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REVISED CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.

PREAMBLE

Whereas, it was the sense of the Negro Baptists of the United States as represented in the several Baptist organizations convened in Atlanta, Georgia, September 28, 1895, and known as the Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, hitherto engaged in missionary work on the West Coast of Africa; the National Baptist Convention, which had been doing missionary work in the United States; the National Baptist Educational Convention, charged with the educational interests of the Negro Baptists, that these organizations should unite into one organization for the purpose of putting into effect the benevolent intentions of their constituents by eliciting, combining and directing the energies of the denomination: therefore, said organizations did unite and agree upon certain fundamental principles and organic rules, which as amended from time to time, are as follows:

ARTICLE I—NAME

This organization shall be known and styled the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America.

ARTICLE II—OBJECT

This Convention, by uniting Baptist churches and other Baptist organizations, such as may desire an organization of this kind, shall undertake to promote home and foreign missions; to encourage and support Christian education; to publish and distribute Sunday-school and other religious literature; and to engage in whatever other Christian endeavor is required to advance the Redeemer's kingdom throughout the world.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership of this Convention shall be representative, annual, and life.

Section 2. Representative membership shall be had in this Convention by Baptist churches, district associations and conventions, district state conventions, and state conventions, all known to be in harmony with the object of this Convention, by paying into the treasury of this Convention at the annual meetings thereof, such sums as are stated in Section 3 of this article; provided that any of the above mentioned organizations that have contributed money to any of the Boards of this Convention during the conventional year immediately preceding an annual meeting, may have additional representation for each ten dollars (\$10.00) thus contributed upon presentation of an official receipt for same.

Section 3. Any regular Baptist church shall be entitled to one (1) messenger upon the payment of ten dollars (\$10.00); any district association or convention, to one (1) messenger upon the payment of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00); any district state convention, to one (1) messenger upon payment of fifty dollars (\$50.00); any state convention, to one (1) messenger upon payment of one hundred dollars (\$100.00); provided that any or all of the above mentioned organizations may be entitled to one (1)

additional messenger for every additional ten dollars (\$10.00) paid, all of which shall be for the work of this Convention.

Section 4. Messengers representing district associations, district or state conventions, shall be elected at the annual meeting of these organizations for the session of this Convention next following such an election and said election shall be regularly certified to the secretary of this Convention, so that said messengers may participate in the annual meeting of this Convention.

Section 5. Any person who is a member of a Missionary Baptist Church known to be in harmony with the objects of this Convention, and who is in good and regular standing with said church may become a life member of this Convention upon the payment of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), at any session of this Convention, provided that any person with the same qualifications may upon the payment of ten dollars, (\$10.00), at any session of this Convention, become an annual member thereof.

ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS AND THEIR ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. The officers of this Convention shall be a president, a vice-president-at-large, three regional vice-presidents, and a vice-president from each of the States and Territories from which messengers to this Convention may come, a secretary, four (4) assistant secretaries, a treasurer, a statistician, a historiographer, an auditor, and editor, an attorney, all of whom shall be elected at each annual meeting of this Convention and shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected.

Section 2. The Convention shall have the right to try the officers of the Convention and dismiss them and also to try the officers of the Executive Board and to dismiss them.

Section 3. Any messenger in good and regular standing with any church holding membership in this Convention shall be eligible for any of the offices of this Convention, provided that he possesses sufficient learning and ability to insure competency for the position to which he aspires.

ARTICLE V—BOARDS

Section 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The Board of Directors shall consist of the president, vice-president-at-large, three regional vice-presidents, and the vice-presidents of the various state and territorial conventions represented at each annual session, the secretary, the treasurer, the auditor, the statistician, the historiographer, the editor, the attorney, and the assistant secretaries of the Convention, fifteen of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Board of Directors shall organize by electing a chairman and a secretary, who shall perform the duties usually assigned to like officers. It may, if so desired, create from among its own body such sub-committee as it may deem proper and make such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution of this Convention as it may deem necessary.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to complete the unfinished business of the Convention and to adjust such matters as may be referred to it by the Convention; and to fill any vacancies which may occur in the roster of the Convention, to nominate and fix the time and place of the meeting; to enforce the orders of the Convention or any of its boards; to examine and pass on, and recommend all claims against the Convention; and during the recess of the Convention have entire charge of its affairs.

Executive Committee of Board Directors: There shall be an Executive Committee of five (5) consisting of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and Attorney, whose duty it shall be to look after any unfinished business of the Board of Directors or of the Convention, and to transmit any urgent matters demanding immediate attention of the Board, and report same to the Board of Directors.

The chairman and corresponding secretaries of the several Boards shall be accorded the floor of the Board of Directors and the privilege to speak on and discuss all questions, but not to vote.

The Board of Directors shall meet at 8:00 a. m. the first day of the Convention; first, for more perfectly arranging for the sessions of the Convention; second, to hear any suggestions from any state convention looking to the good of the work of the Convention; third, the newly elected Board shall meet during the recess after the adjournment of the Convention to wind up any unfinished business of the Convention.

Section 2. OTHER BOARDS. The work of this Convention shall be done by Boards. There shall be elected at each annual meeting as many Boards as may be necessary to carry out the objects which this Convention may undertake to foster, all of the members and officers of which Boards may remain in office until their successors shall have been elected. Each of these Boards shall consist of one member from each State or Territory from which messengers to this Convention may come, and eight (8) additional members from the State or Territory in which the Board is located, provided that the twenty-four (24) members of the Controlling Board and the four (4) members of the Holding Board of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, and who are appointed by this Convention according to the plan of cooperation between the Southern Baptist Convention and this Convention, and by which plan said Theological Seminary is operated, shall by virtue of their office, be, and the same are hereby made members of the Educational Board of this Convention and provided further that a Board of Managers may be constituted under this section for the purpose of conducting the affairs of the National Organ of this Convention, and that the status of said Board of Managers shall be the same as that of other Boards of this Convention. Each Board is hereby given power to nominate its own officers and to appoint its own employees, subject to the approval of the Convention or the Board of Directors.

The compensation of its officers and employees shall be fixed by the Boards. But the salaries of the officers of the Boards shall be passed upon by the Board of Directors, and before becoming effective shall be ratified by the Executive Board of this Convention. During the interim of the Convention, each Board shall have sole management of all affairs connected with the business for which it is created; but such management shall be in strict accordance with the constitutional provision adopted by this Convention and with such other instructions as may be given by the Board of Directors of the Convention or by the Convention. Each Board is hereby authorized to make its own by-laws and to fill any vacancy occurring in its membership during the interim of this Convention, but all such by-laws must be in harmony with the laws and regulations of and approved by the Convention.

ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The duties of the officers of this Convention shall be, in general terms, such as recognized custom devolves upon them, and which are specified or indicated by the name of the office together with such other duties that may be required of them by this Convention.

Section 2. The treasurer of this Convention shall receipt for all money turned over to him and shall pay out the same only upon order signed by the president and attested by the secretary. At each annual meeting he shall submit a written itemized report of receipts and disbursements.

Section 3. The auditor shall make annual examination and audits of the books and accounts of all Boards of the Convention and such officers that have the handling of the finances of this Convention. For this purpose he shall have full and free access to all books and records in the custody of the agencies of this Convention. He shall make a thorough examination of the same and shall report his findings to this Convention at its annual meetings. But nothing in this section shall be so construed as to prevent Boards and officers involved from having a survey and audit of their accounts when in their judgment such a survey and audit may be necessary.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the statistician to gather statistical data for the denomination as represented by this Convention by procuring such statistics from churches, district associations, and state conventions participating in this Convention, and from denominational schools within the domains of this Convention as will contribute to this end, and report the same to this Convention, annually.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the historiographer to gather all historical data bearing on the rise and progress of the National Baptist Convention and publish the same. He shall work in harmony with all Boards in pursuance of the ends set out above.

ARTICLE VII—SUBSIDIARY BODIES

Section 1. The Woman's Convention Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress, and the Baptist Laymen Movement are and the same are hereby recognized as subsidiary bodies to this Convention. These subsidiary bodies shall work in harmony with this Convention, contributing as they are able to the general needs of said Convention.

Section 2. These subsidiary bodies shall make annual reports to this Convention, and said reports are hereby made subject to the approval of said Convention.

ARTICLE VIII

All Board members and missionaries and agents appointed by this Convention or by any of its Boards shall be members of some church in union with the churches composing this Convention.

ARTICLE IX

The churches, district associations, state conventions, and other Baptist organizations composing this Convention, shall have the right to specify the object or objects to which their contributions shall be applied, and when this right has not been exercised the Convention shall make the appropriation at its own discretion.

ARTICLE X

Missionaries appointed by this Convention or by any of the Boards must, previous to their appointment, furnish evidence of a sincere and fervent zeal in the Master's cause, and talents which fit them for the service for which they offer themselves.

ARTICLE XI

There shall be an annual meeting of this Convention, the same to be held at the time and in order stated in the by-laws of this Convention.

ARTICLE XII

This constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that such vote be taken without regard to the total enrollment, and provided further that no amendment may be considered after the second day of the session. All amendments, before being presented to the Convention for adoption, must have been presented to the Executive Board of this Convention for consideration.

All constitutions and laws or parts of constitutions and laws in conflict with this constitution are hereby repealed and are of no force and effect. This constitution shall take effect upon its adoption.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF AUDITOR E. D. PIERSON, ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A., IN YEAR INDICATED BELOW

1921

1. That all Boards, excepting the B. Y. P. U. and S. S. Publishing Boards, will keep a well bound duplicate receipt book and the same kind of duplicate warrant book in which is to be recorded every cent of money received and paid out, respectively.
2. That the B. Y. P. U. and S. S. Publishing Boards shall have printed conspicuously on their label books (which books shall be made in duplicate) the word "value," followed by the dollar sign where the amount of the order must be inserted.
3. That a quarterly trial balance be taken, that errors, if any, may be more easily detected. These trial balances to be submitted with other records to the auditor.
4. That the financial part of the Board's report be not printed until passed upon by the auditor.
5. That the auditor's report follow immediately on the program the reports of the various Boards.

1922

1. Since time is an important element both in properly "closing" the books for any stated period as well as assembling the facts for the auditor's inspection and interpretation; and further, because the auditor needs ample time for this brain-taxing job, if it is to be done properly, (if otherwise, it is useless), I recommend that our Convention year begin with July 1 and close with June 30, instead of beginning with August 1 and ending July 31, as it now does.
2. Forewarned is forearmed. Because of this fundamental truth, I recommend that ALL bills and accounts against the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., (excepting those, the amount of which has been stipulated by the Convention) be first submitted to the auditor of the Convention for his inspection and approval before same is paid by the Convention, the auditor returning said bills or accounts with his "O. K." or stating disapproval as the case may be.
3. Because of misunderstandings that often prove disastrous to the work of the Convention through its "Boards," I recommend that, in all cases where there is a change of a "directing official" of any of our Boards (not the books and other records of that Board will be audited by the Convention auditor before the new secretary takes charge, and that the expense of this service be borne by said Board; provided, however, should the said Board fail to pay, the Convention will assume such expense and hold said Board responsible to it for same.
4. That no record keeping official of the Convention shall continue in office who persists in keeping his records according any "pet scheme" (usually of variance with the practical and accepted standard business forms of our country; the auditor is to install such methods where needed and his instructions pertaining to these matters are to be absolutely followed.
5. Since nothing is practically right that is fundamentally wrong, and since we should be fair before we are generous, I recommend that no donations be made out of the Convention's treasury until all legitimate expenses incurred in its operation have been provided for.
6. That in reporting the receipts of the Convention, the reporting Board or Boards will report SEPARATELY the amount received from each source such as Enrollment, Finance Committee, Door Receipts and the like.

7. That the secretary be ordered to compile all auditor's approved recommendations for the last ten years and encouch same in the minutes just preceding the constitution, that all concerned may know of the Convention's adopted requirements and be enabled to govern themselves accordingly.

1925

1. The treasurer is to have, aside from his cash book, a duplicate receipt book, (the form of which is herewith ready for submission to the Executive Board) from which a receipt must be given for all money received by him. The same is true of the Warrant Book or Voucher Book in duplicate, to be kept by the secretary and from which there must be a properly drawn and signed voucher covering every expenditure.

2. That both the secretary and treasurer shall use a columnar form of cash journal, with sufficient columns to accommodate the various things to be kept distinctively separate, and that these columns be so used.

3. That the secretary begin making out, at an early period during the session vouchers for all specific accounts known to be due, as operating expenses, etc., that the usual embarrassments and blunders of the "rush" moments may be avoided.

4. That all persons claiming bills against the Convention make it known to the auditor, who will take the necessary steps to verify and approve same, which he shall bring to the attention of the Convention or Board.

5. That the reports of all secretaries, along with the auditor's will be printed and delivered in sufficient time to be assembled and placed, one of each in an envelop for free distribution at the Convention upon the presentation of the enrollment badge, provided the enrollment fee be so increased as to cover fully this added expense.

6. That the secretaries and officers in order to make recommendation six effective will, close their records according to the Convention orders through the auditor, June 30, inclusive, and have everything in connection therewith ready for the auditor not later than July 15.

7. That a pre-Convention Executive Session be held annually, the one or evening before the opening of the Convention, and that the auditor be required to make his technical and detail report to this body for their safe guidance in dealing with the financial affairs of the Convention and planning intelligent adjustment and expansion during the working hours of the Convention. And that, for all important matters requiring investigation or serious consideration, a committee be appointed to "boil the matter down" and bring the gist of it to the Convention for final action, the personnel of such a committee to be selected according to their special fitness for such service.

8. That the secretary be required to compile the approved recommendations of the auditor in his various reports, and print them in the proximity to the Constitution in the minutes, that all who are concerned may have due and timely notice in order to govern themselves accordingly.

9. That the minutes be printed within four months after adjournment of the Convention, so that their early distribution will be a means of information to the jurisdiction through which confidence may be increased and cooperation may be accelerated.

10. In order that our system of operation may be effective and mean something, the recommendation of 1921, "That the part of the reports of secretaries of Boards be not printed, passed upon and approved by the auditor," be rigidly enforced. The reasons are obvious, the violation of which is causing humiliating comment.

CITIES IN WHICH THE SESSIONS OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION HAVE BEEN HELD FROM ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1830 TO THE PRESENT

YRS.	CITIES	PRESIDENTS	SECRETARIES
1830	Montgomery, Ala.	Rev. W. H. McAlpine	Rev. J. M. Armistead
1831	Knoxville, Tenn.	Rev. W. H. McAlpine	Rev. J. M. Armistead
1832	Macon, Ga.	Rev. W. H. McAlpine	Rev. W. R. Pettiford
1833	Manchester, Va.	Rev. J. Q. A. Wilbitt	Prof. J. E. Jones
1834	Meridian, Miss.	Rev. J. A. Foster	Rev. H. H. Mitchell
1835	New Orleans, La.	Rev. W. A. Brinkley	Rev. S. T. Clanton, B. D.
1836	St. Louis, Mo.	Rev. J. Simmons, D. D.	Rev. S. T. Clanton, B. D.
1837	Mobile, Ala.	Rev. J. Simmons, D. D.	Rev. S. T. Clanton, B. D.
1838	Nashville, Tenn.	Rev. J. Simmons, D. D.	Rev. J. L. Cochran
1839	Indianapolis, Ind.	Rev. J. Simmons, D. D.	Rev. J. L. Cochran
1840	Louisville, Ky.	Rev. J. Simmons, D. D.	Rev. J. L. Cochran
1841	Dallas, Texas	Rev. E. M. Draxley, D. D.	H. Steward
1842	Savannah, Ga.	Rev. M. Vann	H. Steward
1843	Washington, D. C.	Rev. M. Vann	H. Steward
1844	Montgomery, Ala.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	H. Steward
1845	Atlanta, Ga.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	H. Steward
1846	St. Louis, Mo.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	H. Steward
1847	Boston, Mass.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	H. Steward
1848	Kansas City, Mo.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	H. Steward
1849	Nashville, Tenn.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	H. Steward
1850	Richmond, Va.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Canaler
1851	Cincinnati, Ohio	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Canaler
1852	Birmingham, Ala.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Canaler
1853	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Canaler
1854	Austin, Texas	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Canaler
1855	Chicago, Ill.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Canaler
1856	Memphis, Tenn.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Canaler
1857	Washington, D. C.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Canaler
1858	Lexington, Ky.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1859	Columbus, Ohio	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1860	New Orleans, La.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1861	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1862	Houston, Texas	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1863	Nashville, Tenn.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1864	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1865	Chicago, Ill.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1866	Savannah, Ga.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1867	Muskogee, Okla.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1868	St. Louis, Mo.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1869	Newark, N. J.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1870	Indianapolis, Ind.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1871	Chicago, Ill.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1872	St. Louis, Mo.	Rev. W. G. Parks, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1873	Los Angeles, Cal.	Rev. W. G. Parks, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1874	Nashville, Tenn.	Rev. W. G. Parks, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1875	Baltimore, Md.	Rev. W. G. Parks, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1876	Ft. Worth, Texas	Rev. W. G. Parks, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1877	Detroit, Mich.	Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1878	Louisville, Ky.	Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson

Call for a National Convention of Colored Baptists

Brethren: April 6, 1886, an open letter to the Baptist clergy and laymen was issued by Rev. W. J. Simmons, in America Baptist, asking if we should have a National Convention to discuss questions of interest to our beloved denomination.

At that time the following reasons were given:

1. To promote personal piety, sociability, and a better knowledge of each other.
2. To be able to have an understanding as to the great ends to be reached by the denomination.
3. To encourage our literary men and women, and promote the interests of Baptist literature.
4. To discuss questions pertaining especially to the religious, educational, industrial, and moral interests of our people.
5. To give an opportunity for the best thinkers and writers to be heard.
6. That we may be more powerful for good and strengthen our pride in the denomination.

MINUTES

Having been solicited to write the Call by many whose names and endorsements are hereunto affixed, the Call is hereby made by their advice and solicitations for said convention to meet in St. Louis, Mo., August 25, 1886, 10 o'clock a. m. in the First Baptist Church, and the pastor thereof is hereby requested to serve as a Committee of Arrangements, with power to select his associates.

Wm. H. Steward, Louisville, Ky., and Rev. R. H. Cole, 2609 Goode Avenue, St. Louis, are hereby requested to serve as a Committee on Transportation.

WM. J. SIMMONS

The chronological report in our National Baptist Minutes is hereby corrected, viz.: The parties as they appear below were officers of the Foreign Mission or National Educational Conventions, as were their predecessors. Said conventions merged into the National Baptist Convention in 1886 or met co-jointly with it, or otherwise.

FOREIGN MISSION OR NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION

Yrs.	CITIES	PRESIDENTS	SECRETARIES
1866	Memphis, Tenn.	Rev. J. A. Foster	Hon. J. J. Spelman
1867	Little Rock, Ark.	Rev. A. S. Jackson	Hon. J. J. Spelman
1868	Nashville, Tenn.	Rev. A. S. Jackson	Hon. J. J. Spelman
1869	Indianapolis, Ind.	Rev. E. K. Love, D. D.	Rev. S. D. Clanton, D. D.
1869	Louisville, Ky.	Rev. E. K. Love, D. D.	Rev. S. D. Clanton, D. D.
1891	Dallas, Texas	Rev. E. K. Love, D. D.	Rev. S. D. Clanton, D. D.
1892	Savannah, Ga.	Rev. A. R. Griggs, D. D.	Rev. S. D. Clanton, D. D.
1892	Washington, D. C.	Rev. A. R. Griggs, D. D.	Rev. S. D. Clanton, D. D.
1894	Montgomery, Ala.	Rev. A. R. Griggs, D. D.	W. H. Steward

There was no convention of such national scope as the National Baptist Convention, 1886. The Foreign Mission Convention, however, having been organized in 1856, the National Baptist Convention accepts that date as the starting point.

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FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A., LOUISVILLE, KY.

SEPTEMBER 5-10, 1928

Motto: "Kingdom Extension." "Thy Kingdom Come." Matthew 7:10

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Morning Session

- 9:30 Call to order by President L. K. Williams, D. D., L. L. D.
9:40 Devotions led by Revs. George W. McNeal, Kansas; John Goss, D. D., Missouri; J. H. Smith, Illinois.
10:00 Address, "Kingdom Extension—The Home Field." "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." Jno. 4:35—Dr. John H. Dwell, Pennsylvania.
10:20 Welcome Addresses:
On behalf of the State—Governor Flem D. Sampson.
On behalf of the City—Mayor W. B. Harrison.
On behalf of the White Baptists—Dr. E. Y. Mullins.
On behalf of the Colored Baptists—Rev. W. P. Offutt, Moderator.
On behalf of All Other Denominations—Rev. H. C. Weedes.
11:20 Response to Welcome Addresses—Rev. W. C. Brown, Florida.
11:45 Reading and Approving Program, and Appointing Committees.
Convention Sermon—Rev. W. H. R. Powell, D. D., Pennsylvania, alternate, Rev. B. H. Hogan, Florida.
Foreign Mission Collection—Rev. J. C. Austin, D. D., Ill.
Benediction.

Afternoon Session

(Permanent Organization Period)

- "Give an account of thy stewardship." Luke 16:2.
2:30 Devotions led by Revs. G. W. Dudley, Arkansas; H. B. Felt, Alabama; W. F. Lovelace, D. D., Indiana.
3:00 Report of Enrollment Committee.
3:15 Presentation of the President by Dr. W. M. Taylor, La.
Annual Message by President L. K. Williams, D. D., L. L. D.
4:15 Report of Secretary.
Report of Treasurer.
Report of Auditor on Officers of the Convention.
Election of Officers.
Benediction.
Evening Session
7:30 Devotions led by Revs. B. F. Reid, Ohio; C. C. Chiles, Tex.; Joseph Peterson, Mississippi.
7:45 Address, "Kingdom Extension—Christian Education." "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32—Rev. J. T. Johnson, Ga.
8:00 The American Baptist Theological Seminary—Dr. O. L. Baker.

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- 8:30 Educational Sermon—Dr. A. Clayton Powell, New York; alternate, Rev. W. H. Young, D. D., Kansas.
Education Offering.
Benediction.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Morning Session

Rev. J. R. Jamison, D. D., Arkansas, presiding

- 9:00 Devotions led by Revs. G. W. Ward, Colorado; L. B. Brooks, South Carolina; T. O. Roland, Oklahoma.
9:15 Address, "Kingdom Extension—Foreign Missions." "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15—Rev. J. S. Brown, North Carolina.
9:30 Reading Journal.
Benefit Board Hour.
Summarization of Corresponding Secretary's Report.
10:15 Address, "Making the Benefit Board a Success"—Rev. Geo. E. Stevens, D. D., Missouri.
10:45 Report of Education Board—Rev. R. W. Coleman, Sec'y.
11:10 Report of American Baptist Theological Seminary—President W. Y. Amiger, D. D.
11:30 "The Importance of a Ministerial Scholarship Fund"—Rev. M. L. Shepherd, Pennsylvania.
11:45 Sunday School Publishing Board Hour.
Summarization of Corresponding Secretary's Report.
Five-minute Appeal for the Publishing House—Dr. W. S. Edington, Tennessee.
The Publishing House Special Rally.
12:45 Praise and Inspirational Meeting—Prof. J. H. Smiley, Kentucky, and Rev. T. L. Ballou, Texas.
1:00 Benediction.

Afternoon Session

Rev. J. J. Olive, D. D., Illinois, presiding

- 2:30 Devotions led by Revs. G. P. Woodson, Tennessee; W. L. Varnado, Mississippi; J. H. Harrington, Texas.
2:45 Historical Hour.
Summarization of Corresponding Secretary's Report.
Address, "The Importance of Preserving Baptist History"—Rev. M. M. Fisher, West Virginia.
Appeal for Financial Support.
3:41 Home Mission Hour.
Summarization of Corresponding Secretary's Report.
4:15 Address, "The Home Field"—Dr. G. P. McKinney, Fla.
4:45 B. Y. P. U. Hour.
Summarization of Corresponding Secretary's Report.
Address, "Saving the Young"—Rev. R. L. Bradby, D. D., Michigan.
Appeal.
Benediction.

Evening Session

- 7:30 Devotions led by Revs. R. N. Holl, California; J. C. Crittenden, Indiana; S. T. Eldridge, Connecticut.
7:45 Foreign Mission Hour.
Summarization of Corresponding Secretary's Report.

- 8:15 Address, "Preaching the Gospel in the Congo"—Rev. Thomas Moody, returned missionary from Congo, Africa, of the Northern Baptist Convention. (15 to 20 minutes.)
- 8:30 Address, "What Our Foreign Mission Board Is Doing to Help Africa"—Miss Sarah C. Williamson, returned missionary from Liberia, of the Foreign Mission Board, National Baptist Convention. (30 to 45 minutes.)
- 8:45 Sermon—Rev. W. L. Petty, D. D., Illinois; alternate, Rev. J. E. Campbell, Texas.
Collection.
Benediction.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Morning Session

Rev. P. E. Friaby, Mississippi, presiding

- 9:00 Devotions led by Dr. Wm. S. McCutcheon, Michigan.
- 9:30 Address, "Kingdom Extension—Evangelism." "He that winneth souls is wise." Prov. 11:30. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10—Rev. J. C. Love, D. D., New Jersey.
- 9:45 Reading Journal.
- 10:00 National Baptist Voice.
- 10:15 Report of Efficiency Department and "Boards"—Director E. B. Pierson.
- 11:15 Good Government Hour.
Address.
Resolutions.
- 12:15 Educational Hour, "Our Denominational Schools"—Dr. T. O. Fuller, Tennessee, presiding.
Address, "Christian Education and Church Progress"—Prof. S. P. Nelson, Arkansas.
Address, "How the National Baptist Convention May Help Our Schools"—Rev. J. H. Gadsden, D. D., Ga.
- 1:15 Praise and Inspirational Hour—Rev. M. C. Durham and W. L. Lewis, presiding.
Benediction.

Afternoon Session

- 2:00 Devotions led by Revs. W. F. Botts, D. D., California; L. W. Harris, Minnesota; C. M. Potts, Ohio.
- 3:00 Report of Statistician.
- 3:30 Pastor's Hour. Rev. E. W. Perry, Oklahoma, presiding.
- 4:00 Address, "Christian Stewardship"—Rev. J. B. Pius, Ohio.
Introduction of Visitors.
- 4:30 "The Pastors, God's Key Men in the Churches"—Rev. D. G. Neal, Maryland.
- 4:45 Laymen's Movement Hour. Mr. John L. Webb, presiding.
Benediction.

Evening Session

Rev. R. B. Roberts, Tennessee, presiding.

- 7:30 Devotions led by Revs. L. A. Weaver, Illinois; A. J. Martin, Nebraska; A. E. Crockett, Oklahoma.
- Moving Pictures.
- 8:00 Introduction of Speaker—Rev. A. C. Williams, Michigan.
- 8:15 Address—President John W. Davis, West Virginia.

FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Morning Session

Rev. J. C. Jackson, D. D., Connecticut, presiding

- 9:00 Devotions led by Revs. Charles W. Brooks, Louisiana; M. A. Trier, Ohio; J. B. Glover, Michigan.
- 9:15 Address, "Kingdom Extension—Through Prayer." "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." Luke 10:2—Rev. W. H. Harris, Missuri.
- 9:30 Reading Journal.
- 9:45 Negro Press Hour, Rev. L. A. Pinkston, Georgia, presiding.
- 10:45 State Presidents' Hour, Rev. E. Arlington Wilson, Ph. B., Texas, presiding.
Address, "How State Presidents May Help Further the Interests of the National Baptist Convention"—Rev. A. L. Boone, D. D., Ohio.
- 11:45 Report of Atty. C. M. Roberson.
- 12:30 Praise and Inspirational Hour, Rev. O. C. Maxwell, Missouri; Prof. H. B. Britt, Kentucky; Rev. Benj. J. Perkins, Tennessee, presiding.
Benediction.

Afternoon Session

Rev. R. M. Caver, Arkansas, presiding

- 2:30 Devotions by Revs. J. R. Matthews, Alabama; F. W. Penick, Wisconsin; J. R. White, Alabama.
- 3:30 Consideration of Reports and Unfinished Business.
- 4:30 Memorial Hour, Rev. S. A. Moseley, D. D., Missouri, presiding.
Sermon—Rev. Junius Gray, Maryland; alternate, Rev. S. S. Reid, Indiana.
Benediction.

Evening Session

Rev. W. A. Bowren, D. D., Kansas, presiding

- 6:00 Cradle Roll.
- 7:30 Devotions led by Dr. J. F. Robinson, Massachusetts; Rev. H. E. Owens, Oklahoma; Dr. F. M. Lawrence, Tenn.
- 8:00 Evangelistic Period, Dr. B. J. F. Westbrook, presiding.
Sermon—Dr. C. H. Johnson, Indiana; alternate, Rev. S. Bates, Iowa.
Introduction of Evangelists.
Collection.
Benediction.

FIFTH DAY—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Morning Session

Rev. J. Franklin Walker, D. D., Ohio, presiding

- 9:00 Sunday School Hour—Sunday School Publishing Board.
- 10:00 Devotions led by Rev. Wm. Madison, Illinois; Dr. C. A. Greer, Texas; Rev. C. N. Perry, Georgia.
- 11:15 Sermon—President I. K. Williams, D. D., LL. D.; alternate, Rev. W. H. Rozier, D. D., California.
Offering.
Benediction.

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Afternoon Session

Rev. Geo. H. Sims, New York, presiding

- 2:30 Foreign Missionary Mass Meeting:
Opening Remarks—Rev. J. C. Austin, D. D., Chairman Foreign
Mission Board, National Baptist Convention, U. S. A.
3:00 Devotions led by Rev. J. W. Drake, D. D., Florida; Rev. R. A. May-
field, D. D., Louisiana.
3:30 Introduction and Remarks—Outgoing Missionaries.
3:45 Address, "Our Mission Field"—Miss Sarah C. Williamson, re-
turned missionary.
4:15 Remarks—Rev. J. E. East, D. D., Cor. Secretary Foreign Mis-
sion Board.
Offering.
5:30 B. Y. P. U. Mass Meeting, conducted by the National B. Y. P. U.
Board.

Evening Session

Rev. J. H. Burk, D. D., Ohio, presiding

- 7:30 Devotions led by Revs. F. L. Sanders, Tennessee; H. A. Smith,
North Carolina; J. F. Clark, Arkansas.
8:00 Sermon—Rev. C. T. Wilcher, New Jersey; alternate, Rev. S. L. Mc-
Dowell, D. D., North Carolina.
Collection.
Benediction.

SIXTH DAY—MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Morning Session

Rev. D. V. Jemison, D. D., Alabama, presiding

- 9:00 Devotions led by Revs. J. A. Bingaman, D. D., Louisiana; M. W.
Withers, South Dakota; D. W. Higgins, Miss.
9:30 Address, "Kingdom Extension—Through Stewardship." "Here-
over it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful"
1 Cor. 4:2—Rev. J. T. Brown, D. D., Tennessee.
9:45 Business Session: Report of Transportation Commission—Rev. J.
H. Branham, Chairman.
Report of Woman's Auxiliary Convention.
Report of S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Congress.
10:15 Final Report of All Committees.
11:30 Planning the Convention's Golden Jubilee.
12:30 Praise and Inspirational Hour, conducted by Prof. E. H. ~~Scott~~
and Mrs. M. C. Hawkins.
3:00 Board Meeting.
Rev. C. C. Scott, D. D., Pennsylvania, presiding.
7:30 Devotions led by Revs. F. C. Locust, D. D., Kentucky; J. ~~W. M.~~
nathy, Indiana; P. W. Wesley, Texas.
8:00 Closing Sermon—Rev. T. L. Griffith, D. D., California, alternate.
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Proceedings

FIRST DAY—Wednesday

1. The Forty-eighth Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention was called to order at 10:00 a. m., in the spacious Armory of Louisville, Kentucky, with Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D., presiding. It was noted at once that Louisville had made extraordinary preparation for the Convention.

2. The chorister, Prof. E. H. Boatner, and the chorus rendered devotional music. "How Firm a Foundation" was sung by the vast assembly.

3. Rev. George McNeal, D. D., Kansas, offered a fervent prayer. President Williams directed the entire congregation in repeating the prayer, "Thy Kingdom Come."

4. Rev. John Goins, D. D., Missouri, made a special prayer for the president and for the complete recovery of the secretary after a prolonged illness. The chorus rendered "Stand by Me."

5. Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D., Illinois, offered prayer for the divine guidance in the deliberations and the restoration of Secretary Hudson. The chorus sang "I Shall Not Be Moved."

6. Rev. J. H. Dweile, D. D., Pennsylvania, delivered a remarkable address that touched the fundamental principles of the Baptist Doctrine in Kingdom Extension, stressing the problems of Home Field. "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35, was the Scripture text. He spoke as follows:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I wish to thank the committee for the honor of representing the Keystone State at this time and upon this occasion. We meet today in the state of one of America's greatest sons, Abraham Lincoln, and in one of her fairest and largest cities.

The subject assigned me is "Kingdom Extension—the Home Field." The subject may not at first seem to be very important, and certainly not so interesting and appealing as the allied subject of Foreign Missions, but a hasty glance at the trend of religious affairs in the great field of missionary endeavor, reveals the fact that nothing has so hampered and hindered our progress as our weakness at home.

Intelligent heathen, prior to their knowledge of conditions in the land from which the gospel has been sent to them, might have regarded our land as Utopian in conception and ideal in practice, but now of our shortcomings and failures which has drifted across the seas, and ocular demonstrations which they have noticed before their very eyes—and borne to them by travelers of their own group, have convinced them that even though we have heeded the command to preach the gospel to all

nations, we have neglected the admonition to begin at Jerusalem—and that we have been woefully short at home on the commodity which we were attempting to export to them.

I should feel ashamed to be numbered with that small and fast fading crowd who talk as if we should do nothing for Africa until we have 100 per cent faith and practice at home; for if our white brothers had sought 100 per cent literacy before building a single school for less fortunate brethren, the splendid work of home mission service would not even, at this late hour, have begun; but I am saying this, that when we have preached the gospel to the slums, it is but reasonable to expect that some day the slums will be anxious to know how well that same gospel is getting along in the parsonage.

Such books as the Christ of the Indian Roads and others of the same trend show that in the final analysis the success of the gospel's acceptance abroad is going to depend on the success of its practice and verification in the lives of the folks on the home field.

In the limited time given us, we prayerfully ask your attention on four phases of our home problems, each of which can only be barely touched upon in the time at our disposal. We might speak of:

1. The Exodus Problem.
2. The New Education.

3. The Resurrection in This Day and Time of Many of the Dead and Expelled Slaves of the Past to Haunt and Harass the Faithful Followers of Christ.

4. The Far Flung Battle Lines of Modernism and Fundamentalism.

In these matters, we have problems which are as new as the radio-calling for the most statesmanship and the richest experience to be found in the ranks of our denomination.

1. The exodus problem.

The North and West have seen in recent years the migration of thousands of people. Sociological experts have assigned one cause and another therefore. Some have said that it was largely an economic movement; some a break for larger freedom and larger opportunity; some have said that the element of fear, and the activities of certain secret forces had entered into the warp and woof of this modern hegira. Whatever the cause it has affected our churches North, South, East and West.

It matters awfully what a man takes away from home with him as to whether the place to which he goes will be blessed or cursed. It's a nice thing to leave home with cash, but unless you carry character as well as cash, the cash will not only serve to crush and destroy those around you, but it will assist in degrading and debasing you.

We admit that this subject bristles with live topics and phases which would produce almost endless discussion, but we all must admit that it is one of the liveliest and most vital problems of the American Negro Baptists—what shall we do to keep alive the spiritual life of these pilgrims among us?

1. We pass to the New Education.

Present day educational methods have some elements which would cause some of us to wish that we could be born again. Careful scrutiny of defective children, the allying of the teaching profession with the medical profession, rendering corrective methods which build up for strong minds, strong bodies which can stand the strain of modern life. And many other worth while features for which modern pedagogics must be given credit; but I am grieved to admit that in my humble judgment the loss of the heart of God, and the loss of the old time religion from the mind and honor of the church, and the substitution of man made theories for time honored and time proven verities of God is indeed a great loss. The teaching of dancing, calculated to render them more graceful has in many places rendered them more disgraceful than otherwise. Here is a problem for the home field.

2. Pennsylvania, and I believe most other places, has a mighty problem of defending the old-fashioned doctrines that never change. A casual

glance at Church-History will reveal the fact that all of the new isms are but the dead and exploded isms of the past parading under new names and thereby deceiving the thoughtless and gullible.

Just now the so-called holiness crowds are sweeping through our Northern cities and many not rooted and grounded in the faith are being led astray. Not because they have not been saved, but because they have not been taught the New Testament doctrine of holiness. We must let men know that holiness is a process, begins in regeneration and works up around the hour of death. It is a growth in grace. But men ask, Did not God command us to be perfect? Yes, what else could a perfect God command? When I was a boy in Georgia, the teacher gave me a copy book and commanded me to make a perfect Spenserian copy, written across the top of the book. I did the best I could; as a result I learned to write better than when I started, but I can't write like that yet. (After the Holy Ghost came on Peter he never made any more mistakes—yes, he did; Paul said that he had to withstand him to his face,—there isn't but one thing that can come upon a man and he won't make any more mistakes,—that's death.) Finally, the far flung battle lines of fundamentalism and modernism.

