to that of Jews. One-tenth, however, does not exhaust the Christian obligation. All that he has belongs to God, and his giving should be in proportion to the needs and requirements of the Lord's work and his own ability, whether it be one-tenth or nine-tenths or even more of his income."

Though from the beginning of its history the W. W. U., Southern Baptist Convention, has encouraged tithing and has for many years emphasized it by striving to get all W. M. U. tithers to sign the Union's "Stewardship Covenant Card." Nevertheless it is true that the signatures of many Union members are not thus recorded. Therefore, be it resolved:

(1) That we, the members of the W. M. U., adopt as our financial plan the bringing of the whole tithe into the Lord's cause.

(2) That our slogan shall be, "Honor the Lord with our substance and with the first fruits of all our increase."

(3) That our plan of procedure shall be to canvass each member of each society for pledges to this end.

(4) That pledge cards be provided for this purpose at our state headquarters.

(5) That we seek to lead the members of our families, through prayer and example, to adopt this as their financial plan.

(6) That free-will and love-offerings follow, as God may prosper us. Each society is asked to—

1. Have society stewardship chairman to get members to sign stewardship covenant cards, keep record of such signatures, report number of signatures to state W. M. U. corresponding secretary, have frequent talks on stewardship at circle and society meetings, aid in training young people to be faithful stewards and follow other W. M. U. suggestions as to tithing.

2. Participate in local, associational, state and southwide stewardship campaigns.

3. Co-operate heartily in every-member canvass of church and aid in introducing and supporting weekly envelope system where none exists.

4. Study stewardship literature, especially the following recommended books:

For W. M. S.: "Stewardship and Missions" (Cook) and "Woman and Stewardship" (Pearce). For Y. W. A.: "The Stewardship of Life" (Agar).

X. Apportionment.

In accordance with the change in By-Law 6 of the W. M. U. constitution the W. M. U. treasurer's books will close with the calendar year.

Therefore the apportionments to be arranged for by this annual meeting are for the twelve months of this calendar year from January 1, 1926, to January 1, 1927. The apportionment for these twelve months shall be for each state W. M. U.: (1) For the 1926 program of Southern Baptists, its accepted part of \$2,542,554; (2) for the three W. M. U. specials—Sunday School Board Bible fund, Margaret fund and current expense fund of the W. M. U. training school at Louisville Ky.—the state's proportionate part of \$36,099; (3) the state's proportionate part of \$2,578,653 is the state's full apportionment from January 1, 1926, to January 1, 1927. Each state W. M. U. should see to it that its part of this total for W. M. U. specials is duly forwarded to the W. M. U. treasurer at least quarterly in the same way that amounts for these three funds have been forwarded to her in the past year. Each state is urged to divide its total apportionment among the various W. M. U. organizations for women and young people in the state, the ideal for each organization being at least 10 per cent increase over its regular gifts to the causes mentioned in (1).

In keeping with the policy of the state, the current expense fund of the W. M. U. training school at Louisville, Ky., the Margaret fund and the Bible fund of the Sunday School Board need not be included in the 1926 program of Southern Baptists, but as W. M. U. specials may be over and above the pledges made to this denominational program. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering for China and the thank offering for Home Missions shall not be included in the 1926 program of Southern Baptists, but shall be over and above the pledges to said program. The W. M. U. executive committee shall be authorized, after conference with the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, to decide what stations in China shall be given the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and which phases of home mission work shall receive the March thank offering. The special envelopes for these offerings should be generally distributed, carefully ingathered, and the offerings promptly forwarded according to the state's policy. The record of such offerings should be carefully kept and reported as such.

Likewise, each state W. M. U. is urged to plan for its special season of prayer and offering for state missions.

XI. Record of W. M. U. Gifts.

As explained in 3 of Section IX, W. M. U. members are urged to support the weekly envelope system of their church, with the understanding that the church treasurers will arrange with the societies' treasurers so that an exact record is kept of such gifts and so that all such gifts are forwarded as requested. It is believed that this will stimulate larger and more regular giving by W. M. U. members than if they are credited simply with a proportionate part of the gifts received by the church treasurers. In the forwarding of the gifts to the W. M. U. specials, care should also be had that the church has an accurate record of the same.