We live in a day when many are drifting from the old moorings. There are some people who always hanker after something new.—They make no other requirement—just so it is new. It need not be measured by the plumb line of truth—just let it be new. It need not pass through the white flame of truthful investigation if it can only be labeled new.

The discoveries of science—and by science we mean exact observation, precise definition, fixed terminology, classified arrangement and rational explanation—have been recent but the things discovered have existed since the dawn of this physical creation. They are new only by way of discovery—they are old by way of existence; all of the best things of earth are old. The sun is old, the moon, the stars, the oceans are old, earth's mountains and rivers, seas, bays and gulfs—vegetation are old,—the seasons are old—God is old,—Jesus Christ is old,—the Holy Ghost is old.—He is the Author of order—brooded on the face of the waters and brought order out of chaos.

These are some of the many, many problems of the home field, and when some of these problems are solved and every member or as nearly every member of our boasted millions is enlisted in the intelligent service of Jesus our Lord, Africa will feel the urge of a rejuvenated home field and the ministry now burdened with a flagging army will win victories for God that today seem like an idle dream.

7. "Lift Him Up" was sung by the Convention. Rev. W. P. Offutt, D. D., President of the Kentucky State Association, acted as master of ceremonies during the welcome exercises until the arrival of Rev. H. W. Jones, D. D.

Governor Flem D. Sampson, of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, delivered welcome address for the state. It was a cordial, personal welcome, and paid tribute to the denomination in general, and to Kentucky colored Baptists in particular. A tribute to our racial progress was then made in the public declaration that no people anywhere under similar conditions had ever made such progress, and all that the group needed to excel was a fair opportunity, and Kentucky was determined to give this opportunity.

Rev. W. H. Jones led in singing "We Are Baptists All Together". Mayor W. B. Harrison, of Louisville, was presented and delivered a very happy and cordial welcome on behalf of the citizens of Louisville. He spoke as follows:

Mr. Chairman, My Friends, Our Friends From All Over This Great Country: If you will pardon me for making this reference in a strictly religious gathering, I would just like to mention the fact as I look out over this great audience that it looks very much like the Republican National Convention. Seriously speaking, Louisville is proud to have you with us. You will find here in Louisville good citizens of your race which are unexcelled in spirit and in civic betterment more than in any city in this country.

I want to take the opportunity in a national gathering that the word may be carried back that we are proud of our colored citizens in Louisville, not only of our colored citizens but all of our citizens as well.

St. Peter once said: "Brethren be ye steadfast." That is something you can well bear in mind. Do not be excited. Once again may I say to you that we, in the city of Louisville, of all classes and creeds, welcome you here. We hope that you will feel at home, and if there is anything that the city of Louisville can do to make you happy we will be pleased and happy to do it.

A letter of welcome from the president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and ex-president of the World's Baptist Alliance, Dr. E. Y. Mullins, was read by Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D. This letter from the sick room paid tribute to our group and to the work of Simmons University and told of his past labors in the interest of Negro Baptists as follows:

I regret exceedingly that my physician's command prevents my being present at the opening of the National Baptist Convention in response to your courteous invitation. He assured I would give my message personally were it possible.

I consider this meeting one of the most significant events in the history of Louisville. It is the demonstration of God's providence and power in leading a people, once enslaved, out into the freedom of his world of opportunity and service. You have climbed upward against great odds. You have demonstrated your success as a race in all the artistic, professional, commercial, educational, agricultural and religious fields of our country. The world lies before you.

In the religious struggles of your race you have made greater strides than any other group, although the colored Methodists are pressing you close behind. You have large, well-equipped church plants dotted all over the country; you have good denominational colleges under your management, you have your own schools for the training of your ministry.

One of Louisville's most beneficent institutions is Simmons University. For almost fifty years it has given opportunity to the colored youth of the city and state to avail themselves of the privileges of higher education. Under Dr. C. H. Parrish it has had a distinguished career, and is eminently worthy of special interest upon the part of this great body. There has been fine work done here in the interest of racial understanding and harmony, in which some of your leaders have had prominent part. There are many fine men here both in your ministry and laity, also numbers of efficient men and women in the public school and library work of the city.

I would like to call many names were there time. In 1912 at St. Louis, Mo., at a meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, I had the privilege and honor of introducing a resolution which led South in the establishment of a Theological Seminary at Nashville, Tenn., where the young men of your ministry may prepare themselves for service in the Kingdom of Christ and raise the standards for preaching and living among your people.

The great Baptist principles for which you and I stand are needed more today than during any other period of human history. They are the principles laid down for us in the New Testament,—simple, direct, Christ-given, under which our churches find the full freedom of individualism and yet are held together by a strong bond of one Lord, one faith, one baptism, in a truly remarkable manner. In the midst of modern vagaries of fo-

day we stand a positive, constructive force, the influence of which is felt around the universe and through all nations and races. This was illustrated recently at the Baptist World Alliance meeting held in Casablanca. There the people of our faith gathered from every corner of the globe in a great inspirational meeting which showed to the world our unity and strength, our freedom and our Christ-given bonds.

The present great gathering here of your people from all parts of the United States for consideration of the things of the Kingdom of God shows that you are pressing forward to a place of high service in a world of increasing spiritual need. May the Master lead you onward and upward till you reach the spiritual heights intended for human souls, and in the great eternal gathering may you, a mighty host, find your place about His throne.
E. Y. MULLINS.

Rev. W. P. Offutt, D. D., Moderator Kentucky Baptist Association, with 95,000 constituents, at whose invitation we came to Louisville, was presented and delivered a very cordial welcome.

Rev. H. C. Weeden, D. D., of the A. M. E. church, delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the other denominations in terms of fraternal fellowship.

Mr. President, Officers and Delegates to the National Baptist Convention, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I acknowledge the high honor and pleasing duty of having been selected to bring to such an august body as yours, on behalf of the congregations of the religious denominations of our city, words of welcome.

To give expressions of welcome to you is not in common with secular organizations. It differs greatly, because of what you represent, elevates you in the estimation of your fellow man.

At this time the world and the country are welcoming distinguished individuals and organizations, but there is none to whom a deeper sense of feeling and brotherly love and fellowship should be extended than to your group—because you represent what is highest in man, the principles of JESUS CHRIST, LOVE, SYMPATHY, RIGHTEOUSNESS, HONESTY of HIGH PURPOSE, and unlimited ENDEAVOR for a broader, wider, sounder, moral status of mankind. I am glad to welcome you to our city, because you will find hundreds and thousands of men and women who are marching under the banner of Jesus Christ, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, and various other denominations who are proclaiming Jesus Christ as their Commander, one who has never lost a battle. The principles of Christianity are as fixed in this Twentieth Century, and in this country, as are the continents in the oceans, and through your efforts and your work, men are becoming more and more in the fold of Christ.

Our people are making great progress in this city, in the commercial world, but the greatest in which we are engaged, is the work for the EXTENSION and FURTHERANCE of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We welcome you because we want you to feel free to pray, to sing, to preach while in our city. We welcome you to our city on behalf of all our religious bodies of our people—as we would welcome God's greatest virtues—TRUTH and LOVE, and we welcome you as we would the return of early youth, being afflicted with the belief that your coming to our city will give us INSPIRATION, RENEWED VIGOR, and increase hope to prosecute the work of the Master.

Therefore, we welcome you and pray that this great delegation, individually and collectively, when you have crossed the weary plain of time—your journey ended, will be the most welcome guest in heaven of Almighty God, whom we all love and serve.

"Certainly Lord" was sung, when President L. K. Williams presented Rev. W. C. Brown, D. D., President of the Florida Baptist Convention, who in most beautiful words responded on behalf of the Baptists of America assembled in the National Baptist Convention,

vention, and pleaded the cause of a people whose faith and service demanded fair play and right adjustment to give Christianity its opportunity to make the world a paradise.

8. Remarks were made by President Williams upon the world's condition. "I Want to Know" was rendered by the chorus.

9. The program was read and approved.

10. "A Little Talk With Jesus" was sung. The president made remarks with reference to representation.

11. Rev. W. H. R. Powell, D. D., Pennsylvania, delivered the Annual Sermon. The theme chosen was "The Indispensable Position of the Church in the World's Civilization," developed from the text, Matthew 5:13, Ye are the salt of the earth. The great preacher magnified the church and sent us away determined as representatives of the kingdom not to yield ground nor cease waging a relentless campaign to make the world the kingdom of God and his Christ. It was a spiritual message which fired the heart and sent forth sacrificial lives to the glory of God. It was a great preacher with a great message.

12. The chorus sang "Peace From Above." Announcements concerning finance were made by Rev. W. F. Graham, D. D.

13. Rev. J. C. Austin, D. D., Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, made a touching appeal for the Board. An offering of \$428.00 was taken.

Afternoon Session

14. Rev. W. R. Rozier, D. D., California, Vice-President called the convention to order, and the chorus sang for the opening, "Count on Me" and "Twill Be Glory". Drs. W. F. Lovelace, Indiana, G. W. Dudley, Arkansas, and H. D. Parker, Alabama, were called to conduct devotional exercises. Prof. H. B. Britt sang "Just Think of His Goodness to You". The 16th chapter of St. Luke was read by Dr. G. W. Dudley. "O God Our Help in Ages Past" was sung by the chorus. Prayer was offered by Rev. James H. Pugh, when Paul E. H. Boatner led in singing, "Have You Got Good Religion"?

15. "Give an account of thy stewardship", Luke 16:2, was developed under the theme, "Trustee of Administrator", by Rev. W. F. Lovelace, D. D., Indiana, and Rev. H. D. Parker, D. D., Alabama.

STEWARDSHIP

Give an account of thy stewardship, Luke 16:2.

Some years ago when I thought of stewardship, I thought only of money, but now my vision has been broadened. Then again I thought of money and all I saw was property, hence I saw through a glass darkly, but now I see plainly that stewardship means infinitely more than my money or my property.

The Fact

Let us notice the fact about stewardship. Stewardship is trusteeship. I think that all of us know what it is to be a trustee, or an administrator. A trust is entrusted with the funds of its depositors. When a person dies and leaves his belongings in the hands of an administrator, the ad-

administrator becomes the trustee of such as are left in his hands, but you must remember that the property is not his own and he cannot use it for his personal benefit, but must use it for the benefit of the owner.

Now what is stewardship? Stewardship does not mean ownership. The goods may be in our possession for safe-keeping, but that does not make us own them. Truly we may possess a million dollars, yet not own a dollar of it. It is clearly taught throughout the Bible that everything, and we, too, belong to God. Psalm 24: 1 says, The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

The Trust

Let us notice the property or goods entrusted to us. We have often made a great mistake with the Bible word, "Mine". We have nothing that we can call our own. All belongs to God. He has not given up ownership in anything. He just allows us to possess it. He has not given a deed to a single foot of land on earth, nor a star, nor the moon, nor the sun. The universe is his and nothing is ours.

Man is poor; man is a pauper; man has nothing; man is a beggar. God has been so good as to entrust us with everything we have to be used for his glory and for our benefit.

Man is a trustee. What has God entrusted to man? God has entrusted us with life and we owe him for that. It was God who blew the breath of life into our nostrils; this breath is his and we owe him for that.

He has entrusted man with a complete body and spirit and we owe him for that. He has entrusted us with our homes, our lands, our bank accounts, our knowledge and our time; our ability to preach, our ability to teach, our ability to make money and our ability to win souls.

As stewards, God has entrusted us with all of these things to be used for his glory for they are his and not ours. Again, we are only trustees and he told us to occupy until he come.

Our money is God's money for he gave us sense to earn it. Our lands are his lands for he gave us business tact to obtain it. Jesus Christ is heir to all things and we were and are yet nothing, only through his death and atonement we were adopted in his family and, therefore, made joint heirs with him. Hence we are rightly and justly condemned if we do not use all that we have both temporal and spiritual to the glory of him who bought us with his blood. Yes, for Jesus' sake.

You may not have any money or any of this world's goods, but Jesus Christ can use any class of men, if they have been born again.

All people are not cut out for the same thing, but God has endowed every man with ability to do something. Joseph of Arimathaea could not preach and preach like Peter, but he had influence at court and a new tomb to loan Christ. Nicodemus could not lean on his breast like John, but he used his voice as witness when he said, Never man spake like this man.

Paul was not one of the twelve that could bear witness of the outward works of Christ, but God needed a man with courage to stand before kings, and Paul had it and was willing to use it.

Mary was not much of a cook, but she was a good listener and sat at the Lord's feet. Martha was not much of a listener, but was a splendid cook and prepared dinner for Jesus and the twelve. God has entrusted you with some kind of gift, just use what you have.

Responsibility

Man is obligated to God, for God owns him. Man is responsible for what God has entrusted to him. All laws, both heathens and civilized recognize this, and, in fact, there is in man an innate law which says that we are responsible for what is entrusted to our hands.

The Day of Reckoning

The day of reckoning is sure to come. Since God owns everything, and we are only stewards, we must in the near future give account to him for the way we have used or misused these things. Are we spending our lives so as to give God glory? We must surely give account of our stewardship.

How about your ability to preach the gospel? Have you declared the truth so as to glorify God? You must soon give an account.

Do you lift up Christ or do you lift up yourself? How about your talent to win souls for Christ? Are you posing and appearing in the public as a gospel singer to get fame, or are you using the gift of singing to magnify the name of Christ? You must soon give account. God has given some ability to pray in public. Do you seek opportunity to pray in these public gatherings to further your own ambitious motives or do you seek to glorify God with that gift? When all of this is over you must give an account of your stewardship.

But besides this God sometimes calls on his stewards to give account at once, for you may be no longer steward. God entrusts a preacher with a church, and if he does not prove faithful with the trust, God takes it from him and gives it to another, for the preacher must give account of his stewardship also.

He sometimes entrusts us with homes, bank accounts, and property but we do not use it to God's glory and he allows it to slip from under us and goes to another who has sense enough to make all that he has glorify God.

Brother and sister, you are not your own. Jesus Christ bought you, soul and body, with a price, therefore, you belong to him. Our time belongs to God, so we can't afford to lose our time here in the streets while the others carry on the Convention, for our time belongs to God and he may call us to give an account of the goods that he committed to our trust as soon as we return home; for you may be no longer steward.

"GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF THY STEWARDSHIP." Luke 16:2 By Rev. H. D. Parker, D. D.

Jesus, the great Master Teacher, used the efficient, effectual method of teaching by parables. Thus he was able to reveal the hidden mysteries of the Kingdom and explain the fundamental principles of living according to God's standard. Perhaps the greatest opposition that Jesus had to confront in establishing the gospel of peace was Judaism, of which the Pharisees were the largest and most influential devotees. In answer to their accusation that he received and ate with sinners, Jesus gave the Parables of the Lost Sheep, The Piece of Silver, and The Prodigal Son. Immediately turning to his disciples, he gives the Parable of The Unjust Steward for their thoughtful consideration of their dependence upon God and God's requirements of them. A superficial treatment of this parable will misrepresent the teaching of Jesus. Deep spiritual insight and prayerful meditation must be employed to interpret the meaning of our Master.

A certain rich man, on hearing that his steward had wasted his goods, called his steward to him, demanding that he give an account of his stewardship, the unfaithfulness of which would cost him his position. The steward knew that the accusation was just. Unfitted for hard work and too proud to beg, the steward readily decides to ingratiate himself into the hearts of his lord's debtors so that he might receive kindnesses and courtesies in their homes upon the loss of his stewardship. To appear lenient, sympathetic, and considerate, he called his lord's debtors to him and had them to reduce their bills, quickly, from one hundred measures of oil to fifty, and an hundred measures of wheat

to eighty, respectively. By so doing he would gain their love and esteem. The lord commended the unjust steward for his shrewdness in so quickly providing for his subsistence upon his dismissal.

Does Jesus mean to teach that deception and unfaithfulness should be commended? Emphatically NO. He means to convey the truth that as the worldly-minded employ tact in dealing with their interests, which cease with this life, it is altogether imperative that we should be as wise in the discharge of spiritual duties. The prudence of the worldly-minded is far in advance of the prudence of the Christian. The worldly works wholeheartedly and with quick sightedness for his interests, which cease with this life; while the Christian very often lets the fleeting things of life share his affection and obscure the heavenly vision. Christ means for the Christian to be as resolute, as ingenious, as prompt, and as persevering in striving to help establish the Kingdom of righteousness as the unjust steward; unlike him be faithful to trust.

Taking the subject from the context let us see what beneficial lessons we may receive. "GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF THY STEWARDSHIP."

I. God's Ownership. There is nothing that we can call our own in the world—ourselves, our money, our time, our endowments, property, business interests, our position, and our all belong to God. Ps. 24:1 reads "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein. Hagai 2:8 reads "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts. "Such declarations call for the acknowledgment of God's Lordship over all.

II. Man's Stewardship. Every Christian is a steward. As such God expects us to do business for him. Idleness is closely allied to misusing—neither can please the Master. While we acknowledge that everything belongs to God, and we are only trustees, we must improve that which has been entrusted to our keeping and administer it only according to Christ's rule. Alleviating the suffering, giving money and intellectual endowments for the Kingdom program, and a word of cheer to the broken-hearted are means by which a character is formed that shall be ours in eternity. Accept Paul's advice to Timothy, "Keep that which is committed to thy trust."

III. Man's Accountability. As stewards we are accountable to our Lord for our stewardship. A day of reckoning is coming when our Master will demand each of us "Give an account of thy stewardship". What a solemn thought! It behooves all of us to act as faithful stewards. Take the unrighteous mammon and convert it into deeds of charity and piety so that at death the heavenly company will convey us as faithful stewards to abodes of peace and joy, and those whom we have helped in this world will welcome us to the Celestial city. If we are not faithful in the use of things in this world; if we are not able to sacrifice the pleasures and comforts of this life for the promotion of the Kingdom, we cannot hope to gain the TRUE RICHES in heaven.

IV. Stewardship Rewarded. God rewards us not according to the great achievements of life but by our fidelity to the simple, every day tasks that may be ours. He who waits for large sums to give or large opportunities to do good may never do anything. The call for money to carry out the program of our great denomination is a BIG test of our devotion. God has entrusted this work to our care. Are we able to make a good report of our stewardship? Will we serve Mammon or will we serve God? Let us choose to serve God, make Mammon our servant, use it for the promotion, extension, and internal working of God's Kingdom and Christ will reward us with, "Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

We are God's stewards our whole life long: each day of our lives, therefore, claims its own account; each year, as it passes suggests to us usually such reflections, since we reckon our life by years. The end of life is in every deed, the end of our stewardship. We know that the existence appointed for us between death and judgment. Little has been told us, except in brief and momentous outline of that which is

after the Judgment Day. But we have no reason to think that in either, there will be room for future probation for use, or misuse of gifts and opportunities.

As we draw near to the end of this earthly life, our thoughts are apt to retrace the space which we have crossed, and we find that we have done little . . . far less than we might have done; because our own indolence made us decline the task, or our private aims warped and marred our public action. And yet another question remains which we put to ourselves as we look back on our past life. How have we done our duty to God in it?

Ability to know God and to serve him is one portion assuredly of our stewardship; and as we draw near to the end of life we cannot but ask ourselves how we have used it. We alone know how we have used it. Have we sought to draw near to God, to love him, and to serve him in real earnestness? To the healthiest of us, only a little time, a little opportunity remains for amendment. But thank God, there is hope for us still, for God's love, his mercy is inexhaustible. Then with words of confession, words of repentance, let us return to him deploring our sins, and pledging full and faithful service to our Lord in whom we live and move, and have our being. Redeeming the time for our days are evil.

The Lord commended the unjust steward upon his wise action upon his own view of the matter. He made the mammon of the unrighteousness serve their turn for all that he believed them capable of serving, and therefore Christ makes his conduct a reproof to Christians who do not make the world yield to them that fruit, which according to their professed belief, it might afford them.

The lesson which the parable of the unjust steward is designed to teach us is, that nothing is more unworthy, nothing more ruinous, than to be a Christian by halves; to begin to build, and not be able to finish. This parable of our Lord is to many a stumblingblock, and to a few so useful as it ought to be. Some understand it to mean, that mammon of unrighteousness, or unrighteous riches are to be our friends; but the Lord means for us to make for ourselves, with, or by the mammon of unrighteousness—that will stand by us after the riches of this world have passed away. That is use our money to help the poor, feed the hungry, build institutions of learning, send the gospel to the dark heathen lands, and by so doing we will put a stamp on it that will make it pass current for the merchandise of heaven.

16. "Lift Him Up" was sung. Rev. W. M. Taylor, D. D., Louisiana, Vice President, was presented, and in choice and befitting words he introduced President L. K. Williams, the greatest religious leader in America.

17. The matchless leader and denominational seer arose amidst applause and delivered one of the most comprehensive and fundamental addresses the Convention ever heard. It dealt with all the intricate problems of our great Convention and suggested solvent remedies.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

INTRODUCTION

It is a pleasant thing for the Convention to come again to Kentucky, "a land of running waters, of groves and glades of prairies and canebrakes." In many religious things Kentucky is a pioneer. You have the distinction of having organized the first Negro Baptist State Convention, the first Woman's State Convention, and also established the first Negro Baptist college. You may justly lay claim to having the oldest race denominational paper, with the oldest editor in all the world, perhaps. You have

made rich and substantial contributions to your denomination and to this Convention. We are happy again to come within your borders. We met here first 38 years ago and then 20 years ago. During our first meeting the immortal Simmons, then our President, though seriously ill, graced the Convention with his presence. There were with him then living here such men as Elders, Gaddie, Slaughter, Mitchell, Fishback, Smith, Hawkins, Pierce, Bales, Seal, Young, Hoffman, Campbell, Kennedy, Smithers, Dupree, Ward and a host of others who made this state famous through their efforts and labors of love. Now they have been gathered to our Father's house, where soon we shall all be. If the spirit of these sainted heroes and the Spirit of our Lord and Christ will prevail here, we shall be able to close this session of the Convention in a halo of glory and with great success. It is good to be here and to have the privilege of helping to preserve the fine heritage left us by our forefathers. Let us address ourselves to this task with singular diligence, sincere prayer and a godly patience. And let us now review the Convention's achievements for the year, and then its present needs.

The Convention's Boards

The Convention exercised good judgment when it elected to do its work through Boards. The Convention itself is so large and the length of its sessions is so limited that it would be impossible for it to operate directly all of its varied phases of work. The Convention itself is rightly the creator of its Boards. These must ever be responsive to the wishes and behests of their creator. Self-originated and independent self-perpetuating Boards, according to Baptist life and polity, are irregular agencies. One of the most vital and fundamental practices of our denomination is the rule of the majority. In no case can a majority exist in a Board, and when an independent Board pushes itself into the life of the Baptist denomination, you have two opposite ruling independent factors or two organizations trying the impossible experiment of having two bodies to occupy the same space at the same time; and great turmoil, strife and friction are inevitable.

I have had to meet this year some ingenious arguments made by some unwary persons respecting the charters of our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Boards. They have tried to mislead some by saying that these charters did not give the Convention any more right than the charter of the Old Publishing Board gave. All Baptists, white and colored, were awakened and alarmed when the Tennessee courts uttered their decision on the rights of the National Baptist Convention under the charter of the Old Publishing Board. In this case the Old Publishing Board had a keen Baptist as its lawyer. Through the cooperation of white Baptists this same well-prepared lawyer was employed to write a bill curing the defects of the old law, and to have the Tennessee law-making bodies enact it into a law. This was done April 2, 1921, and our Sunday School Publishing Board, June 2, 1921, was one of the first organizations to take advantage of this new law. Here are some of its plain stipulations:

"That the persons named in the Charter as incorporators shall constitute the members of the first Corporate Board of the Sunday School Board, and they shall hold office as members until such time as new successors or the successors of any of them may be chosen by the aforesaid National Baptist Convention of the United States of America with which said Sunday School Board is affiliated and by which it is controlled. Said Convention is hereby authorized and empowered to prescribe the terms of office of such members. Said Convention aforesaid with which this Board is affiliated and by which it is controlled, shall have the right and power to determine what office may be necessary for the conduct of all the business of said Sunday School Board organized hereunder, and at its pleasure may fix the term of office and elect such officers, or any, and at the pleasure of said Convention delegate such power and authority to said Sunday School Board or to the members thereof."

"This corporation has no stockholders but is a corporation for general welfare and not for profit and under the control of the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America, as set forth in its Charter. . . . Likewise the persons nominated at the annual sessions of the Convention either by the Convention itself or its general Publishing Board, for directors of this corporation, shall be the next board of directors of this corporation."

The Charter of the B. Y. P. U. Board is as direct and explicit as this one is. Here it is word for word of the amended Charter of the B. Y. P. U. Board: "NOW, THEREFORE, in obedience to the authority to amend the said charter, and in accordance with the action of the Board, the trustees file this, their petition in the State of Tennessee, and ask that the charter of the National Baptist Young People's Union Board of the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America be so amended, as to vest in the governing body, the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America, the power and authority to elect the Board of Directors or Trustees of the National Baptist Young People's Union Board of the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America, increase or diminish their number not to be less than five nor more than one hundred, fix the term of office, not exceeding four years and until their successors are elected or qualified, and fill and provide for filling any vacancies occurring therein.

Furthermore, the property purchased by the Sunday School Publishing Board is decreed to the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America, as is shown by the records of Davidson County, Tenn., Book 328, page 264.

In this connection I desire to call your attention to the Charters of the Foreign Mission Board and that of the American Baptist Theological Seminary. The Charter of the Foreign Mission Board has been amended recently and makes the following explicit declarations:

"That Article IV of the Acts of incorporation of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention shall be amended to read as follows: That the purpose for which said corporation is formed is to do general Missionary work in foreign Countries particularly on the Continent of Africa and under the direction of the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America; and to that end to collect funds to employ missionaries and establish, support and maintain industrial Missions for the Conversion of the heathen to the Christian faith and their development industrially, in which said National Baptist Convention is engaged and is promulgating subject to the full compliance with the Constitution and Laws which the said National Baptist Convention of the United States of America shall from time to time make, alter and amend."

"That Article VII of the Act of Incorporation of the Foreign Mission Board shall be amended to read as follows: That the Officers of said Foreign Mission Board shall be a President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and such other Officers as shall be named in the Constitution and By-Laws; all of said Officers shall be elected annually by the National Baptist Convention at the annual meeting of the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America."

Now as to the Seminary, its Charter differs just a little from the ones I have mentioned. But the difference is in the matter of methods and not in substance. In the former cases only one body, The National Baptist Convention, is given controlling power, but in this case two bodies, the National Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention are vested with controlling power. This is another special enactment, providing for Joint Board Control. I wish to repeat here what I once said in respect to this Charter and School:

"Section 1—Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee That charters of corporations may be granted to any association of individuals, not less than five, not more than fifty in number, for the purpose of conducting and operating a university, college or seminary, and the advancement of education in any lines, whether academic, professional,

religions, theological or otherwise, such university, college, or seminary to be affiliated with, or controlled by a convention or conventions, or an association or associations, whether voluntary or unincorporated, or incorporated under the laws of this State or any other State, and composed of members, delegates, representatives, or messengers of, or from any church or religious association organized and conducted under the congregational form of church government.

Section 3—Be it further enacted, That the persons named in the charter as incorporators shall be members of and constitute the first Board of Directors of said corporation, and shall hold office as directed until such time as their successors, or the successors of any of them may be chosen by the Convention or conventions, associations, with which said institution is affiliated or by which it is controlled. And where the institute is affiliated with or controlled by two or more conventions or associations, then each convention or association with which said institution is affiliated, or by which it is controlled, shall have such representation in number on the Board as is expressed in the charter.

I am presenting here the Charter of the American Baptist Theological Seminary:

BE IT KNOWN THAT

C. H. Parrish, R. T. Pollard, J. Goins, E. H. McDonald, A. M. Townsend, E. W. D. Isaac, Wm. Haynes, J. H. Henderson, E. M. Lawrence, Sutton E. Griggs, S. N. Vass, and L. K. Williams, chosen by the National Baptist Convention,

AND,

John L. Hill, O. L. Hailey, Hight C. Moore, Ryland Knight, W. M. Wood and John D. Freeman, chosen by the Southern Baptist Convention, and their successors chosen under the terms and provisions of this Charter, and hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of

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controlled by the National Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, for the purpose of establishing and conducting a theological and missionary training seminary at Nashville in the State of Tennessee with headquarters at Nashville, Tennessee.

This corporation shall have the power to establish and maintain a seminary for the purpose of the education of individuals in any line of education whether academic, that is in the arts, sciences or literature, or whether professional, religious, theological or otherwise. It shall have the power to confer degrees upon its graduates, and such honorary degrees upon others as the Board of Directors may determine.

The persons named in this charter as incorporators shall be members of and constitute the first Board of Directors of the corporation, and they shall hold office until such time as their successors or the successors of any of them shall be chosen by the National Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention with which this institution is affiliated. The National Baptist Convention shall at all times be represented upon said Board of Directors by two-thirds of the total number of the membership of said Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention shall at all times be represented upon said Board of Directors by one-third of the total number of the membership of the Board. Said Convention shall have the power to prescribe the term of office of said Directors, and each Convention shall have the power to elect the successors of the successors of the members of the Board of Directors chosen by it.

The above plain declarations show that two distinct congregational bodies—voluntary, incorporated or unincorporated, may charter and operate certain classes of institutions in Tennessee, which institutions must acknowledge the authority of and be controlled by the bodies establishing them. The principle here involved is that agencies and enterprises that are projected and sponsored by organizations believing in the congregational form of government, shall have an existence in civil law only as they have proper ecclesiastical existence. It means that civil authority recognizes the principle of majority rule, and ownership and control by parent bodies rather than that of self-perpetuating boards or board ownership and board control.

Further, this act harmonizes church and civil law, so that civil law cannot be employed to subvert Baptist polity and the orderly practice of religious bodies adhering to a congregational form of government and majority rule.

In the light of the above no one would be safe and correct in stating that the fundamental plans for the operation of the Seminary are not fair and righteous, and not in keeping with the genius of the Baptist denomination.

A correct summary here is, only Baptists can serve as trustees of this school. They do not appoint themselves, but they must be appointed by the National Baptist Convention; that these Conventions do not only appoint trustees, but have the right to control them and the school; that the property of this corporation is vested in a Board of Trustees appointed by the National Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention and held for the National Baptist Convention.

The Benefit Board

A communication from the corresponding secretary of this Board gives the information that it has not accomplished very much since we closed our last meeting. The auditor's report seems to confirm the confession of this secretary. Last year we gave this Board some new objectives. The building of the Old Folks' Home at Mizpah, and the work of planning for our national Tubercular Hospital. It would be expecting too much of the secretary of this Board to have required him to complete this work in one year. Yet I think more progress should have been made in the building of the Home for our old people. We have exercised the greatest patience with this Board, but without just returns. The program here provides for a discussion of this matter and I am hoping that sufficient light will be given to guide you in determining what is the best course to be pursued. Surely something must be done to help this Board find its place in our denomination. I am hoping that the organization of this Board for the year will be delayed until the Convention makes some definite suggestions as to its future plans, and program.

The Education Board

We closed the Convention at Detroit believing we had recognized in an efficient style the Education Board. Some of our most noted, successful and able officers were elected as its officers, a budget was partially underwritten and the objectives of the Board were more clearly defined. It is reported and is our belief that this new administration has been earnest, but notwithstanding this, it is not pleased with the results of its efforts. It was the Convention's wish that this Board would use its influence to promote the success of our struggling Baptist schools in the states. That it would encourage the schools of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and gather a sufficient amount of money to pay the current expenses of the American Baptist Theological Seminary. This last cause was the most pressing and needy one of them all. But for this, it has not, according to reports, been able to contribute anything. I would suggest that this Board have a meeting, reorganize, make its plans and submit them to the Convention while the majority of our brethren is present. That in its

reorganization, efforts will be made to properly co-ordinate this Board with the Board of the American Baptist Theological Seminary and whenever it is possible, use the members of the Seminary Board to help constitute the Education Board. Our churches and conventions should include in their programs the work of Christian education as represented by this Board.

The B. Y. P. U. Board

At present this Board is domiciled at 409 Gay Street, Nashville, Tenn. where it has purchased and paid for some valuable property which is deeded to the National Baptist Convention and not to the Board itself. See records of Davidson County, Tennessee Book 000, Page 216. Considering this Board's opportunity to collect finances you are forced to confess that it accomplished the unusual when it paid for this property. But the question you now are debating—Why maintain two headquarters in Nashville? Is it not wise and economical that we have one piece of property safe-guarded by being properly financed than to have many of a tormenting doubtful future? Is it not the will and wish of the Convention that the printing department thereof should have the monopoly of the printing of all of its Boards? There is a cause for and much wisdom in these questions, and the Convention must not evade or sidestep the vital issues they represent. Your Board of Directors has considered and made some progress in its efforts to rightly settle these and other questions. It has been reported to us that the heavy printing of the B. Y. P. U. Board has already been turned over to the Sunday School Publishing Board. But this is not sufficient; wisdom, economy and justice will constrain us to place all of our printing with our printing department and build up one large commanding headquarter and printery that will sail in financial seas of less perils and less fearful anticipations. It is but fair though we should state here that the B. Y. P. U. Board yields to the wisdom of this course and recognizes the authority of the Convention in these premises. It has asked for time to terminate a lawful printing contract made with a private firm when the Convention was not situated to do the printing of all the Boards as it now is. It is left with you to give here the final word on this matter.

This Board endeavors to be true to the spirit and purpose for which it was called into being. It emphasizes by precept and example the lesson of service which Christ taught when he said, "Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister, and whosoever will be chief among you let him be your servant." It does whatever it can to help Baptist young people to live as brother with brother; to bear the burdens of society and relieve its needs; to carry on the many activities of social, commercial, political life in Christ's spirit and for his ends.

Its Study Courses are intended to develop young Christians in the obligations, duties and responsibilities of the Christian life; to increase their missionary zeal; to make them steadfast in the doctrines and polity of our great denomination; to establish on firmer basis their belief in the Bible, the Word of God, as the correct and sufficient guide in matters of faith and practice.

At present its greatest need is funds to increase its missionary operations. There should be a Baptist Young People's Society in every Baptist church. Pedobaptist or non-denominational auxiliaries in Baptist churches should be supplanted with B. Y. P. U. Societies, in which the doctrines of the Baptist denomination can be taught. An increased force of state workers and other agents are necessary for this task; and hence the need for larger and more systematic contributions. During the year this Board has enjoyed a phenomenal success in pushing forward the above mentioned program. It has an unusually hard, difficult task but it has worked with great wisdom, patience and success.

The Sunday School Publishing Board

One of the outstanding achievements of this agency since we last met is the payment of the \$50,000 mortgage payment that fell due in January, and the payment of more than \$30,000 in July on the same debt. This Board did not only make the aforesaid payments but during the year has paid every penny it owed on \$75,000 worth of equipment it purchased. With these two large financial obligations satisfied, the Board is turning its attention to the payment that will mature next January and July respectively. You have done well in paying your pledges, and the Board has been enabled to do well because of your assistance. Do not get in mind that this Board will not need your assistance in the immediate future as in the past. If we would in the next two or three years stand by this Board, as in the past, our publishing interests will be self-sustaining, perfectly safe and secure. It will then be prepared to make substantial contributions to the weaker and more needy agencies of the denomination. The Board now being relieved of some of its heavy financial debts plans to give some of its best efforts to the better perfection of its literature, to increase its sales, to the making of books and to the execution of an up-to-date program of Religious Education.

This year, and at this session of the Convention, this Board is introducing a valuable book—one of its own publication—"The Baptist Standard Church Directory and Busy Pastor's Guide." Our brethren can help to demonstrate their devotion to the Convention by using the literature it publishes through this Board. Men who come here and shout Convention loyalty and then purchase all of their literature somewhere else are culpable to the charge of being not as loyal as they should be.

Negroes have preached to and developed Negro churches, and they are capable of developing a literature that will further promote the race's religious progress if only time is granted. More and more each day the literature of the Sunday School Publishing Board is being improved. And with our present staff of competent, experienced writers, and our up-to-date machinery and equipment, we shall be able to publish a literature that cannot be surpassed. The permanent growth of our church life rests here very largely—the substantial increase of the religious knowledge of our constituents. Given a good type of religious literature with competent teachers or instructors, spells the growth of the Baptist denomination. More than once I have urged the importance of this Board beginning and operating a Book Department. The Board has the ample facilities and the required experience. The operation of this feature of the work will increase greatly the financial profits of the Board. It will help to stimulate good and helpful reading and the book-making art.

The Home Mission Board

This is one of the oldest and most important Boards of the Convention. For it stays the home base, so goes all else. Its duty is to push the work of evangelization, missions and Christian education at home. To help prepare the way in the rural districts as in the cities. According to the figures that in this office the work of this Board during the year has lost its former force. It has been able to accomplish some good, but it has failed to maintain the standard it established in former years. In 1926, \$20,913.66, but in 1927, under this one it collected, estimated, only \$22,093.50. This year the Board shows a further decline, for it raised according to the auditors report only \$22,776.41. In the matter of conversions and contributions, missionary work the falling off is as marked and perceptible. It is hard to account for this quick untimely shrinkage, but it should be accounted for. I am pleased to state that this Board has fine possibilities, for the Southern Baptist Convention has for years believed in and aided it by giving it a dollar for dollar up to a certain amount. I am hoping that we shall so conduct this Board's affairs that the good-will and cooperation of our Southern white Baptist brethren will not be impaired. It seems

to me that this Board in some of its features needs a rehabilitation, new zest and new power. The combined wisdom of this Convention is more than that possessed by any one man, and it should be employed to strengthen this Board here or it will suffer a serious collapse in the near future. One thing is certain, we must learn to make larger and more systematic contributions to this work. We should observe Home Mission Day and seek to execute the orders of this Board in a systematic way.

The Foreign Mission Board

You will be pleased to note the rapid, steady progress this Board is making. Last year was its banner year in many respects. In matters of finance it exceeded its former record, raising approximately \$100,000.00. But this is not the sole measure of the Board's progress, for it has about completed and begun the successful operation of the long desired hospital in Liberia. It has sent out a complete corps of nurses, dentists and physicians, who have supervised its equipment and directed its affairs in such a way that it has invited favorable comment from high state officials in Liberia. Last year this Board sent out and employed more missionaries than it had in any former year.

Our work is so inviting that the Board is not able to employ all of the competent persons making application for work in foreign fields. From this meeting, however, it has arranged to send a large number of well experienced workers. During this fiscal year your Foreign Mission Board has kept open five boarding schools which have been crowded with native children seeking knowledge and Christ. At this point, the Board can do its best and greatest service. The regular contributors to this phase of our work need to be increased and encouraged.

This Board has for next year as its immediate objective the improvement of its schools. It plans some new buildings and the raising of its standards of education. In Africa and on the foreign fields our Foreign Mission Board is brought into keen competition with older and more adequately equipped foreign mission agencies; agencies that have a large experience and wealth, and the most highly trained workers. It therefore, behooves us to prepare for the competition or we will be forced to suspend our Foreign Mission operations. We must send out the best trained workers, we must adopt and execute a systematic program, and we must be prepared to finance this work. Let us contribute to and pray for at all times for the success of the endeavors of this Board.

The American Baptist Theological Seminary

This school continues to grow in a very marvelous manner. This year it had six graduates and an increased number of students. There is no other Negro Theological Seminary anywhere that has made in so short a time a similar progress. Gathering means from various sources we have been nearly able to pay our teachers in full for this year. We have met in a creditable manner the current expenses of the Seminary and paid hundreds of dollars on its back indebtedness. The Southern Baptist Convention has been magnificently gracious, for it has not only kept its promise to pay 50 cents for every dollar given by us, but has increased its appropriations to a sum sufficient to help pay off all the deterrent expenses of the Seminary, provided you would pay a certain amount. This condition has been partly met by us and will be met in full when this Convention closes. This school needs more students and large tributions coming in to it constantly through the year. It needs a Scholarship Fund. This was begun in 1928 when Dr. L. G. Jordan gave the first \$500.00. The accumulated interest on the same will be \$100.00 next month. You have for this Fund another offer—one dollar for every one you raise up to \$1,000.00. I believe we should have a Scholarship Fund Commission which should be empowered to study this subject and

push a vigorous campaign for the desired amount. In this connection it is but the paying of a debt of gratitude to Dr. O. L. Hailey, who has expressed a deep, sincere interest in this matter as he has done at all times and in all matters affecting the growth of the Seminary. He believes some good white friends would contribute to this cause, if only we ourselves should manifest the proper interest in the same.

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention to the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A.

This organization during the year has striven diligently to carry out its regular program of missions and Christian education. Besides this, it has given fine, unusual support to our Foreign Mission Board in its efforts to complete and equip the hospital in Liberia. This institution came into existence largely through the moral and financial support which the women gave. In the matter of the National Training School, I will state that by a vote of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, the National Baptist Convention was requested to aid them in making the desired and proper adjustments. Upon this vote and request, the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., referred to its Board of Directors the question of the National Training School. It also vested the Board of Directors of the National Baptist Convention with plenary power and advised an immediate settlement of this vexatious subject. The Board of Directors of the National Baptist Convention, after a conference with a Committee from the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, decided that since there were some deep-seated misunderstandings and some division of opinion among many of our most loyal members as to the relation of the National Training School to the Woman's Auxiliary Convention and the Baptist denomination, that a Legal Committee be appointed, headed by the attorneys of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention and the National Baptist Convention, and that said committee would be empowered to seek to establish through quo warranto or other legal proceedings, the exact legal relation of the school to the Woman's Auxiliary Convention. This committee, I am sure, will make a report to the Board which I hope will facilitate directly the closing of a question that had its origin in Savannah, Georgia, in 1916 and which is a legacy from the former administration, but one over which this administration has exercised the greatest tolerance and patience void of passion or personal bitterness.

The Convention's Statistics

It is believed that there are at least 4,500,000 Negro Baptists in America, but only 3,190,823 are accounted for and you ought to know the worry and work of the Census Department in its efforts to make those tabulations. This was brought about through our poor inadequate manner of preserving our records and achievements. There ought to be in every association and state convention a competent statistician. Every church should guard with great care its records and every association should do the same, regarding the same to its state convention. I yet believe we should have some one living in Washington who would help us in this matter and be the connecting link between this Convention and the United States Census Department. In this way great good could be accomplished; for such a person could also keep in touch constantly with every district and state organization, and with the statistician as well.

The Historical Department

This department is closely related to the Statistical Department. And what was said of it and the importance of church, association and state convention statistics, may with equal force, apply to this, the Historical Department. Every church, association and state convention should appoint a historian. It would be a helpful thing if these would have in con-

nection with their annual meetings historical departments and more. More and more we must help the people to know the value of history, especially church history. Nowhere can you find the sequel of the progress of the Negro race as here. The historian has written this year a Directory for Busy Pastors, and has about perfected a manuscript of a history of Negro Baptists. He has gathered some very ancient valuable documents and books, and is developing in a substantial manner, this department.

The Auditor

The work of auditing the books of all of the agencies of the Convention is important and indispensable. It appears to me that the Convention's way of doing this is wise, regular and economical. All of the Convention's departments must be properly coordinated, and here is one of the vital starting points. The auditor has about completed the inauguration of a uniform system of bookkeeping for all the Boards. With this completed and mastered, it will reduce the cost of our auditing system, for railway travel and the expenses consequent thereunto will not be required. Under this plan all books can be shipped to the auditor's office.

The Efficiency and Production Department

At first some did not see the wisdom, the utility and merits of such a venture. But since we have inaugurated it and found that some beneficial practical results have accrued in the denomination, most of us are willing to approve and aid what now is no venture, but a distinct department of the Convention. Many worthy enterprises managed by honest men have failed because of the absence of sound business methods. Last year this department joined the president in a recommendation that had for its end the strictest economy in the operation of the Convention's varied agencies. Following the passage of that recommendation, some reductions, retrenchment and eliminations were made in the current financial operations of the Sunday School Publishing Board. I am pleased to state to you that with the authorities and officers of that Board working in harmony with your orders, we have been able to save for the Convention more than \$25,000 this year. I must confess to you that all here not accepted this retrenchment policy without uttering their protests. And sad to say, yet it is true, some on the pay roll of the Convention have gotten into real or unreal issues, in good faith ostensibly, but because they did not like this retrenchment policy and because they desired higher pay. Some men on the pay roll of this Convention are as honorable and sincere as you are. They love the work as profoundly as you do. We have words of praise for them. But when a man Samson-like would pull down his own temple to avenge another, if he has the manhood to quit, you should retire him, honorably and manfully, but with no pay.

The Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress

Close observers of the Congress and its work assert that its session year surpassed all others. The entertainment and the place of meeting were ideal. Much improvement characterized this year's program. Lectures exhibited much skill and enthusiasm. I yet believe that it is to be several sectional meetings of the Congress, and that some meeting place should be selected for the one central annual meeting. The way the recreational life and program of the young could be improved. There is a belief and desire, which has much merit, that the young and the more active promoters of the B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School in the churches should be given more official prominence in the program of the Congress.

The Baptist Laymen Movement

Just a short time ago we organized this Movement and it is growing steadily in numbers, usefulness and importance. It has an earnest, loyal staff of officers committed wholly to the program of this Convention. I think this body might help us much in the organization and operation of our Ministerial Scholarship Fund Campaign. Its members know full well the value of an educated ministry—for they may have suffered many afflictions at the hands of some not so well prepared. And, moreover, our laymen represent most of our wealth. Our churches will thrive best only as our laymen learn and practice the doctrine of stewardship. This movement is destined to bring them to these ends.

The Baptist World Alliance Congress

This was a fine meeting, and your messengers were accorded all the rights others enjoyed. We were able to collect enough money to pay our allotment on the Bunyan Memorial Window and to bring the amount of our contribution on the current expenses of the Alliance up to \$1,250. It was my belief that this \$1,250 paid the total amount apportioned us for the current expenses of the Alliance, but a letter from Dr. Rushbrooke informed me that we were asked to pay \$1,250 per year on said expenses and three years have expired since that allotment was made. This would make a total of \$3,750 due with \$1,250 paid, leaving us owing a balance of \$2,500. I recall now our Board voted that \$750 per annum were as much as we could pay. I notified the treasurer accordingly, so we now owe a balance of \$1,250. I hear that Dr. Parrish agreed to send in this amount immediately. For the future the Alliance is requesting that we pay for its current expenses \$750.00 annually.

Officers in the Baptist Denomination Are Trusteeships

Persons holding offices in the Baptist denomination owe their election to the groups they would endeavor to represent. Such cannot appoint themselves, neither can some outside super-government appoint them. This is an inalienable right of Baptist bodies. Men thus elected are not toys or denominational ornaments. They are not given official power to honor themselves personally, but to be workers, the servants of those bodies which may appoint them. They are chosen to execute the programs and purposes of their electors. These things being true, officers in our denomination are not bosses or dictators, but trustees. If they are wise and loyal they seek to discover the wish and will of those they would serve. Such officers are chosen to guard and direct the people's affairs and in the ways prescribed by them. In this we have no tyrannies or suppression of the individuals elected, but a plain voluntary, mutual agreement. As long as one holds an office in the Baptist denomination, he is in honor bound to strive to carry out the edicts of the body which elects him. Sometimes most certainly, the rightful performance of official duties is not pleasant or popular but this should not deter a faithful steward. In his case no choice is left him except to do the biddings of those he is called to serve. He has no right to accept the people's offer and be so timid to execute their mandates. Further, he has not the proper sense of honorable stewardship to take a public office and use the power and profits thereof to antagonize and thwart the expressed will of the people. And no Baptist organization can long exist and make progress where it clothes men with official power to promote its fortunes and where such powers are used for individual profits or personal aggrandizement. Moreover, no Baptist organization can long preserve its harmony if it be saved of dismal failures, when it clothes men with official prestige in order that they might advance the interests of said organization and then permit this official prestige to be converted into weapons and used to make deadly blows upon the bodies they were elected to serve and save. In cases where

officers uphold or oppose the claims of the bodies electing them two stern duties—or one facing two opposite directions, must be met by such bodies. They must uphold and commend and protect with all their resources and powers their faithful officers. On the other hand men who go forward in the livery of public offices and use it to smite the hands that made them should receive a condemnation that is as pronounced and definite as is the praise given those faithful officers. In a Convention as in a church, the officers are largely responsible for its success or failure. They make or ruin it. This is so evident that Dr. J. T. Brown has written a very helpful book pertinent to this subject. You Baptist preachers know by experience the importance of this subject and how best to treat it. I have for many obvious reasons discussed this, but wish to cite an instance: This president believed in the polity and ethics set out above before he was inducted into office. And not one single case have I used this office for self-interest or self-gain. While I have not used my public office for private purpose, I have nevertheless brought together all of my private resources and laid them under tribute to this Convention. I desire to state also that every official act of mine has been an earnest, determined effort to direct your affairs and to carry out your orders. In no case have I originated some new issue or course, neither have I at any time substituted my own personal will for yours. The Convention's expressed desires and its success have dominated me completely. I have been in the battle field but all times fighting in your name and for your progress, and it is not required of me to utter the tragic wail of Benedict Arnold. It is said that he ever held on to his American uniform after his treachery and treason, and when he was dying he called for his American uniform, saying, "May God forgive me for ever putting on any other." I have not such bitter remorse, for as president of this Convention, I have gone forward to battle wearing only your uniform and proudly displaying your colors.

The National Baptist Voice

Last year you empowered the Executive Committee of the Convention's Board of Directors to manage the Voice. This committee elected a new business manager in the person of Prof. E. D. Pierson. The reasons for electing him were, he is an experienced, successful newspaper man and was already a paid worker of the Convention. Considering the actual helpful results growing out of this arrangement, we feel constrained to say that your committee did the prudential, economical thing.

During the year the financial paper receipts of the Voice have been multiplied more than three times, and the subscribers increased at about the same ratio. The business manager has done this excellent work without any additional cost to the Convention.

The Executive Committee also elected as associate editors the corresponding secretaries of the various Boards, but for some reasons, they have not filled the positions or helped the paper. The committee also elected a secretary who has been pushing with great success the interest of the paper in certain localities. But after doing what we thought best, the paper is far from being up to the required standard. The present situation needs to be augmented by the active service of some experienced, potent preachers who know the heart and emotions of hard worked, struggling pastors, who can furnish additional data to what we are getting, such as will help busy pastors solve their problems. We need additional help, our missionary, educational, ecclesiastical problems could be more easily solved. There is not a church paper that has the advantages equal or superior to those possessed by the Voice.

Last year as in former years, the president's annual message contains the precious words for this paper because it had supported faithfully the Convention's policy and its program. Then the president said: "It has ever been faithful and constant in its attachment to and its battling for the success of the Convention in all of its affairs."

In 1926 the president uttered other congratulatory sentiments in favor of the Voice: "The Voice has followed with care, courage and unmixed loyalty every interest of our denomination. When there was danger it uttered a warning, and when it was time for war it sounded the tocsin and aroused and called to battle the Convention's patriots."

We are sad to state that this paper during the year has suffered itself to be deflected from its proper policy, and instead of being the organ or an instrument of and for the Convention it has been an instrument sharpened and supported by the Convention but directed and used in some things against the expressed will and policy of the Convention. The aphorism—"The pen is mightier than the sword"—is yet unchallenged and the truthfulness of which is well verified in this case. You cannot maintain the unimpaired coherency of your Convention when you permit your own agencies and servants to feed and fatten on your bread to bite the hands that feed them. You will be doing the wise, needful thing if you will instruct and restrain properly the Voice from the burly course it has recently adopted and pursued, and inquire of it—"On what meat doth this, our Caesar, feed?"

Nothing in this connection is said against or can be construed to mean a violation of the principles, the freedom of speech or the freedom of the press. In Baptist circles, as long as a question is being debated for solution, all members have the right to be heard—free and untrammelled speech is their prerogative. But when such questions are passed upon by a majority vote, members who would continue their agitation against an opposition to the questions closed by the decision of the majority, are really in rebellion and are out of order. The will of the majority is supreme in orderly Baptist life and procedure. And when this will is expressed, the individual has but two alternatives, abide by it, be obedient to it or withdraw.

As to the matter of a free press, that issue is not here involved. The Voice belongs to the Convention and is published to promote the Convention's good interests and it must, in all things, be subservient and responsive to the behests of the Convention. It has no rights except those discretionary ones granted it by the Convention. If it did it would be an organism and not an organ.

The Executive Committee believes that with this year's experience and its successes, that if you will clothe it with the proper power, giving it whatever instruction you deem best, it can make the Voice the pride of all religious papers.

The Unifying of Our Baptist Forces

I long for the day when we can say in truth, One Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one united National Baptist Convention. This is possible if all will exercise patience, good wisdom and the Spirit of the Christ. There are perious days ahead, and some great loads are to be lifted that will require the full strength of a united race and re-united Baptist denomination. When we return home let us seek closer contacts with our fellow Baptists who are not members of this Convention. I repeat my former suggestion, that we labor to have both Conventions meet at the same time and in the same city. Under this plan we could shake hands with our brethren, which I think would help to hasten the unity we seek. Negroes must cease their splitting proclivities for this is an age of cooperation an age where strong and lasting combinations are formed and supported. The nation needs a united Baptist denomination. We need it ourselves and the cause of Christ requires it. It is gratifying that the United States Census Bureau states that about 90 per cent of Negro Baptists is enrolled in the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A. This shows that we are making some progress and multiplies our obligation to seek a closer fellowship with those who went out from us in 1915.

Some Denominational Perils

The custom of transferring members from one Baptist church to another in irregular ways is greatly retarding our work. It makes questionable our statistics. It fosters rebellion against proper church government, giving room for division among pastors and churches in every locality. It promotes the organization of a corps of disorderly churches whose only object is to be covert of some unemployed cleric and the retreat of unruly members. This is a day when men are anxious to be popular, or a day when selfish interests would lead men to desire to be called broad and liberal. This is a day to foster religious intolerance and denominational prejudice. There is otherwise enough to preach. But no man can long live in a Baptist pulpit and make that succeed as a Baptist church who would attempt to make it stand for more or less than the New Testament does.

Just another word—the practices of some pastorless churches, and that of some clergymen who would fill these pastorates are not conducive of good denominational results. Then some other things might be said—but we cannot bear them all now. Keep in mind what is said in this connection is said in love, as a warning of the coming of a sad, bitter day if we do not labor to avert it, by correcting these and some other existing, hurtful, denominational practices.

I, as much as you, appreciate the fact that this Convention is no legislative body, but I do believe its actions are exemplary or made so by many of our district and state bodies. Since what we do or say here has much effect for good or bad, I am calling your attention to some practices which I think will greatly retard our growth and usefulness if they are not checked.

In the first place I wish to call your attention to the hurtful, well-nigh universal practice of having "annual members" in conventions, associations and other Baptist bodies that meet annually. My observations have led me to the conclusion that nothing is so foreign to proper Baptist polity and nothing is so disintegrating and dividing Baptists more than this annual membership procedure. Orderly Baptist bodies are made up of representatives duly elected by churches. Their designation "representatives," "delegates" or "messengers," shows their connection with Baptist bodies is not individual or personal but discretionary. It is dangerous to permit the transfer of church prerogatives to individuals who are not in any way the subjects of the church. I mean they endeavor to and in a way do that which only the church may appoint them to do. This individual representation is put on par with church representation. This practice does not increase church loyalty, for under it lazy, indifferent church and pastor fighting members get a clearance and are placed on the same level with the loyal hard-working members of the churches. Moreover, in the end such a course does not and cannot contribute to the building of a virile denomination, financially, spiritually or otherwise. In the last three or four years we have reduced the annual membership in this Convention more than 95 per cent. Last year we had less than ten, I think, but these were not allowed to vote. I long to see the day when we shall have all of our Conventions made up only of persons bearing credentials from the churches. When this is done the scramble for official positions and much of the heat, passion, and division incident thereto will be checked. This also will help to settle some of our financial problems—give the churches the privileges and the rights, then lay on them the burdens and the responsibilities.

And now concerning the financing of Christ's Kingdom, is it not obvious that our methods are sometimes too worldly and entirely unchristian? They do not inspire the whole-hearted consecration of givers and consequently impede our spiritual growth. It seems to me that in some localities our churches' usefulness is being wasted because our ministers are too much engaged about things that ought to be done by others. I understand me, I believe the minister ought to be interested in all things that concern the growth and safety of humanity; but he should properly

earthly affairs as the seers and prophets of God. His pulpit is his throne, and the gospel his only safe weapon. It is not meet for him to leave serving the Word to serve tables. Ministers should be paid well and then constrained to function as such. Brethren there are clamorous, predatory interests that are seeking to limit the Negro minister. Already public education is unduly subordinated to the whims and wishes of certain classes in the states. In most cases, Negro public school teachers are completely subsidized. Often the textbooks used are one-sided and filled more with one-sided opinions than facts. In some cases Negro schools, and universities are compelled to disseminate the propaganda of their largest donors.

In some instances the Negro press, yet weak economically, is forced to sound uncertain notes on race interests and justice and rights. So there must be left one independent, certain voice, some sentinel and faithful soldier who would not beat a retreat or desert the interests of the race and God. Let the preacher be God's unmuzzled, free man; just a voice like the first Baptist preacher. "He was a reed", a musical instrument vibrating harmoniously under the breath of God.

Standing for Law Enforcement

There exists in American life a stubborn resistance to the union of church and state. This disposition is fostered because of our opposition to a state-church. But some have given this principle a foreign, erroneous application, and caused it to anathematize the church because of its stand on moral issues that may have their political aspects. Here is an example: A few years ago this country in a regular way passed the 18th Amendment. This is an economic issue, but it is in a great sense a moral one. It involves social conduct and habits. It affects the home, children—and the church. This prohibition question, a moral issue is wrapped up in and is made a vital part of the contest that will decide who shall be the chief officers of our dear country for the next four years.

It is the belief of most religious bodies similar to yours that Christians cannot pray "Thy Kingdom Come" and vote for men who would countermand or welcome the nullification of such a moral safeguard as the prohibition law. In self-defense, Negroes must vote against even any gesture of such nullification. We have already suffered enough from such practices, therefore, let us go forward as one united army for our race, our country, its flag and our God, and labor in all lawful ways for the ascendancy of those men and measures that promise the protection of the home and the church. It cannot be truthfully denied that the 18th Amendment is at present America's most effective, concrete agency for the promotion of temperance. Because of this, let us support the men who will strengthen and enforce it and all other laws.

The Closing Word

I cannot close this effort without calling your attention to some vital needs of our race. Our rapid rise and success would make one of the world's most colorful historical pages. But the testing day is upon us and all that we have ever accomplished will be tried as if by fire. This being true, it behooves us to stop here and take stock. In the first place, we must learn to exercise a deeper concern about our physical well-being. The subject of good health deserves a larger place in our training and program. A physically weak race cannot survive the competition of this day and hour. This subject of good health is fundamentally a religious one and should be treated in that way. Temperance, self-subjugation and proper recreation and rest should be dwelt upon by the pulpit. There are today many deadly foes at work to destroy the home; the love of ease, a dislike of children, the love of pleasure, the automobile craze, living beyond one's means, the easy, unscriptural, divorce system, and the

new found companionate marriage. The last one, companionate marriage, is a new domestic craze that will reduce and degrade womanhood more than any other new fad or present day practice. It would strike a fatal blow against children and their safety. It is a devil-made device that will corrupt the stream of civilization at its very source. Let us kill it and help save and perpetuate the home.

Another practice is that of living beyond one's means. This often leads to the custom of buying things on the installment plan. This plan can be used at times with profit, but it is today one of the greatest hindrances of our people. It keeps them burdened and slaves of a kind. The sooner we learn to do without things that are out of our reach, the better off we will be. People should desire a comfortable living, but the desire to keep up with every style is a costly, fatal practice that must be avoided. We are living in a materialistic day. A day when the worth of things and persons are estimated by tangible standards. At a time when the glare and glitter of the outward is supremely persuasive and commanding. The deep concern of us all should be the salvation of this generation from the moral and spiritual debacle that seems certain. We have got to go and recapture and install in the home the family prayer altar. The prayer meetings in our churches must be again rehabilitated and religion made a thing that concerns itself with the ordinary interests of human life as well as with heaven and God.

The day is here when our ministry and church program must emphasize both the manward and the Godward aspects of religion. The church must help solve the problems of the laborer. Practice and preach the gospel of universal industrial opportunities for workers and contend for an adequate wage and proper working environments for them. It must thunder judgment upon the lovers of giddy pleasures who hold church membership only in form. These waste themselves and their earnings drinking from the world's cup in frantic efforts to find happiness. The day is here when we must seek to purge the churches and make them spiritual centers. How much are we losing by the practice of big church or lodge, extravagant Sunday funerals? They drain the church spiritually and financially and court and further a form of worldliness and extravagance that churches should not wink at.

Just another word, let us cherish the sacredness and the value of the ballot. It is a social weapon, and one to be used to promote the common good of mankind. It should never be thought that we are the political chattel of any party or faction thereof. We should ever keep in mind that a corrupt, purchasable suffrage is a deadly foe to a free democracy. Much harm will come to our race if our leaders in discussing interracial relations do not do so in frankness, but void of the passion and antipathy that have victimized us. We are commanded to speak the truth, but in love. Many race leaders are exhibiting rancor for courage and hate for charity, and they are not advancing our cause. No sane race man can say the Negro has been treated justly. He has survived what none others have. He has lived to prove to the world that it is not force and numbers that will win—not by might, but correct heart attitudes and a willingness to trust God and try his methods. At this late date let us not be tempted to try any other cure. Let us make out our case, not in words, but in eloquent, Godly deeds, and useful accomplishments. This is the most forceful appeal that we can make. God is going to bring the white race to where it will recognize deeds and character and not color. You can help him if only you will continue to demonstrate that black men are men just like all others.

18. The Chicago ministers, through Rev. D. L. Jackson, presented the president a purse for a vacation. Flowers were also presented.

19. Rev. D. D. Crawford, D. D., Georgia, moved the adoption of the Annual Address as being safe, sane and fundamental. It was unanimously approved.

20. A partial report of 323 churches was submitted by Secretary Hudson for the Enrollment Committee.

21. A motion to suspend the rules for reelection of Dr. L. K. Williams, President, was adopted. Dr. Williams was reelected.

22. Rev. W. M. Taylor, D. D., La., was reelected vice-president-at-large. Rev. R. M. Caver, D. D., Arkansas, Rev. W. H. Rozier, D. D., California, and Rev. J. C. Jackson, D. D., Connecticut, were reelected regional vice-presidents.

23. Auditor E. D. Pierson submitted annual report dealing with defective officers' accounts. The report was adopted. The secretary's report is as follows:

REPORT OF SECRETARY R. H. HUDSON

Louisville, Kentucky, September 6, 1928

To the President, Officers and Members of the National Baptist Convention in 48th Annual Session Assembled, Greetings:

Dear Brethren:

With profound gratitude to an all Wise Providence for his directing hand during the past 12 months, and with gratefulness to the brotherhood of this Convention for sympathy expressed, for prayers for recovery and for assistance in the conduct of this office, I beg to submit herewith my twenty-first annual report as your secretary.

Knowing as I do the responsibility which rests upon one who serves as secretary of this body, and also keeps the records of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of said Board, I have striven to keep the records in such a way as will be always open to inspection and from which such information needed may be secured at any time.

This report includes the action of the several Board meetings, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, the receipts and disbursements of the last session of the Convention, with the receipts and disbursements since the meeting, and other information of the office with which you should be apprised.

Board Meetings

The records of the first meeting held at the close of the Detroit session are printed in the minutes of that session of the Convention and reference to them will be made simply to refresh your memory. After the organization of the Board, Attorney Chas. M. Roberson submitted the following report which was unanimously adopted:

To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Directors, National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Greetings:

In your committee appointed to adjust and determine our status and relation to the National Training School for Women and Girls, as well as the relation of the Woman's Convention of the National Training School for Women and Girls, beg leave to report that we have gone forward in the performance of our duty; conferred with the Woman's Convention; prepared the necessary amendments to the Article of Incorporation of the National Training School for Women and Girls; presented them to the Woman's Convention for execution by them and notwithstanding all of this, we regret to report to you that the National Training School for Women and Girls has not complied with the orders of the National Baptist Convention nor that of the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary, to the National Baptist Convention.

But the said National Training School for Women and Girls has enacted new amendments to their Charter, or Article of Incorporation, which in our opinion is widening the breach and placing the Training

School further from the ownership and control of the Women's Auxiliary Convention.

Therefore, your committee is of the opinion that the matter should be settled or adjusted in keeping with orders of the National Baptist Convention and the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, without legal proceedings.

Therefore, we recommend that the president and attorney be authorized and empowered to take such legal steps that may be necessary to settle the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. D. ISAAC
CHAS. M. ROBERSON

The Efficiency Department through its director and secretary of the Sunday School Publishing Board were instructed to work out such eliminations, retrenchments, adjustments and reductions in salaries of the employees of the Board as would not injure the work of said Board. After hearing the Disbursement Committee's report and the authorizing of the president and secretary to borrow \$4000.00 to assist in carrying for the expense of the Convention and Boards as had not been provided for, the Board stood adjourned.

Second Meeting

This meeting was held in the Great Metropolitan Baptist Church, N. Y., Dr. W. W. Brown, pastor, on November 30, 1927. For business transacted reports made, addresses delivered and for thought and vision pointing out the duties of the Board and what is to be expected of the denomination as was outlined by President Williams, it goes down as one of the most far-reaching and business-like in the history of the Board and the denomination. After the welcome addresses, the introducing of some 50 or more visitors from New York and adjoining cities, the reports from the several secretaries of the Conventions Boards were read. Questions were asked about the Training School proposition when the president ruled that the questions would be considered at the next session of the Board, when a committee will report and the Convention in next annual session will make final disposition of same.

A History and Encyclopedia of Baptists was ordered gotten out. Sunday schools throughout the country were asked to observe Founders' Day.

The Finance Committee reported having received \$1,704.00 of which \$1,013.00 was sent up for the Sunday School Publishing Board. President Williams made a stirring appeal for help in raising the \$50,000.00 needed by the Sunday School Publishing Board on January 8th. Many individuals and churches pledged.

An offer of 25 acres of land was made by Rev. C. S. Morris for an Old Folks' Home, provided the first unit for the Home be built thereon. The matter was referred to the president. Prof. Holloway, in presenting his report said the Benefit Board was striving to have the first unit of the Old Folks' Home built at Mizpah N. J., by the time of this meeting. The Board was ordered not to make any debts unless first approved by the Board of Directors.

After completing its work, the Board stood adjourned to meet during the sessions of the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress, Milwaukee.

Third Meeting

The third meeting was held in Milwaukee, during the sessions of the Congress for the special purpose of making program for this session. After the devotions and special prayer in behalf of the secretary who was absent because of illness, President Williams made reference to the report on the United States Religious Census of Negro Baptists. A committee was named to look further into the report and a telegram to Washington notifying officials of the appointment of a committee.

The Dethi Sanitarium proposition was discussed when contract outright the land to the Convention for a Tuberculosis Sanitarium was presented from Dr. B. J. Patterson. The proposition was accepted.

referred to the Benefit Board and the Attorney of the Convention to work out details and report back to the Board.

The program for the Convention was approved, several special committees submitted reports, money collected and arrangements made for attendance at the World Baptist Alliance and a completed financial statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Detroit session brought to a close this meeting of the Directors.

Meeting of the Executive Board of the Board of Directors

This meeting was held in the assembly room of the Morris Memorial Building, Nashville, Tennessee, October 8th. After devotions and roll call at which all members were present, the president, Dr. Williams, reported on dishonored checks paid at the Detroit meeting to the amount of \$536.00. The secretary was authorized to attempt to collect these and report same to the treasurer of the Convention. \$1500 was ordered borrowed from the Bouglass National Bank, Chicago.

The secretary and auditor reported on retrenchment of salaries etc., of the Sunday School Publishing Board as was ordered at the Detroit meeting. The report provided for a schedule including

1. Elimination of certain employees.
2. Retirement of some workers.
3. Ten per centum reduction in all salaries.
4. Reduction in salaries of financial agent and assistant editor.
5. Expense of editor to Convention and management of voice.

These items total a monthly saving of \$1,668.33 or \$20,020.00 annually. It was ordered where disbursements showed an expense of the president's office, this be changed to advance of money by the president.

Four (4) notes to finance the Theological Seminary of \$400.00 each for salary, etc., were ordered.

Prof. E. D. Pierson was named managing editor of the Voice and Rev. M. M. Haynes was elected field editor of the Voice. Dr. L. G. Jordan was made general missionary of the Convention, successor to the late Dr. Chas. Stewart. Attention was called to the use of the name of this Convention on the badges, etc., of our unincorporated brethren.

After the passing on several other matters which came within the province of the committee to handle, the Board adjourned. This report was approved by the directors in the New York meeting.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

From churches, associations and conventions, representations	\$11,622 90
From Door receipts, Friday night	739 48
From Visitors' badges	34 00
From Educational money	67 24
From Public collection, Sunday	47 10
From Laymen's Movement	175 00
From Sales	7 60

Total receipts of convention \$ 12,693 32

Designated:

B. Y. P. U. Board	\$ 933 25	
Benefit Board	128 45	
Sunday School Publishing Board	5,867 37	
Foreign Mission Board	6,580 88	
Women's Auxiliary Convention	9,084 21	\$ 22,534 16

\$35,227 48

Received since 1927 session:

Loan, Selma National Bank	\$ 4,000 00	
Representation fee	10 00	
For Baptist World Alliance	1,250 00	
Flood Sufferers Fund	63 28	
New York Board Session	1704 00	
Loan, Dr. B. J. E. Westbrook	100 00	
Loan, Douglass National Bank	1,500 00	3,627 28
Grand total		\$ 43,854 78

Disbursements

W. M. Taylor, 1925-26, services	\$ 111 00
W. M. Taylor, 1927, service	71 00
Money advanced for Seminary Reporter	2,065 50
Reporter	75 00
Convention expense, secretaries' office	1,631 64
E. D. Pierson, auditor, expense	262 00
R. B. Hudson, salary	1,000 00
C. M. Roberson, attorney	370 00
Sunday School Publishing Board, printing	337 75
Sunday School Publishing Board, auditor's report	240 00
Selma National Bank, loan	3,500 00
People's Bank and Trust Company	1,489 00
Douglass National Bank, loan	1,850 00
Gayden Note	260 00
Bethel Baptist Church, on note	100 00
Rogers and Son Monument, Morris Memorial	275 00
W. F. Bledsoe—refund Seminary loan	1 00
L. G. Jordan, back account	302 02
E. M. Lawrence, account	126 00
Sunday School Publishing Board, Ck. Laymen Movement	100 00
Sunday School Publishing Board, Seminary loan	600 00
C. H. Parrish, statistician, expense	95 79
J. M. Nabritt, assistant secretary	50 00
J. M. Nabritt, expense, Cincinnati Board Meeting	22 50
E. A. Wilson, assistant secretary, salary	40 00
T. O. Fuller, assistant secretary, 1926-27	80 00
J. L. Campbell, services	25 00
R. C. Harbour, services	20 00
A. D. Williams, treasurer, expense	200 00
A. Patti Brown, soloist expense	51 21
Convention local expense	71 00
Enrollment Committee	115 00
Finance Committee	142 50
J. H. Branham, services, reporter	75 00
L. K. Williams, interest on loans	145 00
J. H. Branham, expense, Transportation Commission	50 00
Edward H. Boalmer, chorister	300 00
Ushers	132 50
	\$14,114 78

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NOTE:

The deficit in receipts to pay disbursements was by order of the Board borrowed through the president and secretary.

Disbursements Since Detroit Session

L. K. Williams, Jordan note at Douglass Bank	\$ 265 25
L. K. Williams, Baptist World Alliance	1,250 00
L. K. Williams	
Selma National Bank, interest on \$4,000.00 loan	160 00
R. B. Molon, speaker, Detroit session	194 00
L. K. Williams, salary, Seminary teachers	
L. K. Williams	
Peoples Bank & Trust Company, interest	8 00
Peoples Bank & Trust Company, interest	8 00
Peoples Bank & Trust Company, interest	100 00
S. S. Reed, refund representation, Indiana Convention	8 00
Peoples Bank & Trust Company, interest	8 00
Peoples Bank & Trust Company, interest	8 00
Peoples Bank & Trust Company, interest	8 00
Peoples Bank & Trust Company, interest	8 00
Peoples Bank & Trust Company, interest	8 00
L. K. Williams	107 00
Peoples Bank & Trust Co., interest	8 00
L. K. Williams, Flood Sufferers Fund	63 28
Sunday School Publishing Board, amount designated N. Y.	1,013 00
	\$ 3,216 53

Minutes

The manuscript for the minutes went forward as usual. They were delayed in coming from the press, but as soon as received, were mailed out. In the rush of mailing, it may be that some of the messengers did not receive minutes. The request is made that all such will kindly write the secretary, when one will be sent by return mail.

A few copies of the Detroit and Ft. Worth sessions are still on hand and the secretary will be pleased to furnish copies of these to any messenger desiring one or to those who wish to keep a file of the minutes of the Convention.

Another milepost has been reached. The work of the office has been pushed with the usual vigor. The president has helped the office very much by having much of the work transferred to his office and carried on. For his assistance and the helpful advice, suggestions and cooperation given, I am hereby thanking him. For assistance and help from the first assistant secretary and other officers of the Convention and for messages and letters of sympathy and greetings from the brotherhood, who have been very considerate of me, I am hereby expressing thanks and appreciation to each and to all.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. HUDSON, Secretary.

24. Secretary R. B. Hudson, with assistant secretaries, Drs. J. M. Nabritt, Georgia; T. O. Fuller, Tennessee; E. Arlington Wilson, Texas; and E. H. McDonald, Nebraska, were unanimously re-elected.

25. Rev. A. D. Williams, D. D., was reelected treasurer, Rev. L. C. Jordan, D. D., Kentucky was reelected historian, and Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., statistician.

26. Prof. E. D. Pierson was reelected auditor.

Adjournment.