XII. Training Schools.

1. W. M. U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.: Since the W. M. U. alone is entirely responsible for the founding and maintenance of this school, each state W. M. U. is particularly urged to:

(1) Encourage their young women, especially college graduates, to enter this school and take extra care to see that only students physically able to meet the requirements are sent.

(2) Maintain scholarships on the loan basis for those unable to provide for themselves. These scholarships should be so carefully awarded that all students who can pay their own expenses will do so.

2. Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La.: That upon the request of the Institute, the Woman's Missionary Union continue its policy of recommending the members of the advisory board of the Institute and that as usual this advisory board be expected to render a report at the W. M. U. annual meeting. That young women be encouraged to attend the Institute.

3. Southwestern Training School, Fort Worth, Texas: That the same policy be maintained toward this training school as toward the Baptist Bible Institute, young women being encouraged to attend this school also.

XIII. Margaret Fund.

Margaret funds gifts from the states added to the interest accruing from the Margaret fund amount to \$3,873.91. This amount is now available for scholarships and will be disbursed according to the recommendations of the Margaret fund committee. The amount needed from the states will be apportioned among them according to Section X.

XIV. Sunday School Board Bible Fund.

In 1897 the Sunday School Board offered to give, for Bibles to be distributed by our home and foreign missionaries, a dollar for every dollar given for this purpose. In addition, the Board will give Bibles for use in Good Will Centers, for distribution by W. M. U. members engaged in such work, to aliens receiving naturalization papers, to foreign-speaking peoples, in needy places and to prisoners. The amount needed from the states for this fund will be apportioned among them according to Section X.

XV. Our Young People.

To lead our young people into paths of joyous responsibility and to train the children for world-wide service, it is incumbent upon Woman's Missionary Societies to promote mission interest among our young people by:

1. Maintaining in every church of the Southern Baptist Convention a full graded W. M. U.—namely, Sunbeam Band for children 3 to 9 years of age; Girls' Auxiliaries—Junior G. A., 9 to 13 years; Intermediate G. A., 13 to 17 years; Royal Ambassador Chapters—Junior R. A., 9 to 13 years; Intermediate R. A., 13 to 17 years; Young Women's Auxiliary, 17 to 25 years; where there are Baptist girls in academies and colleges, the college or Ann Hasseltine Y. W. A.; where there are Baptist nurses, the Grace McBride Y. W. A.

2. Encouraging organizations to reach the A-1 class on the Standard of Excellence under the direction of consecrated leaders chosen after prayerful consideration, trained through the correspondence courses offered for leaders and counselors by W. M. U. from Birmingham headquarters.

3. Circulating World Comrades in all homes where there are children, provision being made by the W. M. U. for sufficient copies to use in the program preparations; Royal Service to be used for local Y. W. A. and Grace McBride Y. W. A.'s; the college Y. W. A. Bulletin for Ann Hasseltine Y. W. A.'s, with a special bulletin sent out at frequent intervals to Grace McBride Y. W. A.'s.

4. Hearing monthly reports from each organization to show activities and to indicate possibilities for further aid from W. M. U. through the circle appointed to foster each organization.

5. Selecting one person to be the church's director of young people's organizations of W. M. U. that she may correlate activities of the counselors and of the circles which foster the different organizations. She may be a vice president of the W. M. U. or a salaried worker.

6. Urging attendance upon quarterly young people's rallies of W. M. U. organizations, upon summer assemblies where mission classes are taught, upon state, district and association Y. W. A., G. A., R. A. camps, upon G. A. and R. A. state conferences, and of Y. W. A.'s upon third Southwide Y. W. A. camp, Ridgecrest, N. C., June 15-25, 1926, distributed by W. M. U. through the state W. M. U. headquarters.

7. Magnifying the importance of the graded union in every Southern Baptist Church through public promotion services, using certificates distributed by W. M. U. through the state W. M. U. headquarters.

XVI. W. M. U. Literature Department.

In this department especial attention is called to:

1. Organization pins to be worn as a badge of loyalty and recognition. These are suggested as gifts, especially to society officers.