Evening Session

27. State Vice President D. V. Jemison, D. D., Alabama, called the Convention to order at 7:30 o'clock. The chorus sang, "When the Saints Go Marching in." Devotions were conducted by Rev. B. F. Reid, D. D., Michigan, Rev. C. C. Choice, Texas, and Rev. Joseph Peterson, Mississippi. "Glory, Glory" was sung. Rev. Peterson read the 2nd chapter of Acts as the Scripture lesson. Rev. Choice led in prayer. "Alleluia" was rendered by the chorus.

28. "Kingdom Extension Through Education" was discussed by Rev. J. T. Johnson, Georgia. It was a masterly and philosophical discussion.

KINGDOM EXTENSION AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, EFFECTS AND CAUSES

Know the truth, and the truth will make you free. John 8:32.

Mr. President, Brethren and Sisters, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The subject, "Kingdom Extension and Christian Education, Effects and Causes," assigned to me by our Program Committee, is one of vital importance, especially in an age when so many things threaten to impede the spiritual progress of the kingdom of Jesus Christ. God's kingdom is the everlasting kingdom—a kingdom far different from any other kingdom in the world.

The records show that both in ancient and modern times, kingdoms have crumbled and monarchs have perished, but this King and kingdom will last forever. Other kings rule their subjects with an iron scepter, or by military exploits; but this King rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glory of his righteousness, and wonders of his love.

The extension of this kingdom was the highest ideal with John the Baptist, the subject of the Sermon on the Mountain; the soul-burning theme of Jesus Christ as he went about all Galilee teaching and preaching in their synagogues. His zeal for the kingdom was so great, he declared, "I must preach the gospel of the kingdom of God also, for this was I sent," Luke 4:43. His orders to the twelve was, "As ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand," Matthew 10:7. To the seventy whom he sent into every city where they should go, he said, "Preach that the kingdom of heaven is come nigh unto you," Luke 10:9. His instructions were called the "words of the kingdom," Matthew 13:19. His explanation and teachings to his disciples were called "The mysteries of the kingdom," Matt. 13:11. His followers were taught to pray "Thy kingdom come," Matt. 6:10. To one who asked that he might go and bury his father, he replied, "Let the dead bury their dead; but go thou and publish abroad the kingdom of God," Luke 9:60.

During the interval between his resurrection and ascension his life was still the same as it had been in his public ministry, for we are that he was seen by his disciples forty (40) days speaking the same concerning the kingdom of God (Acts 1:3). When he could no longer proclaim it, his commission to his disciples was to carry the good news of the kingdom to all the people. And this gospel of the kingdom was preached in all the world, Matthew 24:14.

This kingdom was the beginning, the middle, and the end of all his messages. It was then, and should be now the obvious and unending burden of all who teach and preach the Word.

When we note how man seek to extend the principles of the political, commercial, agricultural, and intellectual kingdoms, it goes without



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ing that we who are citizens of his spiritual kingdom, should study, acquaint, inform, and induce ourselves to operate and cooperate to put in practice in every conceivable way, and by every worthy means to bring about just such kingdom extension as was in the mind of Jesus, when he told Pilate, "My kingdom is not of the world" (signifying that it was in the hearts of men.)

"My kingdom is an everlasting kingdom," and in order that its extension should be successful, and in fact a triumph, it must have a beginning in the individual. Hence we observe that there must be,

(I) Kingdom Extension in the Individual

Each believing heart is a local kingdom for Jesus Christ; wherever it may be; or to whatever extent it may reach; Jesus is the character who occupies it. In other words, the heart is the individual kingdom; the individual is the subject, and Jesus is King.

Jesus being our King, we, as his subjects, owe it to him to bring all of ourselves to bow to him and pay homage to him as our king. We notice, from time to time, and by every conceivable justified method, our own government is ever seeking territorial extension. Noting some of the most recent annexations, as Alaska, Porto Rico; Philippine; Hawaiian Islands, and many other little isles of the sea can be seen floating over the top of their little capitals the flags of the U. S. A. to signify where their allegiances have been sworn. These flags stand not only as examples, but living monuments to let other countries see and know what kingdom they are under.

So with each individual, when the heart which is the seat or capital of his individuality has become the kingdom of Jesus Christ, he, then as a subject, becomes an heir of God and joint-heir with Jesus Christ, and must set up the flag of Emanuel's kingdom, to ever show to the warring members of his own body that he has sworn allegiance to that kingdom.

This must be done, because there are many impediments within the individual's body which may be termed as "little isles of the sea," which must be captured and subdued in order that the kingdom of Jesus Christ might be extended throughout the individual. To do this, he must catch a vision of God in his personal life. It is not much trouble to get an individual to accept God, as a way, to explain human life and the laws of growth, nor in a faint way to watch over him; he will even look to God to clothe him, feed him, protect him, and see that he makes progress; but when it comes to directing his life, his actions tell God, he can do that in and his conscience better than anybody else.

We need to see God as Christ saw him; as a personal Father; personal Comrade; personal Companion; personal Partner, and personal "Pat." My friends, if we can see God in the fields of nature, we should see him in souls touching souls. He is closer than many of us imagine. Story: A father saw his two little girls one night playing in the hall, they were talking about God. Mary said to Lizzie "Let us kiss God." Lizzie replied, "How can we kiss God?" Mary asked, "Isn't God in me?" Lizzie answered, "Yes." "Isn't God in you?" Mary said, "Yes." "Then let us kiss each other, and we'll kiss God." That was soul touching soul.

(II) Kingdom Extension in the Local Church

The lack of a spirit of kingdom extension in the local church is manifested in our state and National Conventions annually. The local church may be compared as a county in a state, adjusting its own affairs. We know the church is sovereign in itself, but there is a kingdom pride; kingdom dignity; and kingdom sanctity at stake, which the church cannot allow to be lowered and infringed upon, and be true to her allegiance with the King.

As the prophets in succeeding ages gained a more and more exalted conception of God, they also gained a nobler conception of his kingdom. At first, it was but little more than a political ideal which glorified Israel

about as much as it did God; but in the course of two and a half centuries, the matured prophetic conception became that of a world-wide society in which universal blessings both temporal and spiritual.

Just as I said of the individual, is also true in the local church. "Our people are perishing for the want of knowledge." A great percentage of the churches of which this 3,500,000 Baptists claim membership, do not know tonight that we are in session. Many, who know that we are here, don't know why. They have never caught a vision of God's kingdom work. Sad to say, in many instances, they are without real religious information. Without a vision of God in the spiritual life of the church. Each individual is a part and parcel that goes to make up the church; they are living stones in the makeup of the great superstructure, of which Christ is the chief Corner Stone. This kingdom extension must permeate throughout the church until it has touched not only the breadth, length, width, depth and height of the church, but must cause every one to surrender to him who is head of the church.

The masses of our church members are like the young man who was with Elijah at Dothan. They can't see anything but defeat; they can't see anything but material things. But listen, there is a remnant in every church who believes that kingdom extension should capture the entire church, but many of them have not caught the vision that God is presenting them as yeast to leaven the whole. We must see to it that a stretch-out, enlargement in breadth; and a continuation in length are symmetrically carried into effect.

Story of the "Old Trinity Church" in New York, that was once an inspiration to travellers coming from across the sea, by her steeple which could be seen from the harbor. Office buildings in New York have had the church long since, and that spirit is gone. I am afraid that we are allowing the things of the world to hide us from the silent finger of Jesus Christ, and are robbing us of spiritual enthusiasm to lead men to Christ. I urge you, catch a vision of God and feel your life glow with spiritual power. It was this that made Isaiah humble before God and become a great prophet in Israel. It was this that made Paul a great organizer for Christianity.

Much of our thinking of God has been mechanical and superficial. God is not a machine. He is Maker and Creator of such. We serve God too much by spells, we praise him by spells, we promise to do things for him by spells, we shout often by spells, and then find that we are no better after shouting than before. God is real. We use God as a philosophical explanation for things as they exist, but many of our eyes are closed so far as seeing a need of personal relationship with him. Let us see him as a personal God. We think of him as Creator of the Universe, but not as One to whom we belong, and owe our personal obligations. We recognize him as the one who makes the law of steam, to make it possible for huge locomotives, but don't accept him as a partner in the railroad shops. We think of him as the one who put the ore in the mountains, and gives man ability to dig it out and make iron and steel, but he has never been seen as a partner member in the steel business. By our actions, we loudly tell God, "I can be the strength of the rail; the power of the wheel; the potent energy of the stream; the Creator of the mind, but we don't need you to dictate our business; and for this cause the old world is all balled up, cause we don't set down more and figure with God.

Let me say, Without more religious information and knowledge from which first must be in the leadership of the church, the wall of envy, malice, covetousness and strife, will ever be a barrier in the church in hinder kingdom extension. The local church is a citadel; a burning fire, a spiritual filling station; every member is recharged from the dynamo of heaven, and every worldly ambition comes before it will be ground into powder and scattered by the winds of the world. Our ideal of God is just what we live; and that we may get a higher ideal of God in our churches.

(III) Kingdom Extension in the State Conventions

These bodies could prove to be wonderful assets to the National Baptist Convention, if individuals and local churches were properly functioned to their limit. The state conventions can exert a wonderful influence over the pastor within their bounds; to awaken them to spreading the good news and glad tidings for kingdom extension throughout the states.

Don't think because you have a state organization, that will suffice, but for organization without operation and cooperation is equal to no organization at all.

When we stop to take a survey of our state field, we find that much of our fertile land is laying waste. We have a claim on the entire state, but somebody else is using it and receiving the income. So we see our states need to catch a vision of God for service. God places ways and means before us and is expecting us to use them to the best ends. God is trusting two important powers with us, the spirit and money, let us learn to deal sacredly with both of them, and not so secretly, with either.

God and man must work together to build this old world and lift it out of sin. It is not expected that either will do it alone. God places the ore in the earth, but he does not make the iron rails. God places the rocks in the mountain, but does not build any stone houses. God places the trees in the forest, but does not saw any lumber nor build any houses. That is man's task. But it shows that God is anxious for man to succeed and overcome the devil by offering himself to work with us. God is calling on us to learn the oneness of human life, for the oneness of humanity is as real as the oneness of nature. Again, the oneness of nature is no more essential to human well being and progress of civilization, than is oneness of humanity. Man was planned for oneness, and it is the disintegrating power of selfishness and self-exertion, which postpones the perfect oneness prayed for by our Master.

Let us in our state organizations, see to it that some things cease, which we know to exist. Too many of us are satisfied to play on the surface. It is an unwise, unpleasant and unintelligent thing to see so much division in our state fields which seem to have for its object to impede the extension of the kingdom program. Often our divisions are for personal gain. It is not every time the leader is not leading right, but some fellow just wants his place and chance. And they have found two ways to care you trouble or hinder your program. One is to factionalize and work against you, or factionalize and set down on you. Let us quit hunting empty honors and go to work; for honors will pass away with the things of the world, but work will last as long as time.

Remember the greatest honor any one can get in a state is the honor of extending the kingdom to the most remote section in his state.

(IV) Kingdom Extension in the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A.

It matters here is our task. Our bounds are world-wide. Our president with his loyal cabinet has laid out a program which reaches from land to land and from seas to sea. We just need a vision of God in our national life; a vision to study and meditate about God; a vision to commune with him; to walk with him; yea, a vision to inspire us to know him.

Too many of us have been slightly made acquainted with God. We know that we have been blessed by him; led by him thus far and could have been further if we had just followed on to know him.

Paul said on one occasion, "That I may know him in the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his suffering, being made conformable unto his death." He is truth, and to know this truth, it will make you free. We should want to know his cause who produces so much effect. Too many of us think of God as one who is a great distance from us; who will give our land peace, who will protect us in warfare; who will keep us out of international troubles, and will give us national prosperity; but

we leave God out many times when we come to our personal affairs. General Washington, the father of our country, would not dare leave God out; for when the flickering lamp of Liberty was almost extinguished in Valley Forge, Washington was down on his knees in the snow, talking with God.

When the North and South overlooked the value of human lives, Lincoln was meditating the matter with God. Late President Harding is said to have lived a life of consciousness, that God was near. My brethren, we can't afford to leave God out. I often think of our worthy president whom God has ordained to lead this Baptist host; who is fully conscious of, and competent for the task imposed; but when I think how God is looking to him to lead this army to victory, I feel that we, as soldiers of the cross and followers of the Lamb, should lend a listening ear, and catch the sound of the call to marching orders, as it comes peeling forth from him like claps of thunder from a clear sky to

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high his royal banner,
It must not suffer loss!

From vict'ry unto vict'ry,
His army shall he lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

I believe a great portion of kingdom extension for Jesus Christ is resting on the shoulders of this Baptist army. We have got to extend the kingdom of Christ across the sea in larger forces, to redeem Africa; and broaden our missionary sphere so as to reach India, remind Japan, and attract China, and cause them to reckon with God.

But be cautious and prayerful not to let the Ark of the Covenant leave the banks of our proud, selfish, prejudiced, covetous, envious, hypocritical, deceitful, biased America. For much of America is yet to be effected in the powers of the gospel, before kingdom extension can become a reality here. Preach the gospel at home and abroad; stand by a larger program for religious education; keep alive a burning campaign of personal evangelism that all the people may know Christ, "whom to know ought to be eternal."

The extension of the kingdom into all the world is not the orders from man, but the orders from Jesus. It should be obeyed because of the one who orders it. Not our president, but Jesus, not angels, but Jesus; the One who led the church in the wilderness, even though he was wrapped up in the bosom of the Father.

Jesus, the Son of God; the express image of the Father; world Redeemer; sinner's Friend; Mighty Counsellor; Heaven's Attorney General; King of kings; Lord of lords.

Jesus, who occupied heaven for his throne, earth for his footstool, and the universe for his temple; Christianity for his church; humanity for his congregation.

Jesus, chief Corner Stone in Zion; root and offspring of David; Rose of Sharon; Lily of the Valley; Bright and Morning Star.

Jesus, fairest among ten thousand, and altogether lovely. His scepter is his omnipotence. In a class by himself in omniscience, his shadows eternity by his omnipresence. Stimulates the church by his faith. Inspires believers by grace. Perfects the heavens with his love. He is Alpha and Omega.

Jesus, the One who is immutable; unfathomable; unsearchable; undefeatable; unconquerable; irresistible; supreme and all-powerful. He orders the victorious conflict to be continued until his grace will cover the earth as the waters cover the mighty deep.

29. Rev. O. L. Hailey, D. D., representing the American Baptist Theological Seminary, spoke.

30. It was unanimously decided to send fraternal messengers to the next session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

31. The chorus rendered a spiritual selection preparatory to the sermon of the evening.

32. President L. K. Williams presented Vice-President J. C. Jackson, who in turn introduced Rev. A. Clayton Powell, D. D., New York, to preach the Educational Sermon.

33. Dr. Powell after brief preliminary remarks selected for a theme, "Saints in Caesar's Household." Text, Phil. 4:22. The message was a timely arraignment of the sin of pride and selfishness in the social life of the church, and an appeal for brotherhood and social fellowship in the church between all groups.

34. The chorus sang "The Old Time Religion".

35. Rev. R. L. Bradby, Michigan, made an appeal for an offering. "Done Found My Lost Sheep" was sung by the chorus.

36. A resolution was filed to change the Constitution, Article III, page 3, touching membership of churches and other organizations by Rev. A. Hawkins, D. D., Ohio.

Benediction, Rev. B. J. Perkins, D. D., Tennessee.

SECOND DAY—Thursday Morning

37. State Vice-President J. R. Jamison, Arkansas, called the Convention to order for devotions at 9:00 o'clock. The choir sang "In the Cross", "Majestic Sweetness" and "Just Over in the Glory Land." Rev. C. T. Stamps, D. D., Florida, read the 119th Psalm for the Scripture lesson. Rev. W. C. Howell, D. D., Arkansas, offered prayer. "Amazing Grace" was sung.

38. The journal was approved subject to corrections.

39. The report of the Benefit Board was submitted through its secretary, Prof. H. W. Holloway, and showed much progress.

40. The chorus sang, "He Walks With Me." Announcements were made of the regulations governing distribution of programs and mail. Telegrams were called and communications were read from Editor Isaac Fisher, reporting the death of a veteran preacher, Dr. Wallace Fisher; from Dr. A. F. Owens, Dean of Selma University, Selma, Alabama, and Rev. G. A. Miller, Los Angeles, California, expressing regrets for being absent and extending greetings.

41. Prof. C. H. Tobias, Senior Y. M. C. A. Secretary, delivered a fraternal address and paid tribute to those who assist in helping the General Y. M. C. A. work year after year. His address found a very hearty reception.

Dr. Tobias said in part the following:

There are 71 City and 140 Student Associations serving colored men and boys throughout the United States. In addition to this work in America, there are 30 associations in South Africa which have been organized and supervised by a representative colored American sent out by the North American Association.

There are 4,000 directors and committeemen giving volunteer services in these associations. There are 170 employed officers who give full time

as secretaries and staff members of the association mentioned. The membership is 39,000 and there are 75 Hi-Y Clubs; 18 employed Boy's Brotherhoods and 44 Y Men's divisions.

The value of property is \$3,034,300; including buildings now in progress \$4,894,000.00.

The operating expenses of colored associations last year amounted to \$883,800.00, of this amount \$851,000.00 came in through the income producing features of the buildings, such as dormitory rentals, cafeteria receipts, membership fees, property endowment, etc. Only \$32,800.00 of the total operating expenses came through public contributions, thus indicating how nearly self-supporting the colored branches are. Add to the expenses of the local associations the budgets of the state and national work and the figure will go over \$1,000,000.00 in annual gross expenditures. 2,292 socials for men and boys were promoted during the year, 1,128 boys attended summer camps. Jobs were found for 17,010 men and for 81 boys. There were 522 motion picture exhibitions. There were 6,658 men and boys in regular gymnasium classes and 5,049 were taught swimming and life saving. 7,354 men and boys were regular members of Bible classes. There were 92,300 in attendance at all sessions of these Bible classes during the year. 8,851 religious meetings were conducted with a total attendance of 270,000. 774 men and boys united with the church through the influence of the association.

There are colored men on all of the governing boards of the organization for the World's Committee. Two local boards of directors. There are 5 colored men members of the National Council, 8 of whom were elected from their respective electoral districts and one is a member-at-large.

42. Rev. G. E. Stevens, Missouri, was presented as the new chairman of the Benefit Board, and addressed the Convention on "How to Make the Benefit Board a Success."

43. Rev. R. W. Coleman, Secretary of the Education Board, submitted report for the Board showing collection of \$1,549.00 for the year.

44. President W. T. Amiger represented the American Baptist Theological Seminary.

45. A Committee of Grievances was appointed, composed of Drs. J. C. Jackson, W. F. Botts, T. G. Fuller, J. H. Branham, J. B. Dwellie, C. M. Roberson, J. H. May, R. T. Pollard and Rev. Henderson.

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47. Rev. M. L. Shepherd, Pennsylvania, discussed the "Importance of a Ministerial Scholarship Fund." The address was voted published in the Voice upon motion of Rev. R. C. Barbour, D. D., Texas.

"THE IMPORTANCE OF A MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND"

We are told that when Nietzsche, the notorious German philosopher and atheist, was dying, he cried out from his deathbed, "Light, light, more light." The world today with its many complex and intricate problems, and its dire need of spiritual rehabilitation is crying out to the pulpit in words no less urgent and tones equally pathetic, "Light, light, more light." To answer this cry, and the pulpit must do so, will not mean the loss of one single degree of its old time fire, but it will mean that the pulpit must be careful to give forth light as well as heat.

The rising tide of intelligence in the pew is demanding an educational ministry. The public school system in America is so well developed and is increasing in efficiency so rapidly and spreading so widely that it is hard to find anybody in our churches that does not know how to

and write, and the general level of culture is being raised higher and higher each year.

Too, the professions, law, medicine, etc., are requiring a more thorough scholastic preparation and the standards are being lifted, so that few first-class schools will admit men to study any of the professions without a college education.

Now, and for some time to come, the preacher will be the undisputed leader of our race group. In every community he will greatly influence the thought, life and moral tone of the people. And, therefore, with the increase of knowledge in the pew and the rising standards in the profession it is no wonder that the demand for intelligence in the pulpit will be more and more insistent and exacting.

Then we must face this further lamentable fact, that while the Negro preacher is the oldest of race professionals, few if any authoritative books on religious topics have been written by Negroes. Where is a single standard commentary on any portion of the Bible that has been written by race men? Where is there a truly great book on Christological problems by Negroes? What colored man has produced an authoritative book on any great religious theme?

We need interpreters of Christ's message from the viewpoint of the oppressed and down-trodden folk of color. We need men of sound scholarship for this task. Men whose works will stand the acid test of criticism that all such works must stand without the patronizing consideration of the author's race. We shall need in increasing numbers a group of well trained, especially gifted, and scholarly editors of our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. literature, as well as other publications of our church group. The time has come and is now when we will be unable to urge the use of our literature merely because it helps to build up a racial or denominational enterprise, but our literature must make its appeal because of its merit, and superior fitness. We should admit of but two major considerations in the selection of those who are to edit our literature: First, the soundness of thoroughness of scholarship, and second, the verity of religious experience.

I am sure that you all realize the importance of ministerial scholarship for the reasons I have mentioned, and for others that you know too well. So we shall next consider some of the difficulties involved in securing to the race and denomination such scholarship as we so deeply need.

One of the barriers to scholarship grows out of the very zeal that we have for education. This zeal leads to the establishment of any number of secondary schools of inferior grade and hopelessly low standards. Many of these schools fostered by local associations, conventions and other church organizations, have had a place to serve and have done some good, nevertheless, they have proved barriers to thorough scholarship in that they have sent men out with a mere smattering of the most elementary education, but because of their indiscriminate granting of degrees and the pretensions and high sounding names of the institutions themselves, the graduate feels that his training has been sufficient, and he is not likely to possess that urge, for further training, that hungering and thirsting after more knowledge which is the very stuff out of which scholars are made. And if, perchance, he does awake to a realizing sense

of his true condition and finds that he has an opportunity to enter a standardized institution of learning, he will not be able to enter because of not receiving any recognition or credit for work done in these low grade schools, styled as colleges or universities. I have personal knowledge of these cases. Another difficulty to higher education is the steadily rising cost of tuition fees. It was no less a person than John D. Rockefeller, Jr., himself a great philanthropist, who two years ago stated at the Commencement at Brown University, his own Alma Mater, that the students themselves must be prepared to bear a larger share of the cost of education in the form of increased tuition fees, and not depend upon philanthropy for this particular operating item. The tuition costs of quite a few of our schools have doubled with the last ten years. So many of our brightest students are finding the financial burden of higher education too great, and

consequently the pulpit is robbed of many brilliant minds, and the denomination loses many efficient servants.

I was told by Prof. Tilley, of Shaw University, of a young student, whose father was one of the pioneer Baptist leaders of North Carolina, who went into the Presbyterian ministry because there were no scholarships available in the Baptist denomination. Any of our teachers in denominational schools could multiply instances of this sort.

The lengthening of the school term with its consequent shortening of the vacation period leaves too little time during the summer months for the student to earn sufficient money to defray tuition costs the following term. Again the Pullman Company and many resort hotels that once furnished so many of our students opportunity for earning school expenses during the vacation months, no longer hire our students, as they require the services of their employees throughout the entire year.

A remedy for these conditions may be found in a Ministerial Scholarship Fund. The local church may have such a fund. The Metropolitan and Abyssinian Baptist Churches of New York City have supported several students for the ministry in college and theological institutions. The Abyssinian Church has established a fund to perpetuate these scholarships. Many local associations, state and district conventions could spend money far more profitably were they to use it for the purpose of offering scholarships that worthy young people could attend standardized schools, rather than in the promotion of poorly equipped secondary schools, the work of which is often a feeble duplication of the work done in the public schools. I cannot see the wisdom of multiplying schools when so many of our most promising students cannot afford to attend those that are already built.

Our own National Baptist Convention could well afford to undertake such a noble program. The Elks Fraternity spent more than \$17,000 for scholarships in one year. We must not let these secular societies show a greater concern for the education of our youth than the church organizations manifest in the education and training of its leaders.

The details of this scholarship fund must be worked out after a conference with the best minds. I would suggest that each case should be dealt with as an individual. I would also suggest that a loan feature be added so that students may feel free to pay back the money advanced them while in school in order that the fund may be enlarged for greater usefulness.

My last and urgent plea is that the local churches and church organizations and our National Baptist Convention will diligently apply themselves to the working out of such a program, for the profit of the denomination and the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

48. A Committee on Scholarship Fund Plan composed of Revs. R. C. Barbour, M. L. Shepherd, E. W. D. Isaac, Roger W. Coleman and C. A. Greer was appointed. The chorus sang "Lift Him Up".

49. Rev. A. M. Townsend, D. D., Secretary Sunday School Publishing Board, made a report that really challenged the admiration of the members of the Convention and at times his appeal was heart-gripping and proved conclusively that his zeal for the completion of the task of paying for the Publishing House was eating things up. It was the best report yet submitted by the Board.

50. Rev. Walter H. Brooks, D. D., District of Columbia, made a stirring appeal endorsing the great Publishing Board Campaign. Rev. W. S. Ellington, D. D., made the financial appeal for the Board.

51. Visitors were introduced. Rev. A. Rivers, of Lagrange Georgia, who baptized President Williams, was presented. Bishop G. Clemont brought fraternal greetings.

52. President John W. Webb, of the Laymen's Movement, made announcements.

53. Praise and Inspirational Hour was opened with "He Walks With Me", by the chorus. Prof. J. H. Smiley conducted the musical numbers. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. S. Reddick, Alabama, for divine blessings upon the interests represented by this Convention. Prof. J. H. Smiley sang "The Old-fashioned Way". Rev. T. L. Ballou, D. D., Texas, spoke upon "Praise and Worship." "Give Me the Old Time Religion" was sung.

Benediction—Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D., President.

Afternoon Session

54. Rev. J. H. Harrington, Texas, conducted devotions. "Heavenly Sunshine" was sung by the Convention. The Scripture lesson was read from the 3rd chapter of Colossians by Rev. W. L. Varnado, Mississippi. Rev. Harrington, Texas, offered prayer. The chorus sang, "I Shall Not Be Moved."

55. President Williams presented Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., who submitted his 3rd annual report as historian. He is celebrating his fifty-sixth Anniversary as a minister of Jesus Christ. The report showed much effort, and is an excellent start upon Negro Baptist History. Rev. J. J. Olive, D. D., Illinois, presided with much grace and dignity during this period. Flowers were presented Dr. Jordan by the Convention through Dr. J. C. Jackson, as a tribute of his long and useful service.

56. Rev. M. W. Fisher, West Virginia, delivered a very interesting and instructive address upon the subject, "The Importance of Preserving Baptist History." Negro history in particular was stressed by the distinguished young scholar.

57. "Leaning on Jesus" was sung by the chorus. Rev. Milton Sparks prophesied that all who did not adhere to New Testament teachings God would take their churches.

58. A collection for the Historical Department was taken. Amount \$25.65.

59. The report for the Home Mission Board was submitted through the secretary, Dr. W. H. Moses. It was a splendid report under adverse circumstances. The secretary in his own way told of the hard and almost thankless task of preparing books, pamphlets and a program for Home Missions. In a magnanimous spirit the secretary announced his voluntary retirement and return to the active pastorate in New York and pledged support to all departments of the Convention. A collection of \$34.45 was taken for the Board. Recess.

Evening Session

60. The Convention reassembled at 7:45 with Rev. R. N. Holt, D. D., California, presiding. Devotions were conducted by Rev. I. E. Crittenden and Rev. S. T. Eldridge, Connecticut. Several selections were rendered by a quartette from North Texas Col-

lege, Denison, Texas. Rev. Crittenden read the Scripture lesson. The chorus sang "I Shall Not Be Moved". Prayer was offered by Rev. S. T. Eldridge, D. D., when the chorus sang "Gently Lead Us".

61. Secretary J. E. East, of the Foreign Mission Board, submitted report, beginning with a tribute to the late Mrs. Josephine Straghn, who spent a full 20 years in the service of the Board and whose remains rest in Florida, which she awakened to missionary zeal and leadership. Thanks for commendation and cooperation were given in well chosen words. The report was fully explanatory, thankful and prophetic as it told of increased responsibilities and enlarged support.

62. Rev. Thomas Moody, white, a returned African missionary, addressed the Convention to its edification on "Preaching the Gospel in Congo."

63. Miss Sara C. Williamson, missionary, was presented and made an excellent address. The Convention joined in singing, "Lift Him Up."

64. Rev. T. O. Fuller, D. D., Tennessee, presented Rev. W. L. Petty, D. D., Illinois, to preach the evening sermon. This great message was taken from John 14:6. Subject, "Christ the Way", moved the vast multitude. He spoke as follows:

Theme: Christ the Way

Text: John 14:6

INTRODUCTION

God the Everlasting Father made man in his likeness and endowed him with certain rights. Among these were moral character and free agency. This moral character and free agency are expressed by the words intellect, sensibility and conduct.

The spiritual life in man is also threefold. Faith, love and obedience. Before the fall, man, being in the state of life, had faith in God, he loved God. He was obedient to God. But man disobeyed God, and this bridge came down with a crash and thus man was separated from God. The sweet union and relationship that once existed between God and man was thus destroyed.

1. The destruction of the harmony between God and man
 - (a) Man banished from Eden, dead
2. Death involved
 - (a) destruction of God's law
 - (b) destruction of man's social relationship
 - (c) destruction of man's domestic relationship
 - (d) destruction of man's harmony in and of himself

There was a time, however remote, when man was in harmony with God and universal environments. Methinks I see God and man as they commune together under the trees; immeasurable is their pleasure as they dwell in the Garden of Eden among its superb beauties. Here man bore the impress of divinity upon his brow and the stamp of God's image upon his heart, the breath of God cooled Eden's fountains of water and fragrant seraphic pinions ventilated its bowers, penetrating to its utmost parts. God walked and talked with man. Man was happy. Man was good.

one knows how long man and God thus communed. We are sure those delightful days lasted until man's disobedience was punished by his expulsion from the garden. The foundation of that bridge was faith, love and obedience. Man's disobedience proved the end of those heaven-like hours in the garden of Eden.

The End of the Way: Death

Now Christ being the way, must lead man back, or open up the way so man could escape from death to life. There were several difficulties to be removed. These are symbolized by the cherubim and the flaming sword. These barriers were placed at the gate of Eden to guard the Tree of Life.

Some of the difficulties are:

1. God's moral law
2. God's infinite justice
3. God's infinite holiness
4. God's majesty
5. The existence, stability and authority of God's government.
6. The loyalty and purity of God's intelligence
7. The unity of God's system
8. The diabolical power

Could Christ remove these difficulties? If he could not, then man was eternally lost. The voice of a waiting, impatient world was heard. Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? Prophetic glasses caught rays of light below this earthly horizon; still this burning question rang out, Watchman, what of the night? The time of the night the watchman gave not, but simply answered "The morning cometh", and added, "Also, the night". All these watchmen died upon the bosom of time. Their death rang within four hundred years. After the death of the last prophet man received no revelation from heaven. Symbols and signs lost their meanings. Man—lost—was ready to give up. In despair he cried, "Mercy!"

Christ Comes

But listen! Christ came. There were no plumed knights with drawn swords standing on guard in front of his manger-birthplace to safeguard the infant King. No doctor nor trained nurse, no bulletin board on which the condition of either mother or son was noted. Did I say none? But their were guardians more apt at service than more mortal beings. The angels were there. They did service when Satan attempted to take over the reins of government in order to destroy the infant King. The same angels Joshua saw standing in mid-air. When they were asked on whose side were they, the answer was "I am the captain of the army of the living God." There was a herald, the same old choir that had been making music before the morning stars sang together or the sons of God shouted for joy; long before Aurora blushed at her halo of morning flame or the polar star smoothed her gorgeous trail upon the northern seas, long before Old Sol, king of the firmament, hitched up his fiery chariot, drawn by lightning steeds, dispelled earth's silvery frosts. Yes, the angels got this through, came out on the morning air singing: "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, and good will toward men." For behold there is one born in Bethlehem of Judah, who is Christ, the Lord. He shall save the people from their sins.

Christ Pays the Debt

After Calvary, in the grave, Christ caught death, robbed him of his sting; took the victory from the grave and started the first excursion of the resurrection, running it up into Jerusalem. "The saints" says the Bible, "walked the streets of Jerusalem" after Christ resurrected himself, and

appeared to many. Christ paid the full price. Today he stands and says "I am the way, come this way sinner, if you would be saved. I am the way, the truth, and the light."

65. "Certainly Lord" was sung as the crowning number for this missionary service. "He Was so Good to Me" was sung by the chorus. Miss Theresa Ballou sang "Stand by Me" as a solo.

66. An offering of \$26.78 was taken for a car to be used in Africa.

Benediction, Rev. W. L. Petty, D. D.

THIRD DAY—Friday Morning Session

67. The Convention was called to order by State Vice-President, P. E. Frisby, D. D., Mississippi. Rev. Wm. S. McCutcheon, D. D., Michigan, conducted devotions. "I Need Thee" was sung as the opening selection. Acts 3 was read as the Scripture lesson. Rev. J. A. Scott, Tennessee, led in an earnest prayer. The chorus led in singing "I Love Thy Church".

68. Rev. T. J. Jenkins, New Jersey, discussed "Kingdom Extension Through Evangelism." By request the chorus rendered a selection.

69. The journal was read and approved.

70. Prof. E. D. Pierson, manager, reported for the "National Baptist Voice." The report was deferred.

71. Captain Finnegan, of Hampton Institute, was presented and made an inspirational address.

72. The following new ministers were presented: Revs. E. B. Harris, Ohio; J. Raymond, West Virginia; J. F. Neal, Tennessee; J. T. McMillian, Kentucky; G. T. Martin, Georgia; J. H. Long, Florida; R. J. Solomon, Minnesota; D. D. Long, Virginia; H. H. Gaines, Pennsylvania; Elijah Benton, Ohio, and J. H. McCoy, Illinois.

73. Rev. W. W. Brown, D. D., New York, made a happy address. He is a beacon light in missions. Dr. J. H. Garnett, Tennessee, was presented and made a brief address.

74. The following were appointed a Committee on Race Relations: Drs. D. D. Crawford, Georgia; W. F. Bledsoe, Texas; M. A. Talley, Pennsylvania; E. W. Moore, J. L. Campbell, Tennessee; T. J. Goodall, Pennsylvania; O. C. Maxwell, Missouri; W. F. Lovelace, Indiana; J. A. Marshall.

75. Prof. H. B. Britt rendered a touching solo. A resolution was offered by Rev. B. J. Perkins, D. D., Tennessee, touching the women meeting jointly with the men during reports. The same was approved.

Mr. President, Officers and Members of the Convention:

Whereas, it is very necessary that there be a better understanding in order that there may be a more cooperative spirit in expediting the work of the Convention; therefore be it

Resolved, that the officials and members of the Woman's Baptist Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, be and are hereby instructed and required to be present in session of this Convention and the president's annual address is being delivered and when the officers submit their annual reports.

Humbly submitted,

BENJAMIN J. PERKINS

76. Mrs. Sylvia Gribbett, Florida, moved the Convention with a solo, "My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me." The Convention stood and sang "America."

77. Rev. I. G. Jordan, D. D., offered a resolution supporting good men and measures in the November election. Approved.

78. Rev. T. O. Fuller, D. D., presented a resolution on "Good Government and Civic Betterment". The resolution was adopted.

Whereas, the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., in session at Louisville, Ky., represents a membership of 3,500,000, with 27,000 churches and 25,000 ministers, and thereby constitutes a very large per cent of the population of the United States, and

Whereas, one of the most important objects of this Convention is the promotion of the highest ideals of citizenship, without which there can be no safeguard of the life and welfare of the nation; and

Whereas, orderly government so essential to the maintenance of Christian civilization cannot survive without just and righteous laws administered in the fear of God and for the good of all the people, and while the separation of church and state is held sacred by this Convention, yet we cannot escape the interest and responsibility for the welfare of the government imposed upon us by loyal and patriotic citizenship. Therefore be it

Resolved, that the membership of this Convention should vitally concern themselves in the solution of the great question now engaging the thought of the American electorate.

Resolved further that in the opinion of the Convention it is not safe to place the reins of government in the hands of any person who lightly esteem the constitution, the fundamental law of the land, conceived in the wisdom of the founders of the Republic and enlarged and strengthened by very important amendments, held and regarded as essential to the freedom and well-being of all the citizens of the country.

Resolved finally that it is not safe to enact any laws or change any of the amendments that would make possible a return of the saloon, the greatest enemy of our people in our civilization, or that would endanger the rights and franchise of any element of our citizenship.

For these resolutions this Convention invites the support and cooperation of our people in all parts of the country.

T. O. FULLER.

The "Star Spangled Banner" was sung.

79. Rev. R. L. Bradby, D. D., Michigan, addressed the Convention upon the importance of voting. He declared the man who did not vote an enemy to his group.

80. Rev. S. D. Ross, D. D., Georgia, addressed the Convention upon supporting men and parties who restricted immigration.

81. Rev. P. M. Beverly was forbidden floor privilege until an apology for an untimely remark was had. An apology was at once given.

82. Rev. J. H. Branham, D. D., Illinois, spoke on "Why We Oppose Men, Parties and Measures That Seek to Change the Prohibition Amendment as Being an Avenue to Change the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments."

83. Judge Wm. H. Harrison, Illinois, presented Senator A. H. Roberts, Illinois, who addressed the Convention upon "Moral Courage"

84. Rev. W. H. Jernagin, D. D., District Columbia, made a strong address against supporting anybody who favored repeal of amendments. Prayer for the nation was offered by Rev. R. C. Barbour, D. D., Texas.

84. The report of the B. Y. P. U. Board was submitted by Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, D. D., secretary. It was one of the best reports yet submitted by the veteran secretary. An offering to the amount of \$59.78 was taken.

85. Rev. A. W. Hill, D. D., South Carolina, made a stirring address.

86. "Lift Him Up" was sung by the chorus. The entire Convention entered into the Silent Prayer Period, with prayer and gently breathing, "I Need Thee, O I Need Thee". This marked the beginning of a great half hour of inspirational worship. Rev. A. Wilbanks, D. D., District Columbia, carried the Convention to the throne of grace. Rev. M. C. Durham, Tennessee, sang, "I Am Glad Salvation Reaches Me." Rev. A. Hawkins, D. D., Ohio, offered a fervent prayer. "Just Think of His Goodness" was sung. Recess.

Afternoon Session

87. Rev. W. F. Botts, D. D., California, conducted devotions. The chorus sang. The 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians was repeated as the Scripture lesson. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. P. Turner, Georgia. "Stand by Me" was sung.

88. Rev. J. H. Gadson, Georgia, President Central City College, made a very helpful address, on "How the National Baptist Convention May Help Our Schools".

HOW MAY THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION HELP OUR SCHOOLS?

What do we mean by the expression, "Our Schools"? In the southern division of the United States of America, and in some of the border states, custom and law demand that the schools and colleges of the Negro and white races be kept separate and distinct; hence, in speaking of Our Schools, we naturally refer to Negro schools.

Knowing that the money appropriated for the support of the above named schools is placed into the hands of State and County Boards of Education, and finding from reports that in most cases, if not all, any discrimination is practiced in the distribution of funds appropriated to the schools and colleges in question, we could take up more than the time allotted us in discussing how the National Baptist Convention and perhaps some day must help the Negro public schools, especially in the South. Perhaps the National Baptist Convention can help the public schools by giving their influence towards advocating the passage of a bill for National Government Supervision of all Public School Education, maybe find some way to influence State and County Boards to give educational advantages to all citizens, irrespective of race and color.

The meaning of this question may be broad, or it may be specific. I understand it to mean here, How may the National Baptist Convention help the private schools established by our Baptist associations and conventions that are located largely in the southern states?

In the group of states known as the Solid South, we have from two to forty schools and colleges in each state owned and controlled by Baptist associations, state conventions, and the American Baptist Mission Society.

These schools, many of them, were established by our fathers during the dark period of reconstruction, because there were no public schools worthy of the name and no high schools for our race, a condition keenly felt, and a lack the denomination tried to supply. This condition is being changed; for where civic righteousness and justice have been enthroned, and our Southern Boards of Education and the superintendents of our schools have become less prejudiced to Negro Education, they have seen the need for lengthening the school terms, paying better salaries to teachers as well as erecting better school buildings.

The fact that the state authorities are paying more attention to making provision for the education of the children of our group, there is less need of and less necessity for the large number of associational schools that now exist. The National Baptist Convention can help many of our southern states to regulate their system of local Baptist schools.

In some of our states of which my own state, Georgia, is a living example, there are too many associational schools. Aside from our three state schools—Morehouse, Spelman, and Central City College, we have about forty schools and near schools, as Dr. Crawford often says, that belong to our various associations. Seven of these secondary schools, however, because of their having come up to our Conventional requirements, have been accepted into the Federation of Georgia Baptist schools and colleges.

There are many more schools besides those named, but where there are so many dependent on the constituency of the Baptist State Convention and the component parts of the same group, some must necessarily be living at a poor dying rate.

However, the thing that we are most concerned in in this address is: How may we as a National Baptist Convention help the schools of our various states that are like those in the group named? The National Baptist Convention can help materially by first forming a strong educational association composed of officers and graduates of the Baptist schools and colleges in each state, whose work will be to set a strong educational standard for its various schools whether college or secondary school, and after being found worthy by a scrutinizing survey, give them all the benefits of the schools of the Federation by doing all in our power to raise money for their support. Second: The National Baptist Convention can get behind such an organization and encourage our own people to remember the schools in their wills, and to encourage them to make substantial monthly contributions to the organization who, in turn, will make appeals to philanthropists in the U. S. A., and throughout the world for substantial aid for the schools thus united. Third: The National Baptist Convention can give space on its program each year to hear from our educational institutions, and allow pledges to be made and contributions to be given for the support of the denominational state schools.

Fourth: The National Baptist Convention can greatly help the Home Mission schools of the various states by appointing a committee whose duty it will be to make official visits to the schools, study their needs, and when found to be operating along profitable and helpful lines, and orthodox in their religious teachings as Baptists, this committee should request them to do all in their power to give them their support both by sending them money and in helping them in a financial way.

Special duty of the Home Mission schools or higher colleges and universities exists to my mind, the duty of the Baptist ministry concerning the religious culture of the students in our higher schools of learning.

Money is such a prime need in our denominational schools until there is danger of our getting so absorbed in the running of the schools that are under our direct supervision that we are apt to lose sight of our duty to the colleges that are being cared for by the wealthy Boards who seem to be interested only in the schools that foster higher education. Some way we get the impression that we are not needed in those schools and besides we get so disinterested with the social life as carried on by the different fraternities, and so out of patience with the ring side betting that is boldly carried

on during the big college games, and so worried about the slack way in which many of the professors and a large number of students speak of the religion of our fathers, that we feel justified to leave the whole burden of religious training on the presidents of the institutions and the Christian leaders within the school community.

That spirit is not as it should be. The young men and women who attend these colleges and universities are our own sons and daughters and the sons and daughters of the families that make up our churches. The religious supervision by the minister and Christian laymen does not cease when a student enters a school of learning. The minister and those interested should keep in touch with the religious life of the student by visiting the institutions in their communities being a constant visitor to their chapel exercises and spend some time in their class rooms so as to get some ideas of the teachers that are training our children and the things that are being taught.

It would help matters if the ministers would show a friendly interest in both teacher and student by persuading them to visit their churches and to take a part in community uplift. We may neglect this duty if we desire, but the teachers that fill our lower schools come from these colleges and universities and their manner of teaching both by example and precept will influence the children under their supervision, help or hurt the community where the school is located and be either a curse or a blessing in the struggle for racial uplift or a doubtful adjunct in kingdom building.

We should never allow a breach to come between us and our home Mission schools. They are schools established by our northern white brethren for our benefit, and we should always keep up a pleasant and working relationship between our Baptist organization and these schools.

Fifth: The National Baptist Convention can adopt an annual Educational Dollar Day throughout the nation and upon that day urge upon each individual through their churches to donate one dollar for educational purposes. These efforts shall be under the management of the National Baptist Educational Board, who will divide the proceeds equally among the different schools of the Federation.

The question, What may the National Baptist Convention do to help our schools, leads to the further question: Why should the National Baptist Convention help our schools? Religion has always had to depend upon education for its advancement. The more a man knows the more he is prepared to do. He who is best prepared to follow the multitudinous labyrinthine mazes of science can the better understand and appreciate the God of science.

The true development of great causes and great organizations depends almost entirely upon the character and qualifications of the men who manage and lead them. Consecrated intelligence has always been indispensable, and very acceptable to the Lord.

God is depending upon a strong, well qualified ministry to feed his flock, Jeremiah 3:15—"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." The success of our Baptist churches depends upon men of strong educational qualifications.

The success of our Publishing House depends upon the men and women we turn out from our schools and colleges. These men and women are to give us the proper exposition of the Scriptures, write our song books and write our religious literature.

Our Foreign Mission work is depending upon our schools and colleges to furnish us qualified men and women to intelligently manage our Foreign Mission Board and to supply us with trained missionaries. After the apostles had had about three years' systematic training from our Lord and Master, the world's greatest Teacher, he said unto them and not until then: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations. This properly we ourselves must be taught."

Then, in order for us to take in, understand, appreciate, and give to the preaching of the gospel, we must know the Scriptures. Study to show



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themselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Therefore, whatever it costs to furnish us the proper schools and colleges to train and qualify our men and women for service, we, the National Baptist Convention, should be willing to pay the price.

89. President Pollard presented the college presidents: Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., Simmons University; Rev. W. J. Winston, D. D., Northern Baptist University; Rev. S. W. Bacote, D. D., Western College, Missouri; Rev. R. T. Pollard, D. D., Selma University, Alabama; Rev. W. D. Carter, D. D., West Coast Theological Seminary, California.

90. Auditor E. D. Pierson, Efficiency Expert and Board Director, submitted his annual report. It was exact, technical and informing. The report went over to Monday.

91. "I Shall Not Be Moved" was sung. President John L. Webb, and the laymen held a very interesting session. The laymen made an impressive sight as they marched in singing "Onward Christian Soldiers". President Webb made an introductory address urging "Tithing". Attorney C. M. Roberson was presented and acted as master of ceremonies. "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" was sung. Mr. J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of EEs of the World, delivered a splendid address. Mr. J. R. Raymond, banker, delivered the following address:

HOW THE MINISTER AND LAYMAN MAY COOPERATE

The ultimate aim of Christianity is to make the world a better place in which to live. This fact was clearly demonstrated by the Master in answer to the query of John the Baptist, "Art thou the Christ or shall we look for another?" when he said, "Tell John that the blind receive their sight, the lame are made to walk, the hungry are fed, and the poor have the gospel preached unto them. The end of Christ's ministry found a world that was better morally, physically, economically, spiritually, than when it began. Hence, it is the duty of the Christlike to make a better world.

The job of making a better world is placed primarily in the hands of the ministry. Christ is the Chief Executive, the Head, the President. The minister is the vice president, second in command. He is an active vice president, but to do his work effectively he must have an executive board for counsel, to head minor and even major departments, to assist in formulating the great program of world betterment, and to push with might and main to put that program over.

The laymen of the church constitute this executive board. To assure success there must be hearty cooperation between the ministry—the chairman and the laymen.

Then how? First: A Christian in spirit of cooperation devoid of petty jealousies and personal feelings must prevail. The object to be reached, the goal to be attained must be the big factors, and the instruments or the means must be of secondary considerations.

Second: Each should seek the counsel of the other. "Come, let us reason together" saith the Scriptures. There are so many ramifications in the present day church activities that it is impossible for the minister to be amply versed, either by experience or training to meet all these issues. Hence counsel with the laymen should be of great benefit to the progress of the cause in many instances. To illustrate, it should not be thought unwise to call into council, laymen of business experience and Christian integrity relative to the management of the financial and economic affairs of the various Boards of our associations and even this great

Convention; for the fact remains, that a successful preacher is not always a successful business man. On the other hand, the counsel and advice of the minister should always be sought and should always dominate in things spiritual.

Third: The present economic conditions of our people present the most baffling problem that has confronted us since the abolition of slavery. Every day we see jobs on which we at one time seemed to have a monopoly pass into the hands of another group; every day we see the door of opportunity, which at one time stood ajar, close tight in the faces of our boys and girls, even our men and women. The minister and laymen must cooperate to remedy these conditions, to open up avenues of employment among ourselves, else the pay check and the pay envelope of our membership will be greatly diminished, which in turn not only jeopardizes the ministers' livelihood, but also hampers Kingdom building.

Finally the laymen should cooperate with the ministers in the program of soul saving. After all what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul? We might develop a race with business sagacity which rivals that of the German and the Jew; we might have the culture and refinement that surpasses that of the ancient Greeks; we might produce a race with inventive abilities beyond that of the American white man but if that group be not saved, is not converted, our labor is in vain. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness and all these things will be added.

As laymen and ministers, let us labor together, first, to Christianize the world, then forgetting self and personal benefits let us in the Spirit of Christ counsel each with the other for a broader and more comprehensive denominational work; for a cleaner and saner civic life; for better and more productive economic conditions; in order that his kingdom may come and his will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Prof. J. H. Smiley sang "It's Real". Prof. J. H. Creed, Alabama, delivered an address. A dramatic display of lining up the pastor with the league was staged by Deacons W. L. Hughes, Georgia, and J. H. Creed, Alabama. An offering of \$157.25 was taken while the chorus sang.

92. A quartette of girls sang "Noah Build." Dr. W. P. Haynes, of the Federal Council of Churches, made an address touching Interracial Cooperation.

93. The officers of the Laymen Movement of America were presented.

94. Rev. F. L. Sanders, D. D., Tennessee, made an address. Mr. E. Griggs, D. D., made an address.

95. A resolution by Rev. D. V. Jemison, D. D., Alabama, requesting the Home Board to elect Dr. A. D. Williams, Corresponding Secretary of the Board passed.

Whereas, vital and important changes respecting the management and conduct of our Home Mission work have recently taken place, and it is necessary for our Home Mission Board to place this work in other hands.

Whereas, the Southern Baptist Home Board has suffered financial reverses that may make it necessary for these two cooperating boards to readjust their terms of cooperation and to revise the entire scheme of our Home Mission program, therefore for obvious reasons, be it

Resolved, that our Home Board is hereby requested and instructed to appoint Dr. A. D. Williams, of Atlanta, Georgia, corresponding secretary with headquarters in Atlanta.

D. V. JEMISON.

Evening Session

96. State Vice-President R. B. Roberts, Tennessee, presided during devotions. Prayer was offered by Rev. S. S. Odom, D. D., Arkansas.

97. Moving pictures of the Sunday School Publishing Board were shown by Prof. Hynes.

98. Rev. George Haynes, D. D., Federal Council of Churches, delivered a forceful address upon "Industrial Possibilities and Achievements," as follows:

The increasing influence of the churches in Race Relations has been greatly stimulated the past year. This growing influence is shown, for example, in the effect upon the lynching evil as this year will probably see the smallest number of victims of the mob in the history of the evil. Last month at Bay St. Louis the white women of the town in their automobiles helped the officers guard a Negro prisoner until he was removed to a place of safety because of a threat of lynching.

The Harmon Awards the past two years have brought to public recognition outstanding Negroes in all of the major fields of human endeavor. One of those who was a young scientist, a Master of Arts from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a son of a member of this Convention, Dr. Evans. Last January we opened the first National Exhibition of Fine Arts produced by Negroes because we were receiving so many excellent pictures and other forms of art from the candidates for the Harmon Awards in Fine Arts. It looks as though we shall have a larger number of entries this year and a better second annual exhibition.

Perhaps one of the most outstanding features of the year is the observance of Race Relations Sunday when literally thousands of churches and other groups of the two races come into friendly contact; when pulpits exchange pulpits and choirs, and young people's societies exchange visitors, and when mass meetings and other interracial services are held. It is no exaggeration to say that we have turned the corner with our face toward the morning sun of a new and better day in the relations of white and colored people in America. It is a striking contrast to the hostility and friction and riots of six or seven years ago in such cities as Chicago and Washington to find ministers today exchanging pulpits in friendly rivalry to preach the gospel.

These are only a few of the outstanding developments of the program of our Commission on Race Relations of the Federal Council. We need larger, moral and financial support from this Convention that we may keep pace with the expanding work of the movement and reach forth to the unoccupied field.

99. Music was furnished by the Hill Street Baptist Church.

100. A committee to meet President Davis, speaker of the evening, was appointed as follows: Drs. J. M. Nabritt, D. D. Crawford, A. D. Williams, C. H. Parrish, B. J. Westbrook, M. A. Talley, Jno. Gans, T. L. Griffith, Bennett, S. D. Ross, W. C. Coleman, E. D. Pinson, and C. M. Roberson.

101. Miss Nadine R. Waters, prima donna, soprano, Boston, Mass., 5 years at New England Conservatory and 2 years under Vincent Hubert, sang two rich classic selections.

102. The Committee on Race Relations submitted its report through Secretary M. A. Talley, which was unanimously adopted. We, your Committee on Race Relationship, beg leave to submit the following:

1. THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, incorporated, in session at Louisville, Kentucky, recognizes with delight the growing tendency of interracial unity, cooperation and understanding between the colored and white groups in this country, especially at the South where the majority of our people reside. Negro Baptist leaders, everywhere, should adequately evaluate this growing fellowship and contribute all in their power for its continuance and support.

2. We encourage our leaders to form contacts and effect relationships wherever possible with ministers and other leaders of other races as well as our own for enlightenment and interpretation of the aspirations and strivings of our people for cooperative activities in the solution of the industrial, social, civic and moral problems of their respective communities.

3. We deplore with vehemence the injection of the race question in the colored political campaign on the part of certain political demagogues. The election of men to office is the election of servants for all the people, without respect to race or color. According to the spirit of our organic law and gesture to effect these elections creating odium against any part of the law abiding citizenry is grossly un-Christian, un-American and dangerous to the general welfare of the entire country.

4. We commend the work of the various interracial commissions throughout the country, including that of the Federal Council of Churches for vital and courageous support of all the people. Since Baptists represent such a large majority of our people in this country, it is incumbent that our leaders shall be constructively identified with these activities for the best welfare and interest of the majority of our people.

5. The supreme ideal of the religion of Jesus is that of bringing to pass a universal state of Christian brotherhood. The present existence of interracial misunderstanding which characterizes the Christian family is not only embarrassing to us in various ways at home, but is rendering tremendous handicap to the spread of the gospel in foreign lands. It is rendering counterfeits to the teaching of Jesus and hindrance to the Kingdom of Peace. We therefore ask President L. K. Williams to call together by the authority of this Convention all religious agencies of the country in a National Conference for the purpose of emphasizing and fostering deeper interest in the spirit of interracial brotherhood. If the effort to secure universal brotherhood is to be successful it must be embraced and promoted by the church. It is a task of Christians and Christians should undertake it.

6. We recommend that a standing Commission on Race Relations shall be appointed for this Convention to foster the spirit of interracial brotherhood and make adequate reports annually to the Convention.

D. D. CRAWFORD, Georgia, Chn.
W. F. BLEDSOE, Texas
E. W. MODRE, Indiana
J. L. CAMPBELL, Tennessee
T. J. GOODALL, Pennsylvania
O. C. MAXWELL, Missouri
W. F. LOVELACE, Indiana
J. A. MARSHALL, Mississippi
M. A. TALLEY, Pennsylvania

103. The chorus sang "Lift Every Heart" as the committee entered with the speaker.

104. Rev. J. B. Adams, D. D., New York, was presented, and in choice words introduced President John Warren Davis, West Virginia Collegiate Institute, who delivered a masterly address on the theme, "Right of Youth in Church and Religious Activities." The address was in the finest spirit, a pleasing vein, practical, cooperative, philosophical and far-reaching in its helpful influence. The young educator wrote his name along with Washington, D. C.

Griggs, Bryant, Moton, and Johnson upon the roll of Baptist Worthies.

105. A happy response from the heart of another great orator was supplied by Rev. S. E. Griggs, D. D.

106. Solo, "O Lord, Remember Me" was sung by Mrs. Gladys Turner, Louisiana, and upon encore she sang, "Here am I, send Me".

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was sung.
Benediction, President L. K. Williams.

FOURTH DAY—Saturday

107. President L. K. Williams called the Convention to order at 9:10 o'clock. Devotions were led by Rev. C. W. Brooks, Rev. C. W. White, D. D., Louisiana, read for the morning Scripture lesson Romans 10th chapter. Rev. J. Francis Wilson led in prayer. The chorus rendered devotional music.

108. Rev. W. L. Harris discussed "Kingdom Extension Through Prayer", Luke 10:2. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. It was indeed an edifying and inspirational discussion.

109. Rev. J. H. Mastin, D. D., Michigan, made an apology for lateness, which was accepted.

110. The journal was read and approved.

111. Negro Press Hour was introduced by singing "Just Over in the Glory Land." Rev. L. A. Pinkston, Editor "The Georgia Baptist," presiding, called Rev. M. L. King, Georgia, to lead in prayer. Music by the chorus. Editor Pinkston made brief introductory remarks. The Southern News, New Orleans, La., was represented by Rev. Chas. W. Brooks; The Christian Review, by Rev. C. C. Scott, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.; the National Baptist Voice, Nashville, Tenn., by Prof. E. D. Pierson, and The Afro-American Voice, Texas, by Rev. W. A. Preston. The Press Hour was a success.

112. The State Presidents' Hour opened with President E. A. Wilson, D. D., Texas, presiding. Rev. E. W. Perry, D. D., Oklahoma, made an address representing the presidents. The following were introduced and spoke briefly of their work: Drs. J. M. Nabritt, for Georgia; J. F. Walker, for Ohio; W. H. Jernagin, for District of Columbia; W. D. Carter, for California; C. C. Scott, for Pennsylvania; W. A. Taylor, for District of Columbia; W. M. Taylor, for Louisiana, and Rev. Wright for Louisiana.

113. Rev. A. L. Boone, D. D., Ohio, delivered a profitable address from the subject, "How State Presidents May Best Help Further the Interests of the National Baptist Convention."

114. Rev. R. J. Solomon was presented and represented the Minnesota Baptists, Rev. V. N. Roundtree, D. D., Tennessee, and Rev. J. H. Burks, D. D., spoke for Ohio.

115. An offering for the Education Board was taken while the chorus rendered "I Want to Know" and "There's Sunshine." \$33.16 was taken.

116. Rev. J. T. Harvey, D. D., District of Columbia, was presented. Prof. H. B. Britt, sang "Lift Him Up."

117. A motion to consider time and place at this time passed. Six minutes were allotted for invitation. An invitation was extended by Rev. D. A. Holmes, D. D., Missouri, for Kansas City, Missouri, for the 1929 session. Kansas City, the heart of the nation, was selected by unanimous vote of the Convention.

118. Officers and committeemen, with Board members by states, were submitted through Secretary E. H. McDonald. The report was approved subject to necessary corrections.

119. Rev. S. N. Vass, D. D., announced the Sunday School Publishing Board's Mass Meeting program for Sunday School Hour. Prof. W. M. Lewis rendered two happy selections.

120. Attorney C. M. Roberson submitted his annual report touching legal phases of our business as done by the Convention and Boards. After some discussion the report was adopted.

121. A motion prevailed for the reelection of Attorney Roberson.

122. The Committee on Grievances reported recommending the recognition of the merger at Washington, D. C., as being valid. The recommendation was approved and the report adopted.

Report of Committee on Grievances

To the President, Officers and Members of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A.

We, your Committee on Grievances, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have carefully considered the evidence in the merger of the several conventions of the District of Columbia and after hearing the arguments and evidences submitted concerning the said merger, we find that the merger is good and valid and is in keeping with the Baptist usages and regulations and we therefore, recommend that the Convention recognize said merger.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. JACKSON, Chairman
J. H. BRANHAM
W. T. BOTTIS
R. T. POLLARD
J. H. MAY
E. M. LAWRENCE
CHAS. M. ROBERSON

123. A motion of Dr. Gray to refund the money of the 24th Bethel State Convention was adopted.

124. Judge Wm. H. Harrison, Illinois, candidate for Congress in Illinois, made an address.

125. A resolution by Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, D. D., putting our approval upon the character, worth and labors of Judge Harrison, was adopted.

We rejoice in the opportunity of registering our approval of the noble conduct and charming character of Attorney William H. Harrison, who is an honored member of this body.

Our intimate acquaintance with him, our knowledge of his temperaments and qualifications abundantly justify us in commending him to the favorable consideration and loyal support of our fellow citizens in every worthy endeavor.

He loves the church and kindred institutions; he is intensely interested in all that pertain to the welfare of his people; he recognizes the fact that common endurance of pain is essential to the common enjoyment of pleasure.

We regard him as a worthy beneficiary of our confidence, love and esteem; we therefore pledge him unqualified support in all his efforts to promote law and order and good government in the nation.

E. W. D. ISAAC.

126. A resolution by Rev. I. S. Powell, D. D., Colorado, was read and approved.

Whereas, among the candidates for Congress there appears the name of one of our own sons, Judge William H. Harrison, and,

Whereas, no organized body is better informed as to his ability and fitness to fill the position sought than this great Convention, representing a constituency of more than three millions, and having friendly connections with at least four times this number of our own race in America and many, many more outside of our race, therefore be it

Resolved by the National Baptist Convention, that while we do not deem it proper for this body, as such, to engage in purely partisan politics, we most heartily applaud the candidacy of Judge William Harrison a member of this Convention for Congressman from the Congressional District of Illinois.

Resolved further that we commend Judge Harrison to all concerned as a man worthy of this distinction sought and thoroughly prepared to play his part in Congress to the credit of and for the best interest of the nation at large of his own district and race of which he is a distinguished exponent.

I. S. POWELL.

127. "Christ Is All" was sung. Sentence prayers were offered, followed by singing "I Need Thee Every Hour", as the Praise Hour for the day was ushered in. Prof. H. B. Britt sang "Twill Be Glory". Rev. L. M. Glenn, D. D., Georgia, led in prayer. "Sweet Hour of Prayer" was sung. Rev. B. J. Perkins, D. D., Tennessee, made a helpful and inspiring devotional address. Expressions and testimonies were made of the helpfulness of the meeting. Prof. Britt led the Convention in singing, "He Walks With Me."

Recess.

Afternoon Session

128. Rev. R. M. Caver, D. D., Arkansas, called the Convention to order and the chorus sang a selection. Rev. J. R. Matthews, Alabama, offered prayer. "Somebody Knows" was sweetly sung by Mrs. B. Tribbett, Florida. Rev. G. W. Simmons, D. D., Arkansas, read the 55th chapter of Isaiah.

129. A resolution to reconsider the action of relocating the Home Board at Atlanta, Georgia, was submitted and ruled out of order.

130. State Vice-President, J. R. Jamison, Arkansas, presided while the memorial of our sainted dead was being held. "Abide With Me" was sung as the opening number. Mrs. Holloway, Arkansas, and Mrs. Dixon, North Carolina, sang "When I Shall Cross

Over." Rev. C. C. Scott, D. D., spoke for Pennsylvania's dead; Rev. J. H. Mastin, D. D., paid tribute to those from Michigan; Rev. P. W. Wesley, D. D., laid a wreath of golden words upon the brow of Texas' dead; Rev. G. T. Martin, D. D., spoke of the lamented dead from his state; Rev. G. T. Martin, D. D., poured forth his soul in a tribute to Florida's fallen; S. H. McKenzie testified to the great service of Arkansas' dead; Rev. N. A. Robinson paid tribute to the dead of Oklahoma; Rev. Chas. H. Hampton spoke for California's honored dead, and Rev. E. H. McDonald, D. D., spoke in remembrance of Nebraska's departed warriors.

131. "God Moves in a Mysterious Way" was sung and Rev. Junius Gray, D. D., Maryland, preached the Memorial Sermon. His text was Rev. 14:13. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord". Theme, Heaven's Description of the Sainted Dead. The preacher made a vivid and striking conclusion, and paid the heroic dead a glorious tribute for enduring to the end. Rev. B. F. Reid, D. D., made the closing prayer. Prof. Wm. Lewis sang "Get My Mansion Ready".

132. A resolution was offered to request the removal of the Benefit Board Headquarters to Arkansas. The motion to refer to the Board with instructions passed.

133. A resolution seeking to condemn certain political and judicial acts was offered and referred to the Resolution Committee.

134. A resolution endorsing Judge Harrison was passed.

135. A resolution requesting that a committee of three be appointed to visit California passed.

To the National Baptist Convention in Session at Louisville, Ky.
We, the representatives of the Western Baptist Association of Southern California, herein request that a special committee of three, including President Williams, be appointed to visit Southern California and to assist by counsel and advice if possible in adjusting conditions of vital importance, now existing in our denominational work in Southern California.

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Providence Association

136. An invitation was accepted to visit The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

137. Rev. H. W. Jones extended invitation to the group breaking for a new church on Green Street. The same was accepted for Sunday at 3:00 p. m.

138. The Laymen reported.

REPORT OF NATIONAL LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT

Louisville, Ky., September 8, 1928

Total received \$ 296 75
We enclose with this report 200 00

Request appropriations as follows:

Theological Seminary \$ 50 00
Sunday School Publishing Board 50 00
Convention 100 00
\$ 200 00

Number of states represented 21

JNO. L. WEBB, President
P. M. SMITH, Cor. Secretary

Recess.

139. The officials took charge of the Cradle Roll Hour.

Evening Session

140. Prof. W. M. Lewis sang "Life Is Like a Mountain Railway." Several songs were rendered by the chorus. Mrs. McLawler sang "Get on Board." Rev. E. M. Lawrence, D. D., Tennessee, read Matthew 28th chapter, and 2 Timothy 4th chapter as Scripture selections. Rev. Wm. Harris, Pennsylvania, led in prayer. Mrs. McDonald, Indiana, sang "I know a Great Savior" to the delight of the Convention.

141. Rev. B. J. Perkins, D. D., Tennessee, was presented to deliver the Evangelistic Sermon. He chose Rev. 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock" for a text, and as a theme, "There's a Stranger at the Door." It was a typical evangelistic sermon, full of grace, truth and power. The sermon was as follows:

Text: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Rev. 3:20

INTRODUCTION

The words of our text were used by John in his letter to the church at Laodicea; this chapter also shows the letters he wrote to the churches of Sardis and Philadelphia. The letters were addressed to the ministers of the churches; but John styled them as "the angel of the church," which shows that the pastors of the churches are God's wingless angels. Jesus complains of his three classes of churches, viz., dead, weak and lukewarm. Therefore, the command came to John saying, "And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; these things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die; for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast and repent," Rev. 3:1-3.

Again he was commanded saying, "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; these things saith he that is holy, he that is true he that hath the key of David, he that openeth and no man shutteth; and that shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works; behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it; for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name." Rev. 3:7, 8.

And again he was commanded, saying, "And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; these things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou wert cold or hot, works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou wert cold or hot.

So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." Rev. 3:14-16.

Of course this letter was addressed to the church, but since it is a message from God, it is suitable, and therefore may be generally applied to all who desire the light of revelation, even though they are strangers in salvation.

This text meets the present conditions of sinners as well as Christians because,

I. The door of the sinner's heart is closed against Christ.

This is very unfortunate and lamentable, yet it is an undeniable fact. Because of this fact the wicked are not even minded of God. Their hope is in the world and the things of the world; and they feel that they can live, without God; but some day they will find that God is an indispensable living and dying asset.

II. There are various things that keep the door of the heart closed against Christ.

Note some of the few things that keep the door closed:
(1) The want of knowledge as to who is at the door. The sinners really do not know their real need of a Saviour. For this cause the Scripture says, "Souls perish for lack of knowledge." The reason the souls of sinners are perishing for the lack of knowledge is because their minds are darkened by the God of this world (See Hosea 4:6).

(2) Supreme and prevailing sin exhibit its ruling power.

Their hearts are completely enthroned by Satan; which makes their hearts slave captives of sin; and Satan keeps up so much noise and confusion putting over his sinful and good time program, until the keeper of the house cannot hear Christ knocking on the door of his heart. And too, Christ will not come in so long as sin has the preeminence; because righteousness hath no fellowship with unrighteousness, and light has no communion with darkness.

Christ hath no concord with Belial, believers hath no affiliation with infidels, and God's church hath no agreement with idols, (See 2 Cor. 6:16).

(3) Their love for the wickedness of the world swallows up all the righteous desires of their mind.

Their love for worldly honor, worldly riches, and worldly pleasures is so great until they will not change their mind, and swap their visible, obvious and worldly goodness for the invisible and everlasting principles of both time and eternity (See Jas. 4:4; 1 Jno. 2:15).

(4) They are too thoughtless to consider consequences. They are too busy with the bustle and tussle of this life to stop and ponder the vital matters of eternity, or in other words, they are living in the present, with the claim of gospel cannot engage their attention (See Hag. 1:5; Isa. 1:3).

(5) Unbelief has bolted the doors of their hearts against Christ.

They doubt and disbelieve the revealed Word of God. The threats of God's wrath do not alarm them; they cannot be tempted by gospel invitations; and hence the sweet promises of God are not attractive.

(6) Unbelief delayed Christ's program while he was on earth. Hence the Scripture says, "He could not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief." (See Heb. 3:19; Mark 6:6). Because of these conditions.

III. There is a blessed Friend outside knocking on the doors of the hearts for admission.

(1) Think of the character that's barred outside. He says, "Behold,

(a) I, Jesus Christ, the Son of God; whose throne is established in heaven; the earth is his footstool; the universe is his temple; and the hosts of heaven are his attendants.

(b) I, a character that possesses a trio ability, viz., self-existent, self-dependence, and the source of happiness.

IV. This stranger is not only knocking, but he is also crying.

He says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

(1) This shows Christ's gracious regard for us. It further shows that, (2) Christ earnestly desired that we be free and happy; therefore he is anxious to warn us of our final responsibility, and to let us know that he is ready to save us from death and hell.

V. The attitude of Christ shows both his patience and anxiety which is also proof that he loves us.

(1) He is not sitting, but, "stands at the door." Look at his long-suffering patience. Ever since sinners have been old enough to know right from wrong, they have kept Christ standing outside of their hearts, while his enemies are enthroned within.

(2) The attitude of Christ shows that he can walk away easier than he can walk in; and leave the soul to suffer eternal ruin.

But not so. "He stands, waiting, knocking and crying to save; knocking because their eternal salvation or damnation depends on their acceptance or rejection of his offer of mercy.

VI. Christ is the sinner's best friend, yet they do not know him.

Often sinners, there is a stranger at the door, knocking, saying, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock," etc.

Perhaps you hear him, but do not understand his raps. Permit me to help you understand him. He knocks,

(1) to remind you of the very bounty; which is the necessary enjoyments of life (See Psa. 103:2).

(2) to remind you of the gracious offers of the gospel, viz., pardon for sin, grace for weakness, love for hate, and life for death, etc.

(3) He is the revealing suggestions of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit strives and convinces men of their sins; yet they will not yield (See Jno. 16:7, 8).

(4) By his eventful providence. By these events he sometimes brings afflictions, and sometimes he visits our families and friends with afflictions, and bereavements (Hos. 1:15).

VII. The glorious promises of Christ should induce sinners to open the door of their heart and let him in.

He says, "If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in, and sup with him, and he will walk with me."

- (1) The promise is offered on such reasonable conditions;
 (a) "Hear my voice." Which means to consider it, understand it, and believe my words.
 (b) "Open the door." Open it cheerfully, freely; welcome me into your soul; conform to my way; accept my terms; with all your heart. Note:
 (2) The Promises.

"I will come in, and sup with him, and he will walk with me." or in other words, "I will walk in, and take supper with him, and he can eat with me."

- (a) When he walks in, he will illuminate your mind; he will convince and convert the heart; regenerate the soul, and make a new creature.
 (b) "He says I will sup with thee, and you with me." A reciprocal companionship will begin here, and it will last uninterrupted throughout eternity.

142. Rev. J. B. Boddie, D. D., New York, offered prayer for sinners. Mrs. Winston, Kansas, sang "Shall I Look for You in Heaven?" Rev. F. C. Locust, D. D., Kentucky, offered prayer for a penitent sinner man. Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D., Illinois, prayed a second earnest petition.

143. An offering of \$6.00 was taken.

144. Preaching in the local churches by visiting ministers was announced.

Benediction, Rev. D. V. Jemison, D. D., Alabama.

FIFTH DAY—Sunday

Sunday School Mass Meeting

145. Rev. S. N. Vass, D. D., conducted the Sunday School hour. The chorus sang for the opening selection, "Jesus Paid It All".

146. Rev. M. A. Talley, D. D., Pennsylvania, offered prayer. Rev. J. M. Nabritt, D. D., Georgia, led in Responsive Reading and offered the teachers' prayer. "Leaning on Jesus" was enthusiastically sung by the school, led by the choir.

147. Mrs. R. T. Sims, Mississippi, led in reading of the morning lesson. Rev. J. T. Brown, D. D., Tennessee, gave the lesson story. Classes by states were taught 20 minutes.

148. "Onward Christian Soldiers" was the marching song for the reassembling from classes. Judge Wm. H. Harrison, Illinois, summarized the lesson and brought out the practical applications. Hon. C. M. Roberson reviewed the lesson fixing the location of events of this lesson. Dr. S. N. Vass made the closing remarks.

149. Rev. W. L. Petty, D. D., Illinois, conducted the Annual Sunday School Rally. Secretary A. M. Townsend presented the Cradle Roll workers, Mrs. R. T. Sims, Directress. The Cradle Roll Department reported \$1,004.66. Prizes went to Illinois and Oklahoma. A tribute was given by the workers to their leader, Mrs. R. T. Sims. The closing exercises were finished with "Amazing

Grace" led by Secretary A. M. Townsend of the Sunday School Publishing Board.

150. Total received in Sunday School Rally \$362.65. The banners were awarded: First to Alabama, second to Mississippi, and the third to Ohio.