2. Felt pennants in organization colors, useful as awards of merit and as decoration for meeting place.

3. Felt arm bands for Royal Ambassadors, to be worn as evidence of progress in ranking system.

4. Standard of Excellence record charts and stars for same. These furnish visible record of standing. Sunbeams use the "Sunbonnet Baby" chart.

5. Attendance cards, place cards and embossed stickers for various special occasions.

6. Attractive missionary leaflets, songs, playlets and pageants published and sold. Supplemental leaflets are advertised on page 3 of Royal Service.

7. As far as possible the proceeds from the department's invested funds and from the sale of leaflets and pins will be used to pay all expenses of this department. Whenever the proceeds exceed the expenses, the balance will be added to the capital.

XVII. Royal Service.

This publication will be continued as an illustrated monthly with its regular departments. The price, no club rates, is fifty cents per year from 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. The publication is entrusted to a board of editors which is chosen by the W. M. U. executive committee. The expense of publishing the magazine is paid for by the proceeds from subscriptions and renewals. The magazine contains month by month the calendar of prayer. The states are again asked to conduct in behalf of the magazine the all-year campaign for subscriptions and renewals. The ideal for the year is 73,821. Great emphasis should be laid upon this campaign at summer assemblies, associational and state annual meetings. State W. M. U. headquarters are supplied with sample copies of the magazine for general distribution at such gatherings. Each society is asked to appoint a member or a committee to secure and forward renewals and subscriptions. An occasion may justify subscriptions should also be sought for Home and Foreign Fields, price \$1 a year from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

XVIII. World Comrades.

The union's monthly magazine for young people and children, subscription price \$1 a year, is indispensable for R. A., G. A. and Sunbeam leaders and members. It should be in every Southern Baptist home, espe-

cially where there are children. Its motto and purpose are: "Girdle the World with Friendliness." The goal for 1926-27 is 15,000 subscriptions and renewals.

XIX. College Y. W. A. Bulletin.

The College Y. W. A. Bulletin is a bi-monthly publication devoted to programs and suggestions for college Y. W. A.'s during the ten months of the school year. The price is \$1 a year from 1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. It should be used by all college Y. W. A.'s. The College Bulletin shall be the channel for giving information regarding our Sisterhood Special, which fund is devoted to caring for Baptist young women, wards of the union, from foreign countries studying in our Southwide training schools.

XX. Ministerial Relief and Annuities.

As Christian women and young people we are deeply indebted to our pastors. Many of them are aged, and quite a number of them or their families are dependent upon the denomination for financial support. Through the gifts to the 1926 and 1927 programs of Southern Baptists the Southern Baptist Convention and Annuity Board is supplying this need as far as its receipts will permit. To supplement this, societies are urged to send special gifts to the families of aged Baptist ministers in their states, just as they are encouraged to do for the frontier missionaries. Information concerning their needs may be secured from the state W. M. U. headquarters. It is also hoped that in each community, where an aged minister or his family lives, at least one society will remember them at Thanksgiving and Christmas time.

XXI. Standards of Excellence.

We urge the states again to emphasize uniform standards of excellence for all grades of organizations; also, those which have not done so, to adopt an associational standard of excellence, each state including in such a standard a clause concerning adequate publicity in the secular papers within the association.

The standard for Women's Missionary Societies and Young Women's Auxiliaries shall be the one that follows. Societies and auxiliaries that fulfill all points of their standards shall be on the list of honor as A-1 organizations; those that fulfill eight, in Class B; six, in Class C; and four, in Class D.

1. At least twelve regular meetings of the society during the year, preferably one each month, each of these twelve meetings having a devotional service and a definitely missionary program.

2. An increase in active* membership during the year of at least 10 per cent of the number enrolled at the beginning of the year until all eligible members are enlisted.

3. Meeting apportionment.

4. Regular reports to state officers, according to plan outlined by the state.

5. Two of our denominational missionary periodicals or one of our missionary periodicals and state denominational papers subscribed for by at least one-half of the families represented in the missionary society, the ultimate aim being two in every home.

6. Observance of the special seasons of prayer and gifts for state, home and foreign missions.

7. At least one mission study reading circle or preferably a mission study class during the year.

8. Some definite organized personal service for the spiritual uplift of the local community, conducted by the members of the society under direction of the society's personal service committee.

9. An average attendance of at least one-half of the active membership at the twelve meetings.**

10. Fostering in the church of a Sunbeam Band and of at least one other of the graded W. M. U. organizations for the young people.

The standard for Girls' Auxiliaries, Royal Ambassadors and Sunbeams shall be the one which follows. Organizations that fulfill all points on their standard shall be on the list of honor as A-1 organizations, those fulfilling seven in Class B; six, in Class C; and four, in Class D.

1. At least twelve regular meetings a year, with a devotional service and a definitely missionary program, preferably one each month, as given in World Comrades.

2. An increase in active* membership during the year of at least 10 per cent of the number enrolled at the beginning of the year until all eligible members are enlisted.

3. Meeting apportionment.

4. Regular reports to state officers, according to plans outlined by the state.

5. Observance of at least one day's program of each of the special seasons of prayer and gifts for state, home and foreign missions.

6. At least one mission study reading circle or preferably a mission study class during the year.

7. Some definite, organized personal service conducted by the members of the society under the direction of its leader.

8. An average attendance of at least one-half of the active* membership at the twelve meetings.

*An active member is a person who gives to missions, attends at least four regular missionary meetings of the society and serves in some capacity in the work of the society.

**A society having a Business Women's Circle may count the number attending that circle's monthly meeting in which the missionary program is given.

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The Ten Greatest Words About Jesus. By J. C. Masee, D. D. Published by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; \$1.50 net.

This delightful book of sermons from a great writer is different in that it deals with old subjects and texts in a new and charming manner. Dr. Masee takes ten outstanding declarations concerning Jesus and bases his discussions about these. The word of the Angel, the word of John the Baptist, the word of the Father, are some of the statements discussed. The book will prove fruitful as a source of suggestion and information to Bible students.

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to be ready, for the Lord will audit our accounts. She said souls, and not gold, would be the coin in heaven. Read her message in a later issue.

Mrs. F. M. Armstrong, our Mrs. R. L. Harris and Mrs. A. T. Robertson were a committee to present tithing to the convention. They did their work well. Tithing quotations were on every page of our programs. Three tithing songs written by Mrs. C. D. Creasman were also printed on the program. Each state was asked to present a stewardship poster. Happy were we when Mrs. Lee Shahan brought a most beautiful "Rainbow of Promise" as Tennessee's contribution. She said the rainbow promise was, "Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith Jehovah of hosts if I will not open ye the windows of heaven and pour ye out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:10. If Southern Baptists would tithe we would give to missions \$165,000,000 a year. This is the bag of gold at the foot of the rainbow. Many said that it was the best poster presented. We thank God for our stewardship chairman.

Miss Mather suggested that each state put on a tithing essay contest for the young people. This essay will be open to all boys, girls and young women. Awards will be offered by each state for the best story. The Southern Union will give a trip to the Southern Baptist Convention next year to the best story on tithing by a Y. W. A. member. Watch for Tennessee plans.

New tithing cards have been prepared which can be secured from state headquarters. A tithing pin can be purchased for twenty-five cents from W. M. U., Birmingham, 1111 Age-Herald Building. No one may wear this pin unless she is a tither. The first one was pinned on

Mrs. Cox. Send twenty-five cents for yours. May we be able to win thousands of new tithers this year!

Miss Margaret Lackey of Mississippi led a beautiful devotional on "God's Care."

Dr. J. W. Cammack, Secretary of the Educational Board, spoke of "Our Seed-Corn." He spoke of Nuokaya Indian School. Miss Sharp was introduced and told of this school which belongs to the Educational Board. One had said that Southern Baptists do not love Indians, for they are not sending teachers to them. Northern Baptists are sending teachers to them, point the students to the East and there they learn evolution. She made a plea for Southern Baptists to send more missionaries to the Indians.

Mrs. P. E. Eubanks, personal service chairman, reported 7,228 conversions as a result of this work, 14,346 Bibles, 3,485,455 pieces of literature, 239,550 garments were distributed, 6,847 societies reported these figures, 547 societies helped in vocation Bible schools, 552 in Good Will Centers, 484 in mission Sunday Schools.