Morning Session

151. State Vice-President J. F. Walker, D. D., Ohio, called the devotional leaders to the platform at 11:00 o'clock.

152. Prof. W. M. Lewis opened the morning worship by singing "It Pays to Serve Jesus". Rev. C. A. Greer, D. D., Texas, read the Scripture lesson from 1st Kings, 19th chapter. Rev. C. N. Perry, Georgia, led the Convention in prayer for an overwhelming shower of the Spirit during the hour of praise. "I Shall Not Be Moved" was sung by the chorus.

153. Judge W. H. Harrison in well chosen words introduced the preacher of the hour, Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D., Chicago, Illinois, President of the National Baptist Convention. Prof. J. H. Smiley, Kentucky, sang, "I Know Who I Have Believed".

154. The great preacher chose as a theme, "The Faith the Church of Today Needs," "And he said to his servant go up now and look toward the sea." Sparks flew as the hammer fell with skilled strokes upon the anvil of truth. This preacher said, "Religion has been rendered cold, formal and ceremonial by the age in which we live and is a hollow mockery, a shell of its former self. It has lost its saving power and spiritual value in the mad, reckless craze for material gain. We are dangerously near losing our vision of heaven. The purpose of preaching is to make the world better and not to make them like it. Discipline is endangered because of the popularity, worldly-minded, sissy preachers. Petticoat preachers are the ruin of the church. Sermons should fit hearts, preferably to fitting homiletic or sermonic moulds. A minister's success is predicated upon faith. Faith is essential to spirituality, which leads to repentance, confession, baptism and obedience. God in us through the old time faith brings us into divine relation, and men are sons of God. Faith can stand the test." Our hearts were fired, our minds were aroused, and we were made to cry out, "Oh for a faith that will not shrink tho' pressed by every foe." The preacher never championed the cause of his Master better.

155. Rev. C. C. Clency, Alabama, prayed for heaven's benediction upon the message and the messenger. Prof. W. M. Lewis sang, "Is There Any One Can Help Us?"

156. The secretary made announcements.

157. Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, D. D., made the appeal for the offering, when \$107.53 was taken. The chorus sang several selections while the offering was being taken.

Benediction, Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., Kentucky.

Missionary Mass Meeting

158. The Missionary Mass Meeting opened at 3:00 p. m. with Rev. J. C. Austin, D. D., Chairman Foreign Mission Board, presiding. Mrs. A. W. Hutchins, Michigan, sang, "Lift Him Up" was sung by the chorus. Rev. J. W. Drake, D. D., Florida, read Acts 1:8 as a Scripture lesson. Rev. Wm. Jackson, D. D., West Virginia, led in a fervent prayer. A solo was rendered by Miss Dorothy L. Gilford, Kansas.

159. The chairman presented Rev. W. W. Brown, D. D., a friend and supporter of Foreign Missions; Rev. W. F. Graham, D. D., Treasurer of the Board, Rev. F. M. Hedgeman, D. D., Recording Secretary, Rev. B. Moore, D. D., Assistant Secretary, Rev. Chas. W. Blackwell, D. D., Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Mapp, of Illinois, Mrs. Clark, a returned missionary, Dr. C. S. Morris, Virginia, and the members of the Foreign Mission Board in America.

160. Chairman Austin made prefatory remarks and Miss Olive Jordan, successor in Florida of Mrs. J. Straghn was introduced.

161. The officers of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention were presented. Mrs. W. W. Brown, New York, sang with impressive effect, "It's real."

162. Secretary J. E. East presented the four out-going missionaries: Miss Marie Reed, Michigan, made a timely talk which was thrilling; Miss Mildred Griffin, Kansas, told briefly the story of her determination from girlhood to serve God by serving Africa; Mrs. D. F. Butler made brief remarks upon the eve of her return to her mission station. "Christ Is All" was sung by Miss Hynes.

163. Secretary East made an earnest address. He requested first that the Convention settle once for all, the status of the Herald; second, that once for all the Convention settle the property question that neither the Convention, any other Board or officer can hypothecate it for any purpose except for foreign mission expansion of foreign mission debts; Third, That all differences of opinion be settled now.

164. Chairman Austin made remarks touching the secret of his personal success as a pastor.

165. The chorus sang a selection, "None Else Can Deliver Us". Miss Sarah C. Williamson was presented and made a very informative and inspiring address.

166. A prayer song was breathed and prayer was the key as they moved down the line to contribute to the cause of Foreign Missions, an offering of \$362.00 was taken. "Praise God" was sung by the chorus.

Benediction, Rev. C. S. Morris, D. D., Virginia.

B. Y. P. U. Hour

167. The B. Y. P. U. Mass Meeting opened at 6:30 with devotional music by the choir. Miss Hutchins, Mississippi, sang a beautiful solo. Mesdames M. E. Holloway and M. J. Parter sang a duet.

168. The principal address was delivered by Rev. F. L. Sanders, D. D., Tennessee.

169. Secretary E. W. D. Isaac made some explanatory remarks touching the achievements of this Board and requested an offering. An offering amounting to \$30.67 was lifted. The chorus sang "I Know I Am a Child of the King" and "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There".

170. Mrs. John H. Williams, Alabama, sang as the closing number, "He Knows".

Evening Session

171. State Vice-President, J. H. Burk, D. D., Ohio, called the Convention to order for divine worship. The chorus rendered a choice selection. Rev. F. L. Sanders, D. D., Tennessee and Rev. J. F. Clark, D. D., Arkansas, were presented for devotional leaders. Rev. A. J. Green, D. D., Maryland, was requested to supply for Rev. H. M. Smith, North Carolina, who was absent.

172. Rev. J. F. Clark, D. D., read for a lesson the 90th Psalm. "Done Found My Lost Sheep" was sung by the chorus. Dr. Greene led in prayer for guidance and providence.

The chorus rendered another selection. Rev. I. C. Reddick, Maryland, sang a solo, "Let Him Fix It for You".

173. Rev. J. C. Love, D. D., New Jersey, presented Rev. C. T. Wilcher, D. D., to preach. Dr. Wilcher took his text from 1 Peter 2:4-9, theme, "Jesus the Foundation of Our Hope and Happiness". The preacher magnified Jesus Christ as a foundation, a corner stone, a living stone, and declared hope and happiness are found in Him. The sermon was a very spiritual treat.

174. The chorus sang while the offering was being taken. The collection amounted to \$28.68.

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was sung.

Benediction—Rev. C. T. Wilcher, D. D., New Jersey.

Sixth Day—Monday Morning Session

175. President L. K. Williams called the session to order at 9:30 a. m. The chorus sang, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Rev. W. M. Withers, D. D., South Dakota, read for the morning Scripture lesson the 12th chapter of 1st Corinthians. Prayer was offered by Rev. D. W. Higgins, D. D., Mississippi. "Shine on Me" was sung.

176. Rev. J. T. Brown, D. D., Tennessee, lectured on "Kingdom Extension Through Stewardship". The address was highly illuminating and filled with Scriptural truths.

KINGDOM EXTENSION THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

Moreover, it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful,
1 Cor. 4:2.

There are two big ideas in this subject. The first is the coming to the earth of Christ's kingdom; he brought this kingdom in the earth when John the Baptist announced "that the kingdom of heaven is at hand." This kingdom is a religious, spiritual, and self-denying kingdom. When John made his famous announcement, he put on a program of religious education as a means for saving the world after it had tried to save itself without success for four thousand odd years. It is a kingdom that saves from sin and self-destruction because the vital requirements for entrance into it according to John the Baptist is repentance followed up by church membership. This kingdom Jesus Christ brought into the world by his incarnation, life, death, resurrection, and teachings. This same kingdom he wants extended to the ends of the earth; for heaven has stated that whosoever believeth in Christ, the Head of this kingdom, shall be saved. What Jesus did to install the kingdom in the earth is all that he can or could do. Every single thing that he as King of kings, and Lord of lords, could do to set this kingdom up, has been thoroughly done; his part in its establishment is finished. He said this in his hour of death and agony upon the cross. The kingdom is perfectly established from its deepest and broadest foundation to the spire of its heavenly beauty. This is Jesus Christ's part in the establishment of his kingdom. Before he left the earth upon his cloudy throne over Olivet's historical brow, and before he waved good-bye to his anxious church upon whose up-turned faces tears of sadness coursed, he told them to "Go into all the world and teach, or disciple all nations into converts; to preach to every creature in the earth and convert him into subjects of his kingdom. It is here that the idea of stewardship comes in. Stewardship is an earthly idea which heaven has taken up, and into which God has poured a heavenly cure for earth's salvation. A steward is an agent, one who manages the affairs of another for him during his absence, using all his powers and ability in this task. His chief aim is to spend his life in increasing the income of his master. This brings him every sort of remuneration, but especially the confidence and promotion of his master.

The first steward in Bible history of which we have note is Eliezer, the steward of Abraham, who was the friend of God and the father of the faithful. He it was who went and brought Rebecca to Isaac whom he loved at first sight, and by whom he gave the world Esau and Jacob. He had full control of Abraham's estate; he was the trustee of Abraham's vast estate by Abraham's selection. Steward is the Bible word for trustee, and trustee is the world's word for steward. They are synonymous. The main idea contained in stewardship is perfect, voluntary, self-sacrificing service for the glory of God; the dominant thought connected with trustee is faithfulness in legal service for others. God claims the right to make man his steward because he also claims the earth, the universe as his own; he claims the universe by virtue of creation, preservation, providence and redemption. By this fourfold claim God owns everything and everybody in his universe. Because of this fact he demands the cooperation of everybody and everything in carrying out his high purpose of redemption. Redemption is the ultimate and last big event in the universe. When sin in creation wrecked the universe, and entailed endless sorrows and disasters upon mankind, God devised redemption through his Son as the one way to rectify the dangerous disasters of sin.

In the out-working of the details of redemption, God in Christ enabled almost infinitely to glorify God and help his brother by being a faithful steward, giving himself, which is not his own; his time not his own; his talents, which are not his own; his possessions and personality which are not his own; but all of which are Christ's which he gave them with the price of his own precious blood. Stewardship becomes vastly and practically important in the extending of the kingdom.

Every Christian is a steward, and every Christian is called upon to give all that he has, and all that he hopes to be in serving Christ by extending his kingdom to the uttermost parts of the earth. This doctrine has been



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been wrought into the practical group of Bible teachings lately; for many a year this scarlet thread of practical cooperation with God had not been discerned; but today, after much study and prayer, this crimson cord of love and sacrifice is seen clearly extending from Eden's Garden to the Judgment coming by way of Calvary. Jesus Christ's Kingdom will never be extended until every one of his subjects recognize him as King as such a King who has given himself for the lives of his subjects, and who in turn asks only that his subjects live for him and the extension of his kingdom as proper reciprocation.

When we speak of stewardship today; we somehow fix our minds upon money, upon the wealth which Christians possess. This is in a measure wrong as it detracts perhaps from the real spiritual notion of the giving of one's personality; because the personality is all that a man is, and hence when that is given, nothing is reserved. Viewed in the new light of things, when men work and put their personality, their time and talents in material possessions, and then offer those possessions willingly and liberally upon the altar of Jesus Christ for the extension of his kingdom, he has virtually placed his personality upon the altar. This gives the Christian idea of money a new setting; it lifts it up from being dirt, or mere material things, and puts a halo of the spiritual about him, because wealth, money, is the output of one's soul and body. Money is that which the Christian has earned through his personality, his time, his talent, his cooperation; thus the dollar therefore in our times represents perhaps in a higher way in a Christian hand the sum total of the Christian's life and measure of his spiritual activity. So that he who gives of his means gives himself, sharing with Christ himself, and all that he has earned. Not until the Christians of our denomination shall have learned, and decided that they and all they are are not their own, but are bought with the blood of Jesus Christ, and hence give wherever and whenever needed in whatever measure is required for the extension of Christ's Kingdom at whatever sacrifices, there will be no extension of the Masters' Kingdom.

This is the point of view to which the Spirit is driving the church; this is the aim of all gospel teaching to so infiltrate into the soul of the individual Christian, and into the big heart of the church, the doctrine of stewardship to such an extent that we will come back voluntarily, by the teaching of the Spirit, not to socialism, but to that spring-tide of grace and that perfection of the brotherhood of man that fell upon the early church in Jerusalem, when voluntarily, seeing the need, each man sold all that he had and gave it, not of force, but out of love, in order that no one should lack, but out of a common possession all should be blessed in Christ. This is the great aim which the church is moving today, and the object permeates every church and its auxiliaries, that the teaching of stewardship is important to extend Christ's kingdom, so that ere long:

"Jesus shall reign, wher'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more."

This cannot be done, nor will it be done, until every Christian recognizes himself as a steward and gets actively on the job.

177. The journal was read and approved.

178. The statistician, Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., submitted his report. It was approved.

179. A motion prevailed to adopt the report of the historian.

180. Rev. A. Hawkins, D. D., Ohio, offered an amendment that the Constitution touching membership fee be changed. The resolution was ruled out of order by State Vice President, D. V. Jemison, Alabama, who was presiding.

181. The Home Mission Board submitted its report. After discussion and several motions overruled, a motion prevailed to recommit the report to carry out the instructions of the Convention.

182. Bishop R. C. Ransom, of the A. M. E. Church, was presented by Vice-President W. P. Offutt, and made a fraternal address. Rev. O. C. Maxwell, D. D., Missouri, responded for the Convention.

183. Rev. W. H. Jernagin, D. D., District Columbia, offered a resolution re-affirming its position on temperance and law enforcement. The same was adopted with the amendment adding the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments.

Whereas: There appears in the Louisville Courier Journal of September 9th, an article which misrepresents the attitude of the Convention toward the candidate for the Presidency, the prohibition issue in the pending campaign, and the attitude of the Republican Party towards members of our race. We deny most emphatically the statement that this Convention passed a resolution condemning the leaders of the Republican Party for the "persecution of certain Negro leaders."

Whereas: This Convention has already placed itself on record in previous resolutions in favor of the Eighteenth Amendment, Volstead Act, Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments and against any change that might endanger prohibition or lead the way towards a return to the saloon, and,

Whereas: Effort has been made to have this Convention reverse itself in the position previously taken by unanimous vote through an adroit and shrewdly drawn resolution: be it

Resolved: First—That we also deny the assertion that the presiding officer to the Convention prevented a vote favoring prohibition, on the contrary the Convention at the earnest solicitation of the President voted unanimously to uphold and sustain this amendment by their votes and their prayers.

Second—We insist that there is not a single delegate in this Convention who has or can be influenced by any sentiment of overtures that are being made by the agents and representatives of the Wet Cause. We are a resolute minded in the good cause of temperance.

Third—That this Convention reiterates and re-affirms the action previously taken in favor of prohibition and against any changes or modification of existing statutes, so loyally supported by the Hon. Herbert Hoover, the standard bearer of the Republican Party, and in taking this position the Convention does not endorse any unfair or questionable methods employed to embarrass or discredit any of our well known and highly esteemed race leaders who have gained the confidence of the people through many years of faithful and efficient service.

Fourth—That we call upon our constituents everywhere to make every effort to promote temperance legislation in every legitimate form.

W. H. JERNAGIN.

The Chorus rendered a selection.

184. A discussion of official reporter was had, when it was declared that Dr. T. O. Fuller, Tennessee, was the one and only official reporter of the Convention.

185. Rev. P. M. Beverly made an apology for heated remarks. The apology was accepted.

186. Mrs. S. W. Layten, President Woman's Auxiliary Convention, submitted her report in well chosen words. The report showed that \$86,850 had been given to the various phases of the work, that \$7,044.43 had been raised in the Louisville session, that 724 delegates were enrolled. A motion to adopt the splendid report was unanimously approved.

187. Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., Kentucky, made remarks.

188. The Home Mission Board submitted its report, with Rev. S. S. Odum, D. D., Arkansas, Chairman; Rev. A. D. Williams, D. D., Georgia, Corresponding Secretary, and Atlanta as the new headquarters; Rev. O. W. Lenoir, Mississippi, Recording Secretary; Rev. Jno. Goins, D. D., Missouri, Treasurer. The salary to be \$250.00 per month.

The report was approved upon a divided vote 168 for, with 68 against.

189. The following resolution was submitted by Dr. C. H. Parish and unanimously adopted.

Many of us are so anxious to hear the welcome addresses and the responses in the National Convention and in the Woman's Auxiliary that we think it wise to institute a union or joint opening service of the National Convention and the Woman's Auxiliary; so that they will set at the same place and same hour, and both bodies will have the privilege of hearing not only the opening addresses and responses, but also the annual messages of the president of the National Baptist Convention and the president of the Woman's Auxiliary. Therefore, so be it

Resolved, that the Program Committee be and is hereby authorized to merge on the annual speakers and all other details that will carry out the spirit of the above recommendations. Be it further

Resolved, that if there be any by-laws prohibiting such changes that said prohibitive by-laws be so altered as to permit the full execution of the above amendment.

A charity offering of \$5.79 was taken. Announcements. Recess

Afternoon Session

190. The Convention re-assembled in the Lampton Street Baptist Church at 4:00 p. m., with Rev. C. C. Scott, D. D., State Vice-president, Pennsylvania, presiding. The usual devotions were had.

191. The secretary of the Benefit Board made his report. A motion prevailed requesting the auditor's report on the Benefit Board. Upon motion the matter of the Benefit Board was referred to the Board of Directors.

192. The Educational Board submitted its report, and was referred to the Board of Directors, with instruction that the personnel remain the same.

193. President Williams brought before the Convention the Golden Jubilee of 1930.

194. A motion passed that a committee of nine on Developing Jubilee Plans be appointed.

195. The Board of Directors submitted the business transacted by it. The report was approved.

196. The Transportation Committee submitted its report through Secretary Townsend. A motion of commendation for progress and cooperation was passed.

197. A motion to table the further reading of the journal of the winter session passed.

198. A motion prevailed to request by presidential proclamation \$10.00 from each loyal minister to clear up the Federal Council of Churches matter.

199. The Executive Committee was voted authority to direct the operation of the "Voice."

200. The president, Dr. W. H. Jernagin, submitted report for the S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Congress. The next session will be held in Charleston, S. C. \$5,723.12 was raised and 3,000 delegates and visitors.

201. A motion to refer all unfinished business to the Board of Directors (Carried).

Benediction.

Evening Session

202. State Vice-President W. D. Carter, California, presiding, the session opened at 8:00 p. m. Devotions were conducted by Rev. F. C. Locust, D. D., Kentucky. Prof. W. M. Lewis rendered a selection.

203. Rev. T. L. Griffith, D. D., California, preached the closing sermon from Matt. 27:19. The message was full of thought and magnified the Christ as a sin-bearing, suffering Jesus. The theme, "Worthless or Precious? Which and Why?" was masterly treated and the Convention was edified.

Matt. 27:9—"And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value."

1 Peter 2:7—"Unto you therefore which believe he is precious."

Rev. 5:12—"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing."

The Scriptures which have been chosen as a text bring to our minds two views of Jesus entirely opposite one to the other. The first one shows the existence of a state of mind which regarded him as worthless; the last ten represent him as exceedingly precious, and worthy of power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

We must spend a little while looking into this first opinion. Judas, the traitor, made a proposition to the ruling Jews: "What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you?" I want you to notice that in advance Judas committed himself to accept any estimate of the worth of Jesus that might be reckoned by the Jews. "And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver."

"Thirty pieces of silver!" The law of Moses, (Exodus 21:32) prescribed that if an ox should goad a slave, the owner of the ox should pay to the owner of the slave thirty pieces of silver. I have no doubt that these scribes who were learned in the law were here classifying Jesus in value as a poor and worthless bond-slave. Many of the slaves of our own race were sold in the markets of the South for enormous sums. The money that bought these, would doubtless buy today one or two high-powered automobiles, when we consider the changes in the buying power of a dollar then and now. Jesus was adjudged far less of worth than negro slaves in this land of ours.

"Thirty pieces of silver!" What we call common labor is the poorest paid labor in the markets of the world. In my state a common laborer receives about four dollars per day. If he should work three hundred days a year he would receive in that length of time the equivalent of interest at six per cent on twenty thousand dollars. Life insurance statistics place

the value of one man thirty years of age today not less than five thousand dollars. But Jesus, a young man thirty-three years of age, adjudged worth sixteen dollars and fifty cents, or about one dollar and seventy cents for every year of his life! Truly to these ruling Jews Jesus was worth nothing.

And when they received this money, what should they do with it? The price of Jesus was not worth putting into the treasury of the Lord! The whole life of Jesus was not worth expending for temple upkeep or temple support of any kind! The price of Jesus was not worth the purchasing of a place for burial of the well known Jews. It was all right for the poorer strangers—that was all. Indeed they bought an accursed ground, or that same field is the place where Judas, the traitor, fell—a suicide. Jesus was worth to them only that accursed field of blood.

"Thirty pieces of silver!" It was a climax. It was no sudden conclusion. It was the end of a long season of developments and events. For long before this time they had put their estimates upon him.

(a) Jesus was not worth good treatment! He was a social outcast. This man has "gone to be the guest with a man that is a sinner." If he went into a city or a home on a mission of healing or forgiveness, they cast a cloud over his motives, and forced his social contacts to be among the lowly and despised.

(b) Jesus, when arrested, was not worth a fair trial. Whether we consider the trial of Jesus from its Jewish or its Roman aspects, it was not according to the law. Jesus was mobbed—not tried. It was good enough for Jesus that across the period of twelve hours or less, he should be tried before Annas and before Caiaphas, before Pilate and before Herod and before Pilate again; that under cover of the darkness he should stand before the Jewish tribunal and before the Roman court; that he should be tried on one charge before the Jews, and on another before the Romans; that he should be insultingly addressed and unmercifully questioned; that he should be disrobed and mocked, and struck with the hands and scourged; that he should be condemned while the judge who pronounced the sentence declared: "I find in him no fault at all!"

(c) In short, the consensus of opinion among the ruling Jews was: "This man is not worthy to live."—And they crucified him.

It is to me strange how the Roman soldiers and the passing crowds around at that time to acquiesce in the judgment of the Jews. For the soldiers stripped all his garments from him and adjudged that, helpless and that he could hang there naked before the crowd until God wrapped his body in the darkness that covered the earth in the last three hours on the cross. The passing crowd saw in it time to gibe and jeer as they cried: "He saved others; himself he cannot save; if he be the King of Israel let him come down from the cross, and we will believe him."

There were seventy members of that Sanhedrin Council. It would appear that as many as sixty-eight of these decided that he was not worth burying. They did not arrange to bury him even in Acceldama. They might have had him hanging there until the ravenous birds of prey came to feast upon his flesh. "But we thank God for Joseph and for Nicodemus. And Joseph was not to beg for it!"

What ever estimate could possibly have been put upon Jesus Christ! I know of but one way could it be done? I know of but one answer that could be given. The scribes and Pharisees and chief priests did not believe in him. All unbelief places a low estimate upon him. I grant you that it is possible that some might not believe and yet might not go to the extremes of unreasoned harshness or cruelty to his person. But all unbelief places a low estimate upon Jesus Christ, of which all I have said is an illustration of a man. That fact makes it appear that Jesus is worthless to save a sinner, to transfer a life, or to correct social evils, or to bring us into everlasting peace and life.

Now let us spend a little time looking into the second opinion: "The Lamb is precious." Peter would say, If you believe, he is precious. I understand that perhaps a more accurate rendering of this Scripture is

"To you that believe, is the preciousness". But whatever way it is rendered, the reference is to Jesus. Peter in his epistle makes frequent use of the word "precious." He speaks of "precious faith", "precious promises", "precious blood", "precious corner stone"—and it all relates to a very precious Jesus.

Preciousness may be constituted through the opinions of men or it may be innate. There was a time when some African natives would look at the diamonds, as we would the pebbles on the sea shore. You cannot give the diamond an intrinsic value. But the opinion of man has lifted it into enormous value. Civilized man reckons it a very precious stone. I walked through the Louvre Galleries in Paris. I saw the Mona Lisa. A guide said the French people regarded that picture worth not less than a million dollars. It was only a picture. Opinion and sentiment gave it that enormous value.

But the preciousness of Jesus is innate. He is precious in himself. Let us think of this preciousness.

(1) The very body of Jesus is precious. The body of Jesus does not belong to the low class with other human bodies. It is in a class to itself.

(a) The body of Jesus was precious because it was a body without sin. There was never a time when there were any imperfections in his body. It was perfect through every stage of its growth from infancy to adulthood. The only limitation upon that body was the limitation of stature and that increased according to the years. He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin. You and I dishonor Jesus when we try to classify his body with our own—for all of our bodies have sin, but his from the manger to the throne never had any sin at all.

(b) The body of Jesus was precious because it was a body with supernatural power. When his hand touched a sick or afflicted person—at once the ailment passed away. If his hand touched a dead person, that person would revive and live on. If a poor woman for years suffering from a loathsome malady could only touch the hem of his garment, strength would go out of his body to heal the woman or her ailment. When he took one of those five loaves of bread and those two fishes, he magnified and multiplied their food supplying power. When his feet touched the waters of the Sea of Galilee, those waters became as dry ground under the touch of his precious body. And when he was on the summit of Mt. Hermon, when he had prayed awhile, glory went forth from his body into the clouds and his raiment "shone with the dazzling brightness of the sun."

(c) The body of Jesus was precious because it bore our sins. Remember that our sins were laid on the body of Jesus. "Who himself bore our sins, in his own body on the tree." And this is in line with what the Bible says in prophecy: "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed." When you take the Four Gospels and compare the accounts of the crucifixion of our Lord, and see the chapters that deal with that last week, and compare them with the chapters that describe the three and thirty years preceding, you will see how the Holy Spirit has revealed so much of the bodily suffering of our Lord. It is because our sins were laid on his body. The sins of all men make me to suffer. The sins of our bodies make us all to suffer. Jesus bore all our sins, and the sins of all the world. There is no sin that he suffered.

(d) The body of Jesus is precious for still another reason. The body of Jesus never saw corruption. That body resisted decomposition. There is no doubt about that. The sealed tomb would have killed him, if the cross had not. It has been abundantly proved that Jesus did not see corruption. "But his flesh did not see corruption." Life revived in that body, and he was lying in that tomb. And I tell you it was that body that could rise again.

There is something still more precious about that body. I am satisfied that that body is in the heavens today. I used to have a professor of theology, (and I love him) who used to tell us that Jesus was still in that body somewhere, sometime while he was making his ascension into the world.

on high. I have grown to believe that the body of Jesus went to heaven. It was pure and sinless and was worthy to go on over there; and it was spiritual and could live in a spiritual atmosphere. That body is to come back. The angels said: "This same Jesus that you see go, shall return." When Jesus speaks of coming back he speaks always of the coming back of the Son of MAN.

(2) The blood of Jesus is precious, very precious.

Many new cults, many new religions have been started in recent years. I do not know of any new cult that has any blood in it in sacrifice or in symbol. But all the ancient religions had some blood in them. They were all a symbol. The purest of all these symbols was in the religion of the Jews. But they all pointed to Christ. For hundreds of years the sacrifices on Jewish altars were looking toward the sacrifice on Calvary. "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission." "Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold . . . ; but with the precious blood of Christ."

Our sins were nailed to the precious body of Jesus. Our souls are redeemed and cleansed and saved by the precious blood of Jesus.

Out in the City of Los Angeles we have a member of our church, Mr. Clark by name. Mr. Clark was one day working in his yard, and a thorny piece from a palm tree made an incision into his arm. It caused blood poisoning to set in. He was taken to the hospital. There he was told that to save his life they must amputate the arm. The arm was removed but he grew no better. We expected him to die. They finally told him there was only one way to save his life; that if they could find some one who would consent to let blood flow from another body into his, there might be chance for his recovery. He consented. But who should undergo the ordeal of losing blood for the life of another man? A healthy young woman made the sacrifice. A vein in her body was opened. A tube was connected with a vein in the body of the victim. There was a transfusion of blood. A young woman gave of her blood to save the life of a man of another race, and that man advanced in life.

Living love suffered those wounds to be made in the hands, in the feet, in the side, in the back and in the head and in the heart of Jesus Christ, and that pure and precious blood might flow out through the transfusion into to cleanse us, and to make us fully whole. It is precious blood. It cleanses the vilest of sinners. It has cleansed us. We would not be here today but for the precious blood. We praise God for it.

Jesus himself was aware of the preciousness of his body and his blood. And he told us the memorial of his supper that we, the church might keep them both in mind until he comes in person.

I believe Jesus is precious in many other ways. He has done more than all kings, all generals, all armies, all statesmen, all politicians, all capitalists, all merchants of all ages put together to make this a better world.

Jesus gave us the public school. If you do not believe it, go to the lands where his gospel never has been preached.

Jesus has inspired the higher learning. If you do not believe it, study the origin of the higher learning in this land alone. And when we realize the preciousness in higher learning, we will understand how to connect man with the telegraph, the telephone, the radio, the steam-engine, the automobile and the aeroplane.

Jesus has been moving the world to higher social ideals. Piracy and slavery have gone. Autocratic kingships have gone. The saloon has gone. The day of racial brotherhood and of the conception of race equality has dawned. The pin-arrow car is going. Full democracy is coming. Jesus is precious.

Think further into what Peter has said. "Unto you that believe he is precious. Calistot votes him worthless; belief acknowledges him as precious."

Let us make an appeal to the ministry and to Christian workers on this matter of believing in Jesus. Do we believe in him to the extent of realizing his preciousness? If we do, there is no sacrifice too great

for us to make for him; there is no task that we will not attempt for him, there is no sinful pleasure we will not renounce for him. For he will be so precious as to be our treasure; and where our treasure is, there will our heart be also.

I know of nothing better for us to do in going from this Convention than to evangelize to the ends of the world.

The secret of the strength of the church is its belief in Jesus. Samson was a strong man. Samson was a Nazarite. Jeremiah says of the Nazarites (Jer. 4:7): "Her Nazarites were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were more ruddy in body than rubies; their polishing was of sapphire." When Samson dropped his head into the lap of the wily Delilah, he suffered himself to renounce and betray the secret of his strength. He broke the vow that made him strong. When the church in the ministry drops its head into the lap of worldliness, it suffers itself to renounce and betray the secret of its strength. Our strength is our belief in Jesus. May we arise like the apostle of old to say—

I'm not ashamed to own my Lord,
Or to defend his cause,
Maintain the honor of his word,
The glory of his cross.

Jesus, my God, I know his name;
His name is all my trust;
Nor will he put my soul to shame,
Nor let my soul be lost.

But speaking of preciousness, I want to call attention to a picture in the book of Revelation. I tell you if I were an artist I would want to try to paint this picture. And yet I know no artist can paint it, for part of its beauty is in motion and motion cannot be brought out in art.

John, the beloved disciple, had a vision. He was on earth and most of the vision was in heaven. And yet he was near the heavenly scenery. Of course he had to be "in the spirit."

It appeared to John that the surface of the heavenly city was like crystal sea. I suppose it sparkled as a diamond. A throne was set in heaven. The record does not locate the exact position of that throne, but if I painted that picture I would place that throne in the center of the city.

Oh, that throne! Can you see it? Majestic, kingly, awe-inspiring, wonderful. The throne of the king is always a gorgeous part of his palace. A beautiful, seven-colored rainbow formed the first of the concentric circles around it. There were seven lamps around that throne every one ablaze. John would have us to believe that those seven lamps were emblematic of the Spirit of God in all his fullness and his power. These lamps were the second of a series of concentric circles around that dazzling throne.

On another circle around that throne there were four living creatures. They had faces of earthly creatures, but they were cherubim. And each had six wings. When Ezekiel described the cherubim, he said: "Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went, they went every one straight forward."

And on the fourth of these concentric circles there sat four and twenty elders. Of course these four and twenty elders represented the patriarchs and the twelve apostles—the old dispensation and the new. These elders were clothed in white raiment and had on their heads crowns of gold.

That is the physical setting of the picture. Now we come back to the throne. God, the Father, Creator, and Lord was sitting on the throne. And John saw the lamps blazing, heard thunders and voices coming from the throne, and saw and heard the living creatures shouting praise of God the Father. Heaven praised God the Father. In the old dispensation and the new praised God the Father. "Thou art

Lord, to receive glory and honour and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

While heaven was giving its plaudits to God the Father, seated on the throne, a strange new sight attracted his attention.

God on the throne held a sealed book in his right hand. The book was written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

John observed a strong angel. It flew over to the eastern heaven crying "Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof?" It flew over to the western heavens, to the southern heavens, to the northern heavens, crying, "Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof?" No one in heaven was found worthy. And the angel flew down to the earth and under earth and cried aloud: "Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof?" But the angel found no one in earth. John could not endure it. He cried and cried until his crying attracted the attention of an elder on a throne.

The elder left his seat; came down and spoke to John: "Weep not; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof."

John looked again about the throne. He was looking for the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah was none other than the Lamb of God. For there was standing there a Lamb as it had been slain; standing there with his all seeing eyes and in the fullness of the power of God.

He came up to the throne and received the book from the Father's hand. And then—the great commotion in heaven: The four living creatures moved down off their seats, the four and twenty elders moved down off their seats; and they all together praised the Lamb of God.

And John then saw other circled seats around that throne occupied by a mighty host of angels. The number of angels was ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands. And this is the song that heaven sang: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing."

The Lamb is worthy. Jesus is precious. And the man who had this vision is the same one who wrote: "These are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God and that believing ye might have life through his name."

204. "Lift up Jesus" was sung. Prayer was offered by Rev. Brannon, California.

205. Rev. C. T. Stamps, D. D., Mississippi, offered Resolution of Thanks.

Brother President and Convention:

Whereas, the churches, pastors and friends of Louisville, including the powers that be, have given us cordial reception and hospitable entertainment this entire session, we fully expected suitable accommodations; however these have broken the record while the common carriers have endeavored to make ours both safe and pleasant. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that we extend them a rising vote of thanks, praying Jehovah God's blessings upon them.

C. T. STAMPS

A collection of \$4.96 was taken.
Benediction, Rev. T. L. Griffith, D. D., California.

L. K. WILLIAMS, President,
R. B. HUDSON, Secretary

MINUTES
AUDITOR'S REPORT

VITAL STEPS TAKEN FOR THE SYSTEMATIC OPERATIONS OF THE
NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION AFFAIRS, ITS BOARDS,
AUXILIARIES, AND ACTIVITIES OF EVERY KIND

It is said that, "Necessity is the mother of invention," and in the present case it seem to run true to form. The enlarging of our borders, the expanding of our financial operations, the extension of our denominational activities and the full development of our denominational possibilities—all made demands upon us for systematic management. After hitting here and there for an answer to the imperative cry that would not down, upon the insistent suggestions of national auditor, E. D. Pierson, we decided to take the Cost System Remedy together with its two chief supporters, Efficiency and Production, as a cure for our present denominational ills.

In keeping with this decision the following resolution was offered and adopted at the annual session of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., at Baltimore, September 9, 1925.

THE RESOLUTION

Whereas, after surmounting many apparently unsurmountable obstacles and impenetrable barriers, we have succeeded in erecting, equipping and modern machinery, furnishing with modern supplies a magnificent Publishing House at a cost of over one-half million dollars, and

Whereas, to insure permanency to this splendid achievement it must be operated along modern, economical, and efficient lines, and

Whereas, this can be done only by a system, Cost System if you please, planned, worked out, and made to fit our special needs by those who understand them, and

Whereas, such a system has been thought out, installed, and is now being put in operation by the Convention's auditor, E. D. Pierson, of Chicago, after many varied setbacks and postponements, and

Whereas, we have been fully convinced that the system has the proper "teeth" in it, to cause to be done effectively the things that should be done in a Publishing Plant of this nature, and

Whereas, such a system not only needs record keepers to faithfully and impartially keep the records of labor performed, material used, and allowances made—and so on, but it needs, worst of all, some one who can properly analyze, compare, interpret, direct and apply the principles and intention of the system so that an efficient operation will be uniformly and constantly maintained, and a profitable production realized, and

Whereas, our Auditor, whose equal in these matters we have not yet discovered, both in originality of thought and plans, as well as in the good feel, conservative, congenial yet uncompromising and firm way he goes after things, is to us the one outstanding figure, fully capable intellectually, loyal, denominationally dependable, and we believe to be fair—he is the one to put in charge of this phase of the work (that is, of directing the keeping of all the records in all of the departments, clerical, financial, and labor) that if it succeeds means denominational achievement and independence; but if it fails means denominational disgrace, unworthiness of confidence, enslavement, and

Whereas, we have every reason to believe that with this system properly operated we has been outlined and demonstrated to us (and can be outlined here if necessary) there can be saved to the denomination, year after year, from \$10,000.00 to \$40,000.00, and

Whereas, the principles of this same system can be made to extend to all our "Boards" of the Convention throughout the connection:

Therefore, be it resolved: That we here and now (for delays are dangerous) employ our auditor, E. D. Pierson, for all of his time in order that he may be able to carry out the things outlined above.

Be it further resolved: That, in his capacity of auditor and efficiency expert, he will be empowered to act as the direct representative of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., in all matters pertaining to or will pertain to his specific duties; and that his decision or orders in such matters will be subject to approval of the Executive Board or the National Baptist Convention in session. The auditor or director of records will report all matters pertaining to his office to the National Baptist Convention or its Executive Board who will approve or disapprove of same.