The obituary committee recorded the name of Mrs. J. H. Baker, for many years president of the Southern Union, who passed away last summer.

The enrollment committee reported 2,127 registered delegates for the W. M. U. Convention. Tennessee had her forty delegates present, the only state east of the Mississippi with her full quota.

Mrs. I. J. Van Ness was chairman of the committee on hospitality. She expressed in a beautiful way our thanks to Houston for their cordial welcome and their thorough preparation for our coming.

Miss Rita Hight, who has been a missionary to Cuba, said for two years the women tithers in Cuba had worn tithing pins.

Miss Taup White of Rome, Ga.,

and Mrs. Richard K. Redevine of Atlanta, Ga., were elected as approved field workers of the Union.

All old officers were re-elected. Southern Baptist women rejoice in the matchless leadership of Mrs. Cox and hope that she will continue as their president for many years.

A beautiful picture of blue bonnets of Texas was presented to Mrs. Cox from the Texas Union.

Mrs. J. W. Dawson of Texas brought a message on Co-operative Program. Never have we heard a stronger appeal to Southern Baptists to co-operate in giving the message of the gospel to the world. She traced the history of Co-operative Program from the birth of the 75-Million Campaign to the present. She said "Laborers Together" is God's name for Co-operative Program. She asked us to magnify it by enlisting all women in giving, to co-operate with pastors, to magnify our churches and to co-operate with the denominational leaders. May we Tennessee women magnify the program!

This address was the last one of the great W. M. U. Convention, which closed with prayer by Miss Mallory.

PROGRAM

For the fifth Sunday in May meeting, to be held with the Friendship Baptist Church, seven miles north of Henderson, Tenn.:

7:30 p. m.—Devotional, by Rev. H. D. Hodges.

8:00 p. m.—Introductory sermon, by Rev. C. L. Skinner.

Saturday

9:30 a. m.—Devotional, by Rev. J. J. Smith.

10:00 a. m.—What is Evolution and does the Bible teach it, by Rev. A. L. Bray and Rev. C. L. Sinner.

11:00 a. m.—Sermon, by Rev. J. D. Freeman, editor of Baptist and Reflector.

12:00—Dinner.

1:00 p. m.—The greatest needs of the churches of today, by Rev. W. A. West and Rev. C. E. Azbill.

2:45 p. m.—Sermon, by Rev. H. D. Hodges.

7:30 p. m.—Devotional, by Rev. C. L. Skinner.

8:00 p. m.—Sermon, by Rev. W. A. West.

Sunday

9:30 a. m.—B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Work, by Miss Zella Mai Collie and others.

11:00 a. m.—Sermon, by Rev. C. E. Azbill.

12:00 noon—Dinner.

1:30 p. m.—Sermon, by Rev. J. J. Smith.

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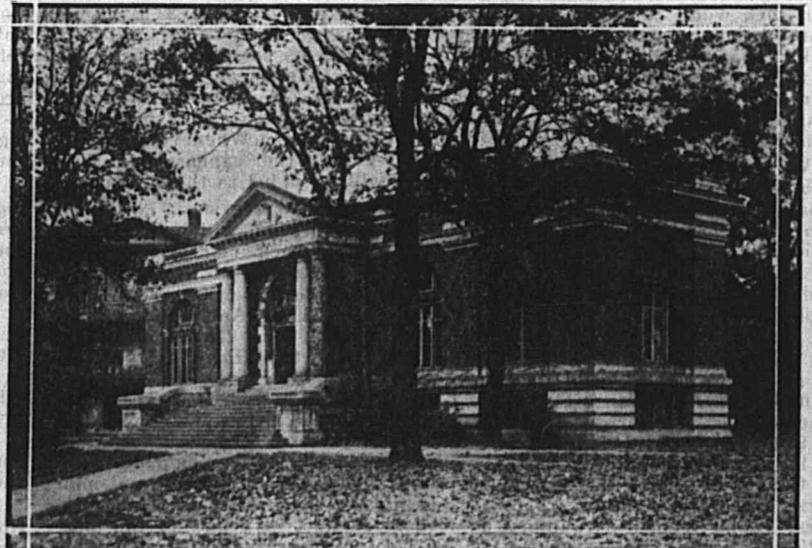
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