Be it further resolved: That the details as to the carrying out of this forward step together with the proper compensation for this unusual service (borne by the various Boards) will be worked out satisfactorily to the auditor in and by the Executive Board at the earliest possible convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)
A. D. WILLIAMS
P. JAMES BRYANT

I. CHANGES INEVITABLE

In the process of building up a civilization or denomination, new customs, new methods of doing things, new thoughts on new methods, and new aspirations naturally come into being.

Changes may come gradually and almost imperceptibly as the natural growth of a child; they may also be sudden and revolutionary as in the overthrow of kingdoms and empires for the establishment of Republics in which the people rule.

In the olden days, these changes were slow because learning and freedom were the possession of the few; but within the last century, and within our denominational rank during the last ten or fifteen years, tremendous changes have come, particularly in methods. During the period at large, the candle has given way to the lamp and the lamp to the incandescent light; the hoe and the plow to great labor saving devices; the stage coach to the railroad; the railroad records for speed have been displaced by the aeroplane; the sailing ships by the ocean greyhound; the post by the telephone and telegraph, and they, in turn, by the wireless. Mark you, each new discovery, in its turn, has revolutionized life's activities, with the tendency ever to speed up. Thus, we find ourselves today moving at break-neck speed, doing a thousandfold more business than a century ago—and doing it easier and better—this is SYSTEM and EFFICIENCY.

Thoughtful, honest and progressive people quickly adjust themselves to the new conditions and life's activities go on. Since new conditions make necessity demand new inventions, the thoughtful among us, from whatever clime, have set their faces, adamant-like towards the rising sun of denominational expansion and denominational systematic Business Control.

To this end you have ordered me to install and operate the Cost System, Factory and Managerial—in all your activities where needed.

Politics, industrial and commercial pursuits—all have you say, to whom, for what—that is System.

System permits accomplishments of that which otherwise is just a dream. Whether its operations are used as a mercantile, manufacturing or transportation business or in our home. Follow me closely.

II. THE COST ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

Out of the Efficiency-Production Department of the National Baptist Convention has naturally grown The Cost Accounting System, indispensable to the proper functioning of the Efficiency and Production Department in the control of all financial operations of the National Baptist Convention activities.

1. In its operations since its real inception, October 1, 1925, to June 30, 1926—nine months, it had affected an annual saving, touching

more or less the Administrative, Selling and Factory divisions, of more than \$26,000.00.

2. Since the Convention at Fort Worth, Texas, in the machine division the Composing Room alone, by standardizing and classifying the labor and wages of the linotype operators, it has effected another saving of \$1,673.30 per month, which equals \$12,879.60 per year. In other words, under the new arrangement, we are getting our linotype work done, by the same persons, on the same machines, for \$1,733.60 per month cheaper. Or, for the same amount of work we will now pay \$12,879.60 less per year. To this should be added, the just as definite and profitable speed up of the hand composition, press room, and bindery along with the additional work for the same money of the editorial and stenographic departments.

Much more is scheduled to be saved from Mr. WASTE and his cohort. As fast as time and co-operation will permit, time sheets, standardization, classifications and other adjustments will continue to be made until even department or division is reached—and those reached are reinforced for greater efficiency.

III. HAS BEEN EQUAL TO ALL DEMANDS

Since it is the truth, it is only fair to the System to say that, from its very beginning until now, no occasion has arisen but what the System has shown itself more than able to handle it. The reasons for this are:

1. It is strictly impersonal—dealing with approved records furnished by the party himself with the approval of his foreman. Of course, these records are tabulated and interpreted by me and the efficiency of the employee measured thereby—periodic Personal Efficiency lectures are made to them.
2. It is built on the fundamental principles of fair play as taught by the Golden Rule. Its creator believes that those who help produce profits should share proportionately in those profits—hence, wages commensurate with the profitableness of the task performed—are recommended—any other kind is either charity or usury. Its procedures are carefully and prayerfully thought out and the insistence for their execution, while courteous and brotherly, is firm.
3. It deals with facts, not feelings. Although the System is intensely human in the application of its principles, every case with which it deals stands on its own merit as to the thing done or not done, and the motive prompting it. I am free to confess that it is a difficult matter to find supervisors who are in sufficient sympathy with its principles—because of their lack of systematic training and sometime from downright obstinacy in order to shield their own incompetency—to apply them fairly to those working under their supervision. The Director is pleased to note unmistakable signs of improvement along this line.
4. The System is not "sometimey" in its operations. It requires the same thing, performed the same way under the same conditions—barring variations if proven to be for the better.
5. The System encourages individuality of execution when efficient principles are not violated. It also invites independent thought that makes for higher aspiration and personal improvement with the tendency ever toward personal promotion.
6. The System will prevent further denominational "splints," when its principles of operation is thoroughly understood by the LEADERS. Hence the great necessity of ALL our leaders, especially, becoming conversant with its intended operation.
7. It develops skilled women and men in all gainful occupation and useful employment because it recognizes absolutely the merit which is personal efficiency.

IV. HUMAN AID NECESSARY TO PROFITABLE OPERATION

To profitably operate the creditable plant at Nashville, it is absolutely necessary to have the work properly departmentalized for efficient management and profitable production in order to get profits from our commercial operations to foster our ever-expanding denominational program.

To this end the System was mapped out on the operating principle of "functional control"—that is, many divisions, independent in their procedure in executing their special duties, as outlined by the System of the Efficiency-Production Department of the National Baptist Convention, being amenable only to these Convention approved regulations, the National Baptist Convention and the Convention's Official-Executive family.

The Efficiency-Production Department of the National Baptist Convention Incorporated, which is also the Efficiency-Production Department of the Sunday School Publishing Board and all other Boards and activities of the National Baptist Convention, which have anything to do with finance of any kind, with the approval of the National Baptist Convention, has designated the following functionaries, applicable to all Boards and activities as stated above:

1. The Efficiency-Production Department is to draft Systems for the control of all its (the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A.), activities dealing with its finances of all kinds; and to direct the operation of all such Systems.
2. The Executives, known as Secretaries, and the like, are to execute or see that they are executed, all of the procedures or regulations as outlined by the System given. The Executives are the heads of the Departments embracing the various departments outlined below, and adopted at the Fort Worth Session of the Convention, September 8-13, 1926:

DEPARTMENTS

ADMINISTRATION—Factory Division

The Factory Department, consisting of everything used in connection with the production of the finished product from the raw or semi-raw material has divisional names and duties as outlined below:

1. The Factory Superintendent. He has full charge of the operations of production in accordance with the plan outlined by the system, together with its attending responsibilities of so planning the work that neither machinery nor men will have idle hours during the daily production periods. To help make effective the supervision necessary, he shall be furnished, if necessary, an Assistant Superintendent whose duties shall be assigned by him with the concurrence of the Secretary and the Efficiency Department.
2. The Foremen. Each department shall have its directing Foreman whose authority over the conduct and labor of those under his charge must be fully felt and respected to the end that the operation and management of his department will be effective. He must be held personally responsible, for the use or abuse of this authority, to the Factory Superintendent, the Secretary, and Efficiency Department.
3. The Employees. They are expected to be faithful, loyal, respectful, punctual, and business-like, congenial at all times and, in return, receive the respect and courtesies the above virtues demand. In all things affecting their efficiency and attitude, they are to have the necessary recourse to the Efficiency Department for substantiation and verification of their records or comparative records before final decision which must be in accordance with records revealed facts. Provided, however, the Factory Superintendent, or his assistant or foreman may suspend temporarily, any person or persons from work for cause, if the exigency of the case war-

rants; he assuming personal responsibility for such suspension until the matter is finally settled by the records.

4. The Stock Clerk is solely responsible for everything of value that relates to both finished and unfinished product together with all supplies and purchases of every kind used in connection with our commercial operation. All properly drawn requisitions are to be filled by him and he is to state why incorrect when such is the case. In no case, however, will he make changes in requisitions. This must be done by the originator. In short, his duty is to fill or not fill requisitions; receive all purchases of the Sunday School Publishing Board as above outlined and keep a vigilant eye on the movement, as well as others, of all material and supplies that waste, spoilage, etc., may be kept at the minimum. He, and he alone, shall have a key to the stock room (except emergency key kept in case of Secretary.) There are to be no master keys to these rooms.

II.

5. The Selling Department. This department embraces the Order Receiving, Adjusting, Distributing, Labelling, Shipping and Delivery to common carrier divisions.

The Salesmanager. The head of this department shall have full charge of the Selling Department which consists of the Order-Receiving, Adjusting, Distributing, Labelling, Billing, Shipping, and Delivering to common carriers of merchandise, product or anything sold by the Sunday School Publishing Board. He shall be assisted in these operations by the following Divisions:

(a) The Order Handling Division, consisting of Adjusters, General Accounting Machine, Labelling and Billing Machines and their operators, together with an official Label-Certifier who shall also act as Foreclerk of the Order Handling Department.

(b) The Mailing Division, consisting of two sections—Periodicals and Merchandise otherwise.

(c) The Delivery Equipment, consisting of motor trucks and other necessary modes of delivery.

He must give personal attention to the Sales Department, handling all sales through his office, and such supervisory attention to the divisions handling things sold, so as to be able to know whether or not things are efficiently and correctly handled, and that services in these departments are economically and profitably performed.

III.

6. The Buildings and Grounds department will be operated on the basis of Landlord (Buildings and Grounds) and Tenants. The Landlord to furnish hall lights, water, heat, elevator service, etc., to the tenant while everything and everybody that occupies space in the building will pay a uniform rental for space occupied.

All payments made or charges made for the building, as such, is charged directly to the Building and Ground Accounts.

IV.

7. The Accounting Department, has charge of all records of whatever nature pertaining to anything and everything connected with the receipt, disbursements, purchases, sales, contracts of all kinds that have any bearing on any and everything that has been, is being, and is expected to be put for by the Sunday School Publishing Board. Qualifications for service in this department, to be valid, must be approved by the Auditor, who furnishes the system of bookkeeping to be used; and he has full control of all its operations.

WHAT EXECUTIVES SHOULD KNOW

Since knowledge of the thing to be performed must precede performance, our various Executives should not only acquaint themselves with the knowledge of the following Executive Indispensables, but should actually USE these as very essential part of his operative program. The Executives should know and heed the following:

1. He who holds the throttle should understand the signals.
 2. Business lives by the vigor and brain of the men it produces.
 3. High wages for well-managed work results in low cost.
 4. Modern machinery, intelligently used, works wonders in profit making.
 5. "Know all executives no less." No valve should be placed on the "know how" tank.
 6. That satisfied customers form the only safe basis upon which to build a permanent and profitable business.
 7. Units without union really mean disunion.
 8. The ones who say "dig there and find gold" are more valuable than the ones who dig; for to know it is there gives the greater incentive to dig.
 9. That System permits accomplishment of that which otherwise is just a dream.
 10. That responsibilities naturally gravitate to the persons who can shoulder them; power flows to those who know how.
 11. Make good pins or the public bids another to make pins.
 12. That the public demand is created by the service rendered.
 13. The competition increases business; and that advantage is with the ones who increase the quality as well.
 14. He must know how to differentiate between fundamentals and details.
 15. That the two thieves of an executive's time are: (a) Unimportant details; (b) Mistakes. Ails should look after less difficult situations.
 16. That employees should be chosen carefully and paid generously—thereby getting "two-in-one," an efficient worker and a business booster.
 17. That the only difference between a groove and a grave is the depth.
 18. That proper control can be maintained, only through facts.
 19. That compensation, to be fair, must connect directly to performance.
 20. That the difference in a day's work lies in the productive value.
 21. That the only safe tradition to follow is good work.
 22. That big fish are not afraid of deep water; neither are worth while men afraid to tackle difficult tasks.
 23. That the modern business executive has a four-fold function; a watcher, an economizer, a pusher, and a planner.
 24. More serious than big losses, usually guard against or provided for, are the small waste—the little drains on the vitality of the business. Their insignificance constitutes the greatest menace. Escaping notice, they escape correction.
 25. That there can be no efficient organization and system without adequate, accurate, and properly used records.
 26. That waste, and a successful business is incompatible.
 27. That resourceful men accumulate resources both for themselves and others.
 28. That it takes more circus, but more common sense in business.
 29. That Income, Outgo, Costs, and the "Why" should be kept daily before him, if he expects to keep reins on the business.
 30. That to be too busy to know about everything about the business is to be not busy enough to run a successful business.
 31. That activity does not necessarily mean productivity.
 32. That complaints are danger signals.
- Next to the Executive, come the Employees upon whom he must depend to perform the productive and non-productive (indirect) labor. They have right to be respected and duties to perform, and should be paid a living wage for their labor in keeping with the requirement thereof. This naturally brings up the question of salaries and wages.

V. SALARIES OR WAGES

The salary or other compensation for labor, to be adequate and just, must be considered from the standpoint of Relative Values measured by the following wage factor:

General Factors—

- 1—Physical effort required, dexterity, temperament.
- 2—Personal skill necessary; independent of training.
- 3—Hazard involved, if any.
- 4—Strain due to speed, noise, attention, discipline, etc.
- 5—Disagreeableness of job.
- 6—Possibilities of Advancement.
- 7—General Education required.
- 8—Special job instruction and training.
- 9—Experience and Length of Service.
- 10—Steadiness of job-seasonability.
- 11—Labor supply for particular job, and in general.
- 12—Cost of living.
- 13—Wages in community.
- 14—Wages in industry.
- 15—Financial situation of industry—whether product is in demand, whether profitable or sharply competitive.
- 16—Uncertainty of tenure.

The employee should have a certain amount of intelligence, if he is to render profitable service; for ignorance is said to be the night of the mind a night without moon or stars at that.

The employer of labor should know that it is far better to have one man working with him than three men working for him—the secret of an enthusiastic employee.

VI. GOOD BOOK-KEEPING, BACKBONE OF A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS

A business is thrice blessed whose records are immediate, reliable, adequate, and permanent. How often are business men heard to say, "I work my people hard but the business doesn't seem to get anywhere." Some really think if they work hard, get the business, keep the people busy (and that's not often done) that the records can take care of themselves.

Most of the records—especially of our group—are kept by the "Guess-and-Hope" method. Guess we are right and hope to make a profit. Whether you call it theory or not, if our efforts, business or what not, are not so directed in channels which bring to us definite information about the results of our efforts, we may as well select our business funeral dirge; for we are unerringly bound for the heartless rock of business failure. Then too, the very fact that everybody knows he is doing his best in the absence of profitable results, each becomes unconsciously suspicious of the other's honesty—on the theory that hard work must make profit—but you don't see it. What can you know about the havoc the heartless Mr. Waste is playing with your rightly due profit, if your records are not kept in a way to reveal them informationally to you? Just to show you received money and paid it out isn't business at all—simply a memorandum of undeveloped facts.

VII. THE NEW ACCOUNTING PERIOD

Beginning with January 1, 1927, a new Accounting Period, ending March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31, has been inaugurated. Among the reasons therefor are the following:

1. To lessen errors.
2. To correct more quickly and easily errors that are made, all the better to get the benefit to be derived much sooner.
3. To get a more accurate result of seasonal "turn-overs."
4. To get the actual financial conditions in time for
 - (a) Comparisons of various kinds.
 - (b) Sufficient time to plan for the proper and economical handling of matters that, if delayed, may be disastrous.



Chairmen of the Boards of the Convention

- (c) Pushing the more profitable.
- (d) Speeding up, or cutting off the less profitable.
- (e) Accurately furnishing financial statements for any period on short notice.
- (f) The better to train and test the ability of our record keepers —Book-keepers.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF AUDITOR E. D. PIERSON, ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION IN YEARS INDICATED BELOW

1921

1. That all Boards, excepting the B. Y. P. U. and S. S. Publishing Boards, will keep a well bound duplicate receipt book and the same kind of duplicate warrant book in which is to be recorded every cent of money received and paid out, respectively.
2. That the B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Publishing Boards shall have printed conspicuously on their label books (which books shall be made in duplicate) the word "value" followed by the dollar sign where the amount of the order must be inserted.
3. That a quarterly trial balance be taken, that errors, if any, may be more easily detected. These trial balances to be submitted with other records to the Auditor.
4. That the financial part of the Board's report be not printed until passed upon by the Auditor.
5. That the Auditor's report follow immediately on the program of the reports of the various Boards.
6. Owing to the economical way the Secretary arranges to have the clerical work of the Convention done, saving several hundred dollars' expense every year, I recommend that his salary be raised to \$600 per year.

1922

1. Since time is an important element both in properly "closing" the books for any stated period as well as assembling the facts for the auditor's inspection and interpretation; and, further, because the auditor needs ample time for this most brain-taxing job, if it is to be done properly (if otherwise, it is useless), I recommend that our Convention year begin with July 1st and close with June 30th, instead of beginning with August 1st and ending with July 31st, as it now does.

Forewarned is forearmed. Because of this fundamental truth, I recommend that ALL bills and accounts against the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., (excepting those, the amount of which has been stipulated by the Convention), be first submitted to the auditor of the Convention for his inspection and approval before same is paid by the Convention. The auditor returning said bills or accounts with his "O. K.," or stating disapproval as the case may be.

Because of misunderstandings that often prove disastrous to the work of the Convention through its "Boards," I recommend that, in all cases where there is a change of a "directing official, of any of our "Boards," that the books and other records of that "Board" will be audited by the Convention auditor before the new secretary takes charge, and that the expense of this service be borne by said Board; provided, however, should the said Board fail to pay, the Convention will assume such expense and hold said Board responsible to it for same.
2. That no record keeping official of the Convention shall continue in office who persists in keeping his records according to any "pet scheme" entirely at variance with the practical and accepted standard business forms of our country, the auditor is to install such approved methods where needed and his instructions pertaining to these matters are to be absolutely followed.

5. Since nothing is practically right that is fundamentally wrong, and since we should be fair before we are generous, I recommend that no donations be made out of the Convention's treasury until all legitimate expenses incurred in its operation have been provided for.

6. In order to avoid some very unpleasant occurrences and "anbooness-like" practices, I recommend that the "Finance Committee" and Treasurer count and accept as available Convention finance only the actual CASH secured commercial paper, such as cashier's check, approved travelers' checks, money orders and the like, and only such personal checks for which they themselves will become responsible.

7. That in reporting the receipts of the Convention, the "reporting party" or parties will report separately the amount received from each source—such as Enrollment, Finance Committee, Door Receipts and the like.

8. That the secretary be ordered to compile all auditor's approved recommendations for the last ten years and encouch same in the minutes just preceding the Constitution, that all concerned may know of the Convention's adopted requirements and be enabled to govern themselves accordingly.

1925

1. The treasurer is to have, aside from his Cash Book, a duplicate receipt book (the form of which is herewith ready for submission to the Executive Board), from which a receipt must be given for all monies received by him. The same is true of the Warrant Book or Voucher Book in duplicate, to be kept by the Secretary and from which there must be a properly drawn and signed voucher covering every expenditure.

2. That both the Secretary and Treasurer shall use the columnar form of Cash Journal, with sufficient columns to accommodate the various things to be kept distinctively separate, and that these columns be so used.

3. That the Secretary begin making out, at an early period during the session, vouchers for all specific accounts known to be due—as operating expenses, etc., that the usual embarrassments and blunders of the "rush" moments may be avoided.

4. That all persons claiming bills against the Convention make it known to the Auditor, who will take the necessary steps to verify and approve same, which he shall bring to the attention of the Convention or Board.

5. That the Finance Committee be so divided that three (3) members will see after enrollment from churches and their auxiliaries; three (3) after Conventions and Associations; three (3) after individual enrollment and pledges; and three (3) after issuance of badges on the presentation of an enrollment receipt from either of the above three groups. Of course these various groups can work at the same table or in the same room for convenience; but each must keep his own group roll and money separate from the others; and all cash or its equivalent must be turned over to the Secretary and the Treasurer daily.

6. That the reports of all the Secretaries, along with the Auditor's will be printed and delivered in sufficient time to be assembled and placed out of each in an envelope for free distribution at the Convention upon presentation of the enrollment badge; provided the enrollment fee be increased as to cover fully this added expense.

7. That the Secretaries and Officers, in order to make recommendations six effective, will close their records according to the Convention opening through the Auditor, June 30th inclusive, and have everything in connection therewith ready for the Auditor not later than July 15.

8. That a pre-Convention Executive session be held, annually, on the evening before the opening of the Convention, and that the Auditor be safe to make his technical and detailed report to this body for their guidance in dealing with the financial affairs of the Convention, planning intelligent adjustment and expansion during the working hours of the Convention. And, that, for all important matters requiring serious consideration, a committee be appointed to boil the matter down and bring the gist of it to the Convention for final action.

panel of such committee to be selected according to their special fitness for such service.

9. That the Secretary be required to compile the approved recommendations of the Auditor in his various reports, and print them in close proximity to the Constitution in the Minutes, that all who are concerned may have due and timely notice in order to govern themselves accordingly.

10. That the Minutes be printed within four months after adjournment of the Convention, so that their early distribution will be an added means of information to the jurisdiction, through which confidence may be increased and cooperation may be accelerated.

11. In order that our system of operation may be effective and really mean something, the recommendation of 1921—"That the financial part of the reports of Secretaries of Boards be not printed until passed upon and approved by the Auditor," be rigidly enforced. The reasons are obvious, the violation of which is causing humiliating embarrassment.

1926

The following recommendations of Auditor Pierson were adopted after several days' serious deliberation by the Special Committee of Nine:

1. Removing the domicile of the Home Mission Board from Little Rock and Wynne, Arkansas, to the Morris Memorial Building at Nashville, Tenn.

2. Flat Salaries for Field Workers. In order to encourage and help develop thrift and economy in expenditures, and to prevent Convention extravagance, I recommend that all Field Men be given a salary commensurate with the job, including expense; as against so much salary plus expense as is now the practice.

That, in all cases where salaries or wages are paid, the amount to be paid shall be based on relative value of the work to be performed.

GENERAL BUSINESS DIRECTOR AND AUDITOR, NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.

His Manifold Positions

I. As Auditor—He is to analyze, classify, verify and synthesize as well as direct the procedure of the Record Keeping Department.

II. As Accountant—He is to draft systems and the correct forms and plans necessary to their effective operations as well as the corresponding regulations to be observed in their execution.

III. As Efficiency Director—He is to devise the most economical yet effective way of operation throughout the entire activities, including the best combination of men and machinery.

IV. As Production Manager—He is not only to scan time sheets of the various departments and groups, but he must direct, and follow up their tabulation, serotimize their revelations, criticize their retardations, magnify their acceleration and recommend the proper compensation for superior productive efforts as well as dismissals for those who fail to come up to the ordinary requirements.

V. As Concurrent Purchasing Agent—He must direct the record keeping of both the raw material and finished product through the perpetual inventory records; relative to the products that are stored in both the store-rooms and stockroom, he should know the minimum and maximum amount to be kept on hand and see that we place orders in a way to get the best market values and prices. This goes for all sizeable purchases.

VI. Special.

VI. He is to train the entire group of near bookkeepers of our various Boards.

(b) Furnish financial system for the National Baptist Convention for use and systematize the record keeping of its officers.

(c) Prepare and furnish authentic summarized statements for National Executive Boards, when required, throughout the year.

(d) Compile, simplify, arrange, print and deliver, annually, a complete financial report of all the Boards and officers at the National Annual Meeting.

(e) He is to do any other thing he sees needed to be done to make our big mission and a quarter machinery succeed.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN,
SEPTEMBER 9, 1927

TO THE OFFICERS AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES, NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.

A serious pleasure it is—that of reporting to you the operations of both your Official Executives as well as the Executives in charge of your activities in operation.

For more than 2000 years everybody thought the world was flat. Since then Magellan and others have sailed around it; and today the aeroplanes are flying around it—mark you around it.

Sick persons, a few centuries ago, were thought to be afflicted by evil spirits. Our great-grand-fathers even thought tomatoes were deadly poison; today, no vegetable salad is considered complete without them.

Many a person have absolutely wrong impressions about business; but how are they to be "cured" of this impression unless there are leaders at executives who themselves know and who possess backbone and courage sufficient to show those less capable of seeing things not as they think they are, but as they really are.

Nothing is so disconcerting to those who do not want to know the truth as adequate, reliable, analytical, accurate, immediate records. The records of your officials and the management of your activities reveal the following:

THE BOARDS

I.

THE NATIONAL BENEFIT BOARD affairs seemed to have remained in statu quo during the past current conventional year. The Auditor recommended at Ft. Worth that this Board be either discontinued instantly or re-organized. After the report of the "Special Committee of Nine," subsequent Executive Board meetings at Ft. Worth, Cincinnati and the National B. Y. P. U. and S. S. Congress, the re-organization of said Board was decided upon—the Executive Board at Cincinnati decided however the domicile of said Board would be changed from Helena, Arkansas to St. Louis, Mo. Further than that nothing else definite has been done.

Mr. Holloway wrote in answer to a communication from me, as to what has transpired during the year that, aside from a vacation and a position for a hospital in Colorado, the Board has remained inactive. There are no receipts from its operation and no disbursements of indebtedness. In consequence have come up for my consideration.

II.

THE HOME MISSION BOARD'S records are not at all satisfactory. The Secretary of this Board had me agree to pass up his audit in 1927 because of his special engagements in the East whereby the financial needs of this Board would be greatly helped; with the added assurance that he would be in his office early in August to give his personal attention to submitting correct records of its operation. Up to the date of my leaving the office, Saturday night, September 3, I have neither seen the Secretary nor had any word from him. The records, as found in his office are set forth in detailed classification in the Auditor's printed report, page 23; the "high spots" are interpreted thus:

RECEIPTS

Religious Bodies, general	\$ 127 36
Designated Funds	7,638 38
Sales of Literature	402 41
Southern Baptist Convention (Est.)	5,600 00
Notes Payable	697 00
Field Collections retained	7,628 35
Total actual receipts	\$ 22,098 50

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary and Expense of Secretary	\$ 2,266 35
Salary, Clerical Help	480 00
Salary, Missionary, Southern Bap. Conv. (Est.)	5,000 00
Salary, Missionary, retained from "field"	7,628 35
Expense in travelling	1,027 61
Designated Funds	812 00
Loans repaid	197 00
Loans made	69 00
Sundry detailed in report	282 20
"Spent otherwise"	8,120 11
Total	\$ 26,207 60

This Board Receipt and Disbursement accounts show a deficit of \$4,109.10; the same being a disbursement impossibility—in the absence of the source supplying the deficit. The Auditor will insist that the Secretary itemize the paid out "otherwise" column or account—hoping through this to fully establish the paradoxical disbursement. An excess liability of \$4,348.90 is also shown. (For detail, see Auditor's Report, pages 23-26).

III.

THE NATIONAL B. Y. P. U. BOARD shows a substantial increase in both the operation of its activities as well as its contributions, etc. The comparison follows:

RECEIPTS

	1926	1927	Increase
From Activities	\$45,382 30	\$47,975 26	\$2,592 96
From Contributions	2,923 33	7,677 33	4,754 00
Excess Assets	52,861 74	54,319 08	1,457 94

Note also in this connection that a substantial amount for depreciation has been deducted from all assets subject to a declining valuation contingent upon use.

The Auditor is frank to say that, after much effort and instruction upon his part the main records of this Board (barring a few technical details) have developed into the first class shape of actual practical and informational book-keeping.

30 E: The Auditor has very little trouble, no discerned unpleasantness and the time of auditing is materially shortened and the facts are more accurately vouched for at all places where those with whom he has to deal really know; for at such places the efficiency of the System is appreciated and followed, because of the superior advantages it offers. (For detail, see Auditor's Report, pages 26-30.)

IV.

THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD, contrary to prediction, out-stripped last year's receipts both in its activities and contributions. The comparison shows:

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	RECEIPTS		Increase
	1926	1927	
From Activities	\$4,440 85	\$8,570 22	\$4,129 37
From Contributions	66,051 05	70,337 35	4,286 30
Total Receipts	\$82,886 50	\$102,792 77	\$19,906 27

Thus you see this Board has made very substantial financial gains as revealed by its records, over the preceding year—the flood and imaginary drawbacks notwithstanding.

THE SYSTEM

After more than a year's delay in attempting its operation, the Board finally began its operation during my return visit there on the 4th of last month. The Secretary seems to be squarely behind its operation. The being the case, smooth sailing, in this respect, is assured just as it has been at every place of its installation where it has had the whole-hearted backing of the local executive management. (In detail, see Auditor's report, pages 30-35).

THE S. S. PUBLISHING BOARD, the Pentamerous creature of the National Baptist Convention and which produces far more than the combined production, or even the combined receipts of all the other Boards and Conventions, is possibly the largest general business operated by our group anywhere in the world—and suffers not in comparison with the average business of any other group.

It is pentamerous in that, under our new plan of operation, it is divided into the five following divisions—The Factory, the Selling, the Building as such, the Contributionary and the Administrative or Management in general—all held accountable within its own operation yet all combined into one workable whole—with no over-lapping. In its local records the classification is still more closely drawn—in order that the profit of "good showing" of the one will not be eclipsed by the non-profit production or "bad showing" of the other. The tested and audited records of this ultra-pentamerous creature show the following actualities:

Gross Sales (Here in detail by months)	\$ 263,136 83
Less "Returns" and allowances	2,900 00

Net Sales	\$ 260,236 83
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Of course expense—administrative, supervisory and handling as well as rents must come out of this. In other words, the Profit and Loss Statement starting off with the initial sale of \$263,136.83—taking in expense of every kind (including rent) that could possibly be chargeable in commercial operation (all editors and writers included), if the Factory of "general trading" section produced the clean cut profit of \$12,228.31 does not include contributions, borrowed money, cafeteria expenses or expenses. The above has been made possible through the operation of the Efficiency-Production Department, by its agent known as Perry. More specifically stated, for the most part it takes this form:

Savings reported at Ft. Worth	\$ 26,000 00
Savings during the year, from standardizing linotype operator	12,228 31
Savings Force reduction, O. Department—Perry	400 00
Savings increased output of \$16,018.29 without increasing force	1,579 29

Total savings above	\$ 40,227 60
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This does not include the general savings brought about in the wherein with an increase of only \$5,942.47 in operating expense, the production was increased by actual sale (not counting uncollected) to \$16,018.29—almost the ratio of 3 to 1.

MINUTES

Why the Financial Strain?

If the Efficiency-Production department manipulations are making these substantial gains or savings above mentioned, why such pressing financial needs you ask? Here is the answer fully and truly:

FIRST—Because this saving has not been in effect long enough.
SECOND—Because of the enormous additional burden added to furnish completely this mammoth building. I say "burden" because the thousands of dollars involved in the furnishings and what not, did not add one iota towards the increase of production.

Example—If you were operating a business from which you were realizing a profit, say, of \$5,000.00 a year, taking \$3,000.00 per year to meet obligations already contracted, would leave \$2,000.00 per year that could be applied to other things. Now, suppose immediately upon the heel of that, the amount of payment on "other things" is increased to \$6,000.00 per year and by rigid economy, System, you increase your profit \$3,000.00—60 per cent of the original—a big gain to be sure—but, with this big gain you find yourself "short" of meeting the requirement to the amount of \$1,000.00; when, before this great gain, but also before the great additional burden you could not meet fully your obligations. Be fair; read carefully; think straight; be reasonable; judge for yourself (for the condition is plainly stated)—what causes the "strained" financial condition?

THIRD—Because of other additional burden (undoubtedly over-looked) necessitated by the shift to larger quarters—such as the burden of—

Two Elevator Operators
One Telephone Operator
Six Janitors
One Night Watchman
One Fireman

To say nothing about several more salaried persons, some of whom contribute absolutely nothing toward the operation of the Sunday School Publishing Board. Under classified Salary and Wages, page 41, Auditor's Report, you will find salaries for these alone amount to \$11,151.80. All of these must be provided for out of the earnings and receipts of this Board. So, whatever amount the System has saved—and the amount claimed for it is just as true as any other statement in the report—we are made just that much better off; for its expense of complete operation is not more than 12 per cent of its gains, while being operated under, at least, a 25 per cent handicap.

All That Is Needed

Here is the problem to be solved. It is easy. We can do it. Will we? All that is needed is a definite financial budget from sources outside of the Publishing Plant to "take care" of the excess the Plant can't reach, just long enough to help reduce the payments to the point where the Plant can completely take them over. To do this very thing is what gave rise to the Underwriting Campaign. The exact amount that can be paid by the Publishing Board is known; as is also the additional amount necessary to augment it. These things, and the suggestive definite solution are now in the hands of the National Executive Board for their careful and thoughtful consideration before it is presented to you for ratification.

By an up-to-the-minute System of Factory Cost accounting, brought out by means of a Manufacturing Cost Statement, the following facts developed and are used by the Efficiency-Production department as present standards to make new records of economical operations and to set new efficiency standards—thus producing greater profits from the same outlay:

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SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLISHING BOARD
THE MANUFACTURING STATEMENT

EXHIBIT A

Year Ending June 30, 1927

Work in Process, July 1, 1926		\$12,560 27
Raw Material Used:		
Inventory, July 1, 1926	\$ 5,884 24	
Purchases	33,015 87	
	\$39,800 11	
Deducting Inventory June 30, 1927	6,240 50	
Total material used		\$33,569 61
Per cent to cost of goods manufactured		37 90
Direct Labor		23,515 22
Per cent to cost of goods manufactured		26 50
Prime cost		\$27,074 83
Per cent to cost of goods manufactured		30 50
Manufacturing Expenses:		
Manufacturing Supplies Used:		
Purchases	\$ 3,731 87	
Less Inventory, June 30, 1927	15 02	
	\$ 3,716 85	
Indirect Labor:		
Superintendent and Assistant	\$4,200 00	
Foremen, Editors, Store Clerk (1-2 Salary)	17,231 07	
Administrative, chargeable to Factory	2,400 00	
	\$27,547 92	
Per cent to cost of goods manufactured		31 10
Machinery Repairs	1,000 00	
Light	274 57	
Power	1,348 87	
Insurance:		
General Liability	\$ 810 08	
Workmen Compensation	99 71	
	\$ 915 79	
Factory Rent	\$ 5,400 00	
Telephone Exchange:		
Operator's Salary prorated	\$ 244 92	
Phone Service (2-5)	293 91	
	\$ 538 83	
Depreciation, Machinery and Tools (F. & F. not Inc.)	\$11,700 68	
Miscellaneous:		
Water	\$ 58 26	
Towels	49 16	
Soap	44 16	
	\$ 151 58	
	\$48,884 24	
		\$75,939 67
Total Manufacturing charges		\$88,516 54

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Per cent of cost to goods manufactured		100 00
Less—Work in Process, June 30, 1927		29,322 16
Net cost of goods manufactured		\$59,197 18
Inventory Finished goods, June 30, 1927	\$10,351 54	
Less Finished goods, July 1, 1926	7,166 98	3,184 56
Cost of goods manufactured and sold		\$50,012 62
Per cent to cost of goods manufactured		63 20

EXHIBIT B

Purchased Merchandise Used:		
Inventory, July 1, 1926:		
At Nashville	\$30,123 02	
At St. Louis Branch	6,099 92	
Cafeteria	200 89	
Purchases	\$45,424 73	
	27,596 40	
	\$73,021 13	
Less Inventory, June 30, 1927:		
Home Office and Branch	\$41,058 16	
Cafeteria	402 51	
	\$41,460 67	
Cost of goods sold		\$31,560 46

SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLISHING BOARD
STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS

Year Ending June 30, 1927

Gross Sales		\$263,131 83
Less: "Returns"	\$ 948 70	
Allowances	1,716 31	
	\$ 2,665 01	
Net Sales		\$260,466 82
Cost of Goods Sold:		
Manufactured Products Sold (Exhibit A)	\$50,012 62	
Purchased Goods Sold (Exhibit B)	31,560 46	
	\$ 87,573 08	
Per cent to net sales		33 60
Gross profits on sales		\$172,893 74
Less: Selling Expenses:		
Salaries	\$10,170 87	
Commission	1,306 46	
Entertainment	39 90	
Advertising—		
\$465 (in 1926)	\$ 866 25	
Otherwise	392 32	
Rent	\$ 1,258 57	
	3,180 00	

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Freight Out, General	6,777 68
Freight Out, Voice	360 00
Quarterly Letters	999 50
Incidentals (Booth Space)	63 12
Freight and Drayage	1,247 97
Auto License	26 75
Repairs—Truck	184 10
Garage Rent	50 00
Tires and Tubes	165 60
Gas and Oil	172 76
St. Louis Branch	879 70
Travelling	48 31
Supplies	1,710 00

Per cent to net sales

Administrative:	
Salaries	\$ 2,052 87
Rent Used	10,320 00
Supplies	
Main Office	\$ 200 23
Stenog. 1-2	196 19
Book-keeping .9	200 47

Legal Service	\$ 686 89
Light—prorated	300 00
Light—prorated	005 40
Petty Cash	223 72
Depreciation Office Equipment	2,264 03
Telephone, Telegraph, etc.	653 89
Postage, General	1,768 48
Travelling Expense	853 08
Bad Debts Expense	1,310 71
Rent, other than Administrative, Selling, Factory	17,580 00

Total Administrative	\$38,619 67
Per cent to net sales	14 80

Total Selling and Administrative	\$75,158 36
Per cent to net sales	28 30

Net Operating profits	\$97,735 30
Per cent to net sales	37 50

Other Income:	
Waste Products	\$ 223 12
Water Damage	150 00
Enrollment Teacher Training Course	163 00
Fuel Gas	15 00
Rents	8,370 50
Other Receipts (Postage, Phone, Int.)	63 77
Voice	382 84
Advt.	3,600 00
Total Other Income	\$12,968 34

Charges to Income:	
Interest Expense	\$ 1,480 50
Insurance	109 31
Total Charges	\$ 1,589 81

Net Profit	\$108,104 73
Adding Depreciation Reserved to replace Machinery	

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and Furnishing	13,970 71
Adding also Rent paid to ourselves	36,480 00
Gives a Gross Production and Trading Profit	\$459,555 42

LIQUIDATION BY RETRENCHMENT PROGRAM

1. Elimination:	Month	Year
a—Historian	\$ 50 00	\$ 600 00
b—Historian Office Help	40 00	480 00
c—Matron	40 00	480 00
d—Assistant Field Sec'y	125 00	1,500 00
e—Assistant Superintendent	140 00	1,680 00
f—Assistant File Clerk	40 00	480 00
g—Proofreading Reduction	100 00	1,200 00
h—Bookkeeping Reduction	155 00	1,860 00
Total	\$690 00	\$8,280 00
2. Retirement—Field Sec'y	\$ 50 00	\$ 600 00
3. Reduction in Salary:		
a—Financial Agent (Flat)	\$ 50 00	\$ 600 00
b—Asst. Editor, Home Dept.	8 33	100 00
c—General Salaries 10 per cent (per Mo., \$8,700.00)	870 00	10,440 00
4. Business Management, Voice	300 00	3,600 00
5. Increase Production	650 00	7,800 00
6. Eliminated Obligations:		
a—Field Sec'y Trav. Exp.	\$ 81 81	\$ 981 77
b—Who's Who Exp.	68 33	820 00
c—Who's Who Salary	76 83	922 00
Total (of No. 6)	\$226 97	\$2,723 77
Total		\$33,663 77

To make possible resources sufficient to make up an increased financial saving at the Publishing House alone of \$33,663.77:
I recommend that THIS retrenchment program, entailing elimination, reduction, (not calculated to hamper profitable operation) and increased production, be here and now approved by you—the details of which are to be worked out, and rendered operative by the Efficiency Department in cooperation with the Executive Board or their special appointees.
FURTHER: I recommend that, as fast as it can be made practical, ALL needless of our various activities and officers be done at our own Publishing Plant; and that the regular price be paid (not promised) therefor, in order that our Plant may be kept running at full capacity—making it not so easy to roll up a profit of \$12,900.00 as the present profit of \$108,104.71, to be used on debt reduction.

HOW THE MONEY WENT THIS YEAR

Morris Memorial Building:	
Furnishings, open accounts	\$ 1,811 52
Furnishings and Loan, Notes Payable	18,845 00
Total	\$20,656 52
Salaries—Unk.	6,933 70
Bank Loan and Mortgage	18,068 00

Interest Payable	40,494 84
Cleaning and Painting	1,150 37
Sundry Upkeep, Salaries	2,237 36
Total	\$ 43,882 57
Sunday School Publishing Board:	
Who's Who	\$ 922 00
Historiographer	841 27
Machinery	12,750 00
Reconciliations	4,323 72
Matron	280 00
Interest Payable	3,896 21
Notes Payable	37,575 10
Total	\$ 59,588 30
Grand Total Outside Operation	\$150,128 09
The above was paid by the \$107,030.83 profit made by the business—augmented by contributions and loans	
Amount Paid on the Building by Years:	
1921—Building and Plant	\$ 7,500 00
1922—Building and Plant	811 53
1923—Building and Plant	67,500 00
1924—Building and Plant	50,650 00
1925—Building and Plant	54,272 22
1926-1927—Building and Plant	16,000 00
Total	\$196,733 75
The amount, \$805.00 reported by Dr. Vass as balance due him last year, was not approved by the Auditor, because of the lack of supporting records. Said records have been furnished, audited, and the amount approved, if the annual salary allowed was \$2,500 per year as reported by Dr. Vass. The Auditor is not clear on this point, neither was the Secretary of the Convention able to give the information.	
The Historiographer's account has been carefully audited by me for periods covering 1924-25-26 and 27. The net balance due him as revealed by the records submitted, and the results of past audits is \$354.65.	
The expense of the President's office, as appearing in the printed reports, amounts to	
Special News Service publicity (Prattis) (Overlooked at Ft. Worth.)	150 00
Total	\$2,215 39

OUR PRESENT WEAKNESS IN PROCEDURE

I know of no religious body operating today that has a better business system for the operation of its activities, and the Organization as such, as well as to safe-guard in general, its various interest, than that under which our Convention is now operating.

OUR WEAKNESS

However, our most damaging and destructive practice, that almost paralyzes the forward steps we have adopted, is that of **NEGLECT** in execution, to wit:

1. **Distribution of Reports.**—The regulations are that the various reports be placed at booths, or other centers during the delivery of said report—where they can be had FREE of charge immediately after the delivery of said report, or the adjournment hour of said session or still, all reports and other informational literature etc., be enclosed in envelope and delivered to the delegate on presentation of his badge. This has been adopted.

2. **As to Reports and Election of Officers.**—The regulations and sound common sense custom say:

"Record-keeping officers of the Convention are not eligible for reelection until they have made their reports, and same have been substantiated by the report of the Auditor."

This has been ruthlessly violated during the past two years—including this sitting of the Convention. The absolute necessity for a rigid enforcement of this regulation is seen, in the fact that serious embarrassments, unnecessarily came up to further increase my already difficult task in my attempt to follow our adopted regulations along sound systematic business lines—several reports not squaring with the audited facts. This disregard being used by those reporting to practice further inaccuracies.

3. The printing of the reports of ALL Secretaries of Boards, as well as those of the Officials of the Convention at the plant in Nashville. The reason, therefore, brings to the Convention the following advantages:

a.—This centralization of printing, would materially increase the production of the Board.

b.—It would reduce the cost and hasten the printing of our National Minutes, in that, practically all matter to be printed therein would be already "set up"—there remaining to be added, only the actual proceedings of the Convention.

c.—It makes the certainty of placing the various reports for distribution less difficult and more accessible.

4. The utter disregard of Board Secretaries for the adopted regulations which demand that we close all records June 30, the end of the Convention year, and, by July 15, have all records in tact and ready for the inspection and interpretation of the Auditor. This violation injures the Convention cause in the following ways:

a.—It delays and lengthens the time of the Auditor's itinerary—thereby increasing the expense.

b.—It causes a congestion of records to be analyzed, tabulated and interpreted, just at the time when this condition should be just the reverse. Thus making it doubly difficult to keep out errors in both the audit and those dangerously made in the printing rush that must necessarily follow.

5. In not rigidly adhering to the regulations requiring that all bills against the convention be submitted to the Auditor in time for the validity to be established before payment. This will result in great saving of finance and time.

6. The failure to hold a Pre-Convention Executive Session on the day or evening before the opening of the Convention.

In such a meeting is held, the Auditor would be able to present, in a free, cool, business way, the actual business of the various Boards as affects the Convention direct. There, any difference of opinion, information, misstatements, or understanding could be coolly discussed and harmonized, if possible, to the end that a solid front would be presented to the Convention on all things vital.

7. The Efficiency-Production and Auditing Department, in line with what it considers its plain duty, has tried to present the actual facts, shorn of embellishments, with the sincere hope that knowing the truth, the proper thing will be done to conserve all our denominational interest—and the truth will make us free.

DEPARTMENTAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BY THE PRESIDENT, OFFICERS AND MESSENGERS OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.:

Significant is the unusual responsibility imposed, I submit for your most serious consideration my Annual Report, through which it is intended that you receive a correct exposition of the work and doings of your various "Boards" and committees as revealed by my interpretation of the available records in the different offices. I sincerely urge that you give this report, a careful and intelligent study, in whole or in part if you want it, and, if necessary, that you may intelligently, truthfully, and profitably weigh, approve or disapprove the work of your elected servants.

Division of Missionary Operations

NATIONAL BENEFIT BOARD

St. Louis, Mo.

H. W. Holloway, Secretary

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Sept. 8, 1927-June 30, 1928

RECEIPTS

Donations:

Individuals—	
Rev. A. J. Wesbrook	\$ 3 00
Rev. J. H. Abanathy	5 00
Rev. J. A. Shields	5 95
Rev. S. T. Anderson	20 00
Total Individuals	33 95

Conventions—	
National Baptist Convention	\$ 118 50
Mississippi Convention	50 00
Mississippi Woman's Convention	3 00
Missouri State Convention	6 00
Oklahoma Convention	25 00
Woman's Convention, Oklahoma	10 00
Arkansas State Convention	50 00
Arkansas Woman's Convention	25 00
Clarksdale Minister's Union	5 00
Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress	16 93
Total Conventions	309 43

Churches and Sunday Schools—	
Central Church, Mass Meeting	\$ 13 50
Centennial Sunday School	10 40
New Hope Sunday School	5 00
Total Churches and Sunday Schools	28 90
Total Donations	371 43

Collections:

Rev. S. H. McKenzie	\$ 69 80
Rev. Z. M. Winder	49 13
Total Collections	118 93
Total Receipts	490 36

Administrative:

Secretary—	
Travelling Expense	\$ 157 84
Commissions	98 15
Total	255 99

DISBURSEMENTS

D. S. Shadd, Expense Account	10 00
Mrs. S. J. Thornton, Services	3 00
Commissions—	
Rev. S. H. McKenzie	\$ 21 34
Rev. Z. M. Winder	17 45

Total Commissions \$ 38 86

Freight and Drayage—	
Anthony Blakely—Hauling Furniture	\$ 1 50
Dr. G. E. Stevens—Hauling and Freight	12 50

Rent, July 1 to January 1, 1928	\$ 14 00
Postage, for the current year	30 00
Printing, Sunday School Publishing Board	15 00
	9 64

Total Disbursements \$ 376 49

Cash Balance, June 30, 1928 \$ 114 32
(N. V.)

HOME MISSION BOARD MORRIS MEMORIAL BUILDING Nashville, Tenn.,

W. H. Moses, D. D. Secretary

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Year Ending June 30, 1928

RECEIPTS

Individuals	\$ 1,566 75
Organizations:	
Churches	\$ 2,336 68
Circles	244 98
Associations	275 30
Conventions	30 00
Sales of Literature	251 02

Southern Baptist Convention: \$ 3,137 94

Corresponding Secretary Salary	\$ 400 00
Field Missionaries Salaries	2,025 00

From the Field, Through Field Missionaries \$ 2,425 00
Designated Funds 5,730 21

Total	\$19,012 94
Cash Deficit	30 10

Salaries:

DISBURSEMENTS

Secretary W. H. Moses	\$ 1,850 00
Clerical Help	473 96
Field Missionary	7,369 43
Total Salaries	10,000 29

MINUTES

Board and Lodging, Secretary Moses	420 38
Travelling Expense—	
Secretary Moses	\$ 454 52
Field Missionaries	645 06

Postage	\$1,099 58
Office Furniture and Equipment	34 11
Typewriter Expense	134 40
Notes Payable—Banks	1 00
Sundries:	91 20
Telephone and Telegrams	\$ 23 50
Stationery and Stamps	43 50
Books	35 00
Printing	59 05
Sundry (unnamed)	15 51
Express	\$ 1 11

Donated to Local Churches	\$ 177 62
	7,302 11

Total Disbursements \$10,032 01

HOME MISSION BOARD

BALANCE SHEET

Year Ending June 30, 1928

ASSETS

One Remington Typewriter	\$ 92 25	
Less Depreciation	10 25	
		\$ 82 00
One Iron Safe	129 00	
Less Depreciation	14 40	
		\$ 114 60
Furniture and Fixtures, as per Invoice	503 96	
Less Depreciation	55 99	
		\$ 447 97
One Sponge Bowl, complete	1 50	
Total Assets		\$ 646 05
Deficit		4,733 48

\$ 5,439 23

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable:	
Sunday School Pub. Board, Purchases	\$ 4,032 25
Sunday School Pub. Board, Office Rent	275 00
	\$ 4,307 25
Dr. Jos. A. Booker, Back Salary	542 28
Total	\$ 4,849 53



Secretaries of Boards of the Convention

Notes Payable:

Williams Printing Co. Furn. and Fixtures	\$ 290 00
Peoples Bank and Trust Company	300 00
	\$ 590 00

(Not V'd) \$ 5,439 53

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD
701 South 19th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. J. E. East, Secretary

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Year Ending June 30, 1928

EXHIBIT A

RECEIPTS

Commercial Operations:

Herald—	
Subscriptions	\$ 363 35
Sales per copy	234 95
Total	\$ 598 30
Job Printing—	
Commercial	\$ 2,558 49
Composition for the trade	494 81
Presswork	10 50
Raw Material	1 72
	\$ 3,065 52
Sale of Literature (Periodicals)	3,802 78
Accounts Receivable	2,269 48
Total Trading	\$ 9,736 08
Rents	1,105 00

Contributions:

Current	\$74,225 17
Legacies	734 88
	\$74,960 05

Other Receipts:

Postage	\$ 41 54
Pictures	2 00
Telephone use	70
	\$ 44 24
Special Transportation, (Dewalt)	512 66
Total from Special Operations	\$86,358 03
Notes Payable	2,308 00
Total from Operations	\$ 88,658 03

MINUTES

Refunds:

"Returned" Checks	567 60
Salary	381 65
Stationery and Supplies	1 28
Advertisement	88 00
Mission Donations	69 74
Freight and Express Charges	50 63
Cablegrams	11 82
Merchandise	18 00
Office Expense	11 10
Draft Exchange	480 00
Total Refund	\$ 1,638 90
Total Receipts current year	\$89,285 88
Cash balance June 30, 1927	1,098 91
	\$91,383 90

DISBURSEMENTS

Administrative:

Merchandise	\$ 3,575 36
Postage—	
General	\$ 394 76
Special Drive and Days	1,228 79
Herald	969 00
Total Postage	\$ 2,592 55
Office Expense—	
Stationery and Supplies	282 22
Other Office Expense	311 17
	\$ 593 39
Petty Cash	250 00
Telephone	487 56
Telegrams	4 56
Furniture and Fixtures	128 03
General Expense—	\$ 146 28
Insurance	541 63
Advertisement	18 00
Badges	6 96
Reception	82 66
Express Charges	385 80
Christmas Drive, Gen. Exp.	17 00
Water	8 24
Clergy Permits	161 11
Hauling	34 00
Christmas Gifts	79 00
Light (3-5)	824 56
Real Estate Expense	240 00
Fuel	7 23
Subscriptions	
Refunds—	
"Returned" checks	\$1,247 33
"Returned" Mdse.	52 67
	\$ 1,300 00
Other "General" Expense	425 73

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Special Service (H. F. W.)	240 00
Other Donations (Caver)	5 00
	\$ 4,522 39
Notes Payable	\$ 1,908 00
Interest Payable	46 29
Mortgage Payable	1,260 00
Printing Department—	
Raw Material	\$ 7,400 00
Supplies	327 72
Cuts and Engravings	178 52
Lights (2-5)	53 08
Paper	246 76
Type Metal	104 00
Repairs	51 66
	\$ 8,361 74

Payroll (Admn.):

Secretary East	\$ 3,785 00
Assistant Editors	105 00
Secretary Executive Board	75 00
Printing Department	8,008 22
Clerical Department	5,047 15
Home Field Workers	3,547 69
Dr. L. G. Jordan	550 00
Janitors	79 00
Total Admn. Payroll	\$21,287 06

Travelling Expenses:

Secretary	\$ 1,890 25
Home Field Workers	2,883 80
	\$ 4,774 05

Total Administrative **\$49,701 88**

Mission Field:

Missionaries Salaries	\$17,088 30
Travelling Expense	3,391 07
Hospital Equipment and Supplies	2,575 01
Dental Equipment and Supplies	756 63
Buildings	3,350 00
Work	8,357 45
African Students	707 04
Travel fund, money advanced	450 00
Passports	10 00
Rent	75 00
Exchange and Trade Check	33 10
Station	3 00
Cablegrams	772 13
Films	100 40
Freight	1,032 01
Donations	489 20

Total Mission Field	\$39,190 34
Total Disbursements	\$88,982 22
Cash balance, June 30, 1928	2,401 68
	\$91,383 90

MINUTES
FOREIGN MISSION BOARD
DEPARTMENTAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Year Ending June 30, 1928

EXHIBIT B
THE MISSION HERALD

RECEIPTS

Herald Subscriptions	\$ 363 35
Herald Sales per copy	234 05
Herald Financial Deficit	15,263 40

\$15,863 71

DISBURSEMENTS

Postage	909 00
Cuts and Engravings	178 52
Lights (.3)	39 81
Power (.8)	197 40
Type Metal (.8)	83 20
Repairs (.8)	41 53
Raw Material	5,920 00
Supplies	262 17
Fuel (1-2)	60 00
Water (1-2)	4 25

Payroll:

Assistant Editors	\$ 105 00
Sec'y salary (1-4) chargeable to Herald	900 00
Wages, Printing Employees (.8)	6,878 58
Janitor (.8)	63 20

\$ 7,946 78

Hauling—Delivery

161 11

Total Expenditures

THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Year Ending June 30, 1928

EXHIBIT C

RECEIPTS

Job Printing:

Commercial Printing	\$ 1,000 00
Composition for the Trade	10 00
Presswork	10 00

Raw Material	\$ 1 72
Herald:	\$ 3,065 52
Subscriptions	\$ 363 35
Sales Per Copy	234 05
Total	\$ 598 30
Cash Deficit from Operation	\$ 3,663 82
	14,085 75
	\$17,749 57

DISBURSEMENTS

Payroll, Printing Department	\$ 8,098 22
Secretary, Salary Chargeable to Prtg.	1,000 00

Raw Material	\$ 9,098 22
Supplies	7,400 00
Cuts and Engravings	327 72
Lights (2-5)	178 52
Power	53 08
Type Metal	246 76
Repairs	104 00
Hauling	51 66
Fuel (1-2)	161 11
Water (1-2)	120 00
	8 50

Total Disbursements \$17,749 57

NOTE:—No Insurance, Express Charges, Bookkeeping, Stenographic, or other general expenses have been charged to either of the two above exhibits (B and C.)

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD
BALANCE SHEET

Year Ending June 30, 1928

EXHIBIT D

ASSETS

Current Assets:	
Cash Balance, June 30, 1928	\$ 2,401 68
Accounts Receivable—	
Job Printing	\$ 2,889 38
Literature	512 63
National Baptist Convention Seminary Loan	200 00
Afro-American Tourist	511 75
Total	\$ 4,113 76
Advanced Missionary Salaries	\$ 2,009 58

MINUTES

Inventories—	
Office Supplies and Equipments	\$ 3,519 91
Stock, Raw Material	546 04
Cooler	1 75
Curios (Est.)	150 00
Two Numbering Machines	36 00
Total	\$ 4,253 70
Total Current Assets	\$ 12,778 72
Fixed Assets:	
Printing Machinery and Equipments	\$11,302 59
Less Depreciation	1,118 25
Total	\$10,172 34
Real Estate—	
Land and Buildings, U. S. A.	\$29,000 00
Less Building Depreciation (Est.)	1,900 00
Total	\$28,000 00
Land, Will Possession, W. Va.	6,000 00
Total	\$34,000 00
One Acre and Hospital, Monrovia, Africa	\$20,000 00
300 Acres and Bldgs., Bassa, Africa	3,500 00
1400 Acres and Bldgs., Suchn and Arthington	6,500 00
150 Acres and Bldgs., Bendoo, Cape Mount	2,500 00
97 Acres and Bldgs., Nyasaland, E. Africa	8,500 00
Church House and Site, Cape Palmas	350 00
One lot and House Cape Town, Africa	3,000 00
Total	\$44,350 00
Less Depreciation	2,435 00
Total	\$41,915 00
200 Acres, Blyden Farm, Africa	6,000 00
80 Acres, Roysville, Africa	160 00
Total Deeded Property in Africa	\$48,075 00
"Squatter's Rights"	
Middle Drift, Africa, 6 A, ten-room Parsonage; eleven-room school; Church house; Carpen- ter and Black- smith Shop	\$15,000 00

MINUTES

Out-Stations, 4 Church Houses	5,500 00
In Transvaal, Free State, Queenstown, Ponderland, and Transkie, 5 church buildings	4,500 00
Total Real Estate "Squatters"	\$ 25,000 00
Total Real Estate	\$107,075 00
Total Fixed Assets	\$117,247 34
Grand Total Assets	\$ 130,026 06

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$ 5,381 12
Accrued Missionary Salaries	276 83
Total	\$ 5,657 95
Fixed Liabilities:	
Notes Payable	\$ 500 00
Mortgage Payable	11,400 00
Total	\$11,900 00
Total Liabilities	\$ 17,557 95
Net Worth	\$112,468 11

DIVISION OF EDUCATION

EDUCATIONAL BOARD

Masonic Temple, Birmingham, Ala.

Rev. R. W. Coleman, Secretary

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Year Ending June 30, 1928

RECEIPTS

Individuals	589 99
Organizations:	
Churches and Sunday Schools	\$ 143 64
Conventions and Associations	410 71
Total Payable:	\$ 554 35
Nashville Note	50 00

MINUTES

R. W. Coleman	250 00
	\$ 300 00
Total	\$ 1,441 31
Deficit	123 41
Grand Total	\$1,569 74

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary:

Secretary Coleman	\$ 304 18
Clerical Help	35 00
	\$ 339 18
Travelling Expenses	\$ 353 83
City Expenses	148 58
Rent	138 46
Postage	113 16
Telephone and Telegrams	7 46
Post Office Box Rent	9 00
Furniture and Fixtures	317 50
Notes Payable—J. W. Pace	50 00
Light	4 72
Printing	27 00
Office Supplies	13 00
J. W. Pace Expense, K. C. Convention	25 00

Sundries:

Mass Meeting Expense	\$ 2 65
Ice	5 20
Lettering Door and Window	8 00
Cutting Stencils	50
Deposit, Light Installation	5 00
Deposit, Meter Installation	1 50
Total Sundries	22 85

Total Disbursements

EDUCATIONAL BOARD

BALANCE SHEET

September 1927 to June 30, 1928

ASSETS

Invoice:

1-2 Doz. Oak Bentwood Chairs	\$ 20 00
1 Rev. Arm Chair No. 501	38 00
1 T. W. Desk, single pedestal No. 3242	3 50
1 Oak Costumer	17 50
1 Rev. Oak Steno. Chair No. 237	80 00
1 Roll Top 66" special oak desk	49 00
1 Tri Guard green file	10 00
2 Yale Locks for Tri Guard file	2 00
1 Ink Stand	4 50
2 No. 2 Oak letter trays	

MINUTES

1 Cuspidor with mat	2 50
1 No. 78 Ser. No. 53763 mimeograph	185 00
1 No. 1197 A. C. Motor and Stand Ser. 3136, stand 10505	100 00
1 Oak table, McLeod—60"	34 00
1 Stamp affixer No. 26896	25 00
2 Waste Baskets	3 00
1 Blotter pad	3 00
1 Mellink safe No. 30-A	175 00
1 Stationery cabinet, green, No. 212	41 50
49 Auxiliary angular tabs, yellow guides also inserts to fit in guides for each state in the United States and one insert for the Dom. of Canada	09 00

Gross Invoice	\$ 895 00
Less Discount	49 00

Less Depreciation	\$ 846 00
	84 60

Assets	\$ 761 40
Deficit	110 12

	\$ 871 52
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LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable:

Robert & Sons (Uns.)	\$ 84 35
Robert & Sons (S)	556 00

Stenographic Service	\$ 640 35
Electric Light	19 30
Printing—Magic Printing	7 87
Adams	9 50
	50

Notes Payable, R. W. Coleman	\$ 671 52
	200 00

Total Liabilities	\$ 871 52
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AMERICAN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

White Creek Road

Nashville, Tennessee

W. T. Amiger, D. D., President

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Year Ending June 30, 1928

RECEIPTS

School Activities:

Room Rent	\$ 318 78
Ground Rent	80 00
	\$ 398 78

MINUTES

Parent Conventions:

National Baptist Convention, U. S. A.	\$ 5,301 40
Southern Baptist Convention	6,432 31

\$11,733 71

Other Organizations:

Churches	\$ 220 59
Associations	47 00
B. Y. P. U. Board	328 92
Conventions	270 50

Total	\$ 867 07
Individuals	431 46
General Collections	143 90
Cash Balance June 30, 1927	253 41

Notes:

Receivable	\$ 50 00
Payable	174 00

\$ 224 00

Total Receipts \$14,651 11

DISBURSEMENTS

Hardware	\$ 54 90
Water	19 94
Painting	226 00
Coal	642 95
Plumbing	64 25
Light	179 45
Printing	287 31
Travelling Expense	312 08
Bond	16 70
Furniture	430 00
Office Supplies	1 50
Diplomas	56 05
Telephone	32 59
Telegrams	8 68
Students Labor	131 00
Accounts Payable	224 87
Unsecured Loans	50 00
Notes Payable	1,386 74
Interest Payable	121 88
Freight	14 84

\$ 4,261 53

Salaries:

Teachers	\$ 8,014 50
Stenographer	342 50
Treasurer	418 00
Matron	180 38
Janitor	441 15

Total \$ 9,393 53

MINUTES

Sundry:

Use of car	\$ 92 40
Taxis	4 50
Returned Checks	5 00
Bank Service Charge	50

\$ 102 40

Total Disbursements	\$13,757 46
Cash Balance, June 30, 1928	293 57
	\$14,051 03

AMERICAN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.

BALANCE SHEET

Year Ending June 30, 1928

ASSETS

Current Assets:	
Cash Balance, June 30, 1928	\$ 293 57

Fixed Assets:

Buildings	\$46,800 00
Less Depreciation	936 00
	\$45,864 00
Grounds	32,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 4,500 00
Less Depreciation	450 00
	\$ 4,050 00

Gross Assets \$82,207 57

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable—	
General Operation	\$ 2,339 62
Teachers Salaries	1,953 13

Net Worth \$ 4,292 75

\$77,914 82

\$82,207 57

THE NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS, INC

Lincoln Heights, Washington, D. C.

Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, President

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Year Ending June 30, 1928

RECEIPTS

Operations of Activities:

The School:

Matriculation	\$ 292 00	
Board	8,425 91	
Room Rent	1,875 22	
Tuition:		
Academic	\$ 2,485 00	
Music	623 35	3,108 35
Trade School Operations		453 40
Sale of Books		542 79
Drayage		43 14
Laundry		77 83
Students' Deposits		675 42
Total		\$15,184 03
The Laundry		13,697 79
The Community Shop		576 46
Special Donations for Prizes		62 50
Total Activities		\$29,520 78
Refund—Bad Checks		21 56

Contributions:

	General	Bldg.	Fund	Total
Churches	\$ 5,654 30	\$ 290 89	\$ 5,945 19	
Convention (W. Aux.)	815 65	303 09	1,118 74	
Convention—Others	719 10	130 00	849 10	
Individuals	310 02	1,085 40	1,395 42	
Missionary Societies	101 30	166 10	267 40	
Clubs	87 01	207 00	294 01	
Friends (W.P.)	193 00	1,767 81	1,960 81	
Foundation	250 00		250 00	
Other Organizations	297 18	1,847 33	2,144 51	
	\$ 8,427 56	\$ 5,797 62	\$14,225 18	
Mortgage Payable (Trades Hall)			3,000 00	
Cash Balance, June 30, 1927			7,992 38	

Total Receipts

DISBURSEMENTS

Operation of Activities:

The School:

Salaries:

Teachers	\$ 4,302 21
Clerical Help	1,802 40

Field Agent	785 00
Foreign Students	268 10
Total Salaries	\$7,157 71

Boarding Department:

Salaries	\$ 1,773 67
Laundry	84 00
Students' Labor	544 76
Supplies	2,350 15
Total School	\$ 4,952 58
Total School	\$12,110 29

The Laundry:

Salaries	\$ 9,703 35
Students' Labor	1,387 41
General Expense	2,739 47
Total	\$13,890 23

The Community Store:

Salary	\$ 320 00
Merchandise	523 88
Total	\$ 843 88
Total	\$26,844 40
Students' Withdrawals	1,371 83

Maintenance:

Furnishings	256 05
Lawn and Garden	40 72
Live Stock	58 22
Sewing Department	61 41
Repair—Hardware	557 21
Repair—Plumbing	366 61
Repair—Concrete work	182 00
Repair—Electrical	23 00
Repair—Lumber	537 85
Repair—Chimney (W. R.)	44 00
Repair—Labor	1,546 68
Total	\$ 3,675 53
Special Improvement (Int. Decoration Hlg.)	248 00
General Expenses	

Advertisement	75 10
Drayage	812 95

Supplies:	
Office	\$ 188 61
Sundry	194 61

Coal	\$ 3832 22
Postage	1,532 75
	209 73

MINUTES

Printing	350 50
Auditing	97 64
Labor—Sundry Improvement	295 20
Travelling Expense	343 16
Telephone and Telegrams	211 77
Water Rent	124 62
Insurance	545 45
Janitor	1,405 57
Total	\$ 6,387 72
Trade Hall Financing and General Expense	3,248 96

Mortgage Payable:

Balance, Old Mortgage	\$12,000 00
Trades Hall Mortgage	3,791 61
Total	\$15,791 61
Notes Payable	1,100 78
Lochler (Trades Hall Contract)	18,000 00
Interest Payable	211 22
Accounts Payable	2,100 22
Total Disbursements	24,157 68
Cash Balance, June 30, 1928	1,693 12
Total	\$85,850 61

NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL

BALANCE SHEET

Year Ending June 30, 1928

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash Balance June 30, 1928	\$ 1,693 12
Accounts Receivable	5,308 88
Live Stock	140 00
Total Current	\$ 7,202 12

Fixed Assets:

Land—	
School Campus	\$40,000 00
Lots (4) at Anacostia	400 00
Buildings	\$58,845 00
Less Depreciation	3,097 15
Total	\$55,748 75
Building Improvements	141 20
Trades Hall Building (New)	39,000 00
Machinery (School and Laundry)	\$12,136 99
Less Depreciation	758 56
Total	\$17,378 43

MINUTES

Furniture and Fixtures	\$13,143 34
Less Depreciation	3,514 53
Total	\$11,830 81
Delivery Equipment	\$ 1,080 00
Less Depreciation	108 00
Total	\$ 972 00
Musical Instrument	\$ 1,504 05
Less Depreciation	94 00
Total	\$ 1,410 05
Printing Plant	\$ 654 63
Less Depreciation	72 73
Total	\$ 581 90
Liberty Bond and W. S. S.	190 00
Heating Plant (New)	10,500 00
Library	2,850 00
Total	\$139,405 14
Total Assets	\$146,007 24

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable—	
Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, Salary Balance	
June 30, 1927	\$ 1,984 71
Salary Current June 30, 1928	1,800 00
Total	\$ 3,784 71
Purchases	7,781 39
Total	\$11,566 10

Fixed Liabilities:

Notes Payable:	
Trades Hall	\$10,470 00
Purchases	1,727 00
Banks (P)	175 00
Individuals— (J)	400 00
Loans and Back Salary	
(Miss Burroughs)	14,015 51
Total	\$26,787 51

Mortgage Payable—

Columbia Building Association (Trade Hall)	31,208 39
Total Liabilities	\$69,562 00
Net Worth	\$77,045 24

DIVISION OF PRINTING AND PUBLICATION

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION
409 Gay Street, Nashville, Tennessee

E. W. D. ISAAC, Secretary

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Year Ending June 30, 1928

RECEIPTS

Sales:	
Senior Quarterlies	\$20,178 13
Junior Quarterlies	5,700 34
Total Quarterlies	\$25,878 47
B. Y. P. U. Records	\$ 748 10
Manuals, Guides, Cards	798 23
Buttons, Badges, Banners, Pins	393 00
Advertisement	488 14
Caps and Gowns	348 75
Total General Merchandise	\$ 2,776 23
Books:	
Song Books	\$ 7,916 25
Denominational Books	94 98
Theological Books	89 00
Books in General	826 47
Total Books	\$ 8,936 70
Pennants, Certificates & Charts	\$ 213 60
Report Blanks	47 06
Stars, 50; Bells, \$1.75; Blackboard \$3.50	5 75
Gleaners .55; "Specs" .05	60
Collection Envelopes	11 15
Total	\$ 285 16
Total Sales	\$37,877 30
Other Receipts:	
Accounts Receivable	\$ 7,874 71
Merchandise	6,553 07
Material	55 60
Rent (Back)	
Total	14,483 38
Notes Receivable	222 46
Nat'l Bap. Congress Advt. Matter & Service	450 00
Rent, Office Space	10 00
Rental on Caps and Gowns	1 00
Use of Telephone	5 47
Unclassified (Not Adjusted)	

Sundries:

Doubtful Accounts	\$ 13
"Overs"	274 05
Transfer Orders	99 15
Future Order Credits	111 20

Refunds:

Bad Checks	\$ 61 87
Merchandise	1 05
Stamps	27 07
Total	\$ 89 99

Total Sundries **\$ 574 70**

Contributions:

Individuals	\$ 43 40
Associations	755 47
Churches and B. Y. P. U's	1,138 49
Conventions	1,883 91
Sundry	8 19
Total	\$ 3,829 46

Notes Payable:

Banks	\$11,895 62
Other Sources	1,323 27
Total	\$ 13,218 89
Total Receipts	\$71,609 16
Cash Balance—Forwarded June 30, 1927	1,173 81
Grand Total Receipts	\$ 72,782 97

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries:

E. W. D. Isaac, Sr.	\$ 4,017 57
E. W. D. Isaac, Jr.	1,817 74
Back Salary—Rev. Craft's Accounts	250 00
Editorial Department	1,328 50
Employees	7,753 50

Accounts Payable	\$ 15,167 31
Total	\$ 27,320 57
Printing	645 00
Sale Allowances	50
Programs and Telephones	286 43
Freight and Drayage	336 45

Postage:

Shipments	\$ 459 50
General	1,583 18

Water and Ice **\$ 2,042 68**
82 51

Refunds:

Future Order Credits	\$ 77 95
"Overs"	92 16
Bad Checks	142 63
General	194 89
Donations	1 00

Commission	\$ 586 02
Co-operative Mission Work	2,250 21
Insurance	4,831 31
Light	284 18
Office Supplies	178 57

Notes Payable:

Purchases	\$ 50 00
Banks	12,421 28
Otherwise	1,200 11
Interest	200 55

Sundry Loan	\$13,871 06
	628 57

Travelling Expenses:

E. W. D. Isaac, Sr.	\$ 643 33
E. W. D. Isaac, Jr.	156 12
L. R. W. Johnson	66 62
Sundries	206 85

Delivery Equipment Expenses	\$ 1,966 02
Orders Transferred	477 45
Repairs	83 00
	337 01

Donations:

On Orders	\$ 30 00
General	84 73

Advertising	\$ 164 73
Legal Expenses	129 65
Purchases	50 35
Labor	4 00
General Office Expense	13 90
Cuts and Plates	15 28
Rent	15 20
Rent	30 00
Office Furniture and Fixtures (Runner)	7 75
Sundries	486 13

Total Disbursements	\$ 17,000 00
Cash Balance, June 30, 1928	1,207 39
Grand Total	\$ 18,207 39

B. Y. P. U. BOARD

BALANCE SHEET

Year Ending June 30, 1928

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash Balance, June 30, 1928	\$ 1,932 14
Accounts Receivable	3,440 65
Notes Receivable	508 01

Inventories:

Merchandise—Song Books	\$ 2,636 00
Merchandise—Gen'l Books	2,148 76
Merchandise—Periodicals	5,150 00

Total Books	\$ 9,934 76
Merchandise—Cap Department	891 20
Merchandise—Material (Paper Envelope)	2,420 50

Total Merchandise	\$ 13,246 46
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Supplies, Cuts and Plates	\$ 3,964 10
Less Depreciation	792 80

Bookkeeping Department	\$ 3,171 30
Total Inventory	71 60

Total Current Assets	\$ 16,489 36
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Total Current Assets	\$ 22,371 06
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Fixed Assets:

Furniture and Fixtures:

Secretary's Office	\$ 490 00
Assistant Secretary's Office	285 00
Field Secretary's Office	392 00
Editorial Secretary's Office	980 00
Mailing Department	1,266 00
Stenographic Department	1,044 00
Bookkeeping Department	1,487 80
Director's Room	192 00

Less Depreciation	\$ 6,137 30
	306 86

Building (Est.)	\$ 5,830 44
Less Depreciation	24,500 00
	490 00

Improvements on Buildings	\$ 24,010 00
Heating Plant	1,000 00
Less Depreciation	4,800 00

Heating Plant	950 00
Less Depreciation	50 00

\$ 800 00

\$ 36,440 44

Total Assets

MINUTES

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable		\$ 7,465 70
Notes Payable	\$ 15 00	
Individuals	528 75	
Banks	590 00	
		<u>\$ 1,133 75</u>
Total Liabilities		\$ 8,599 45
Net Worth		\$ 50,212 15

SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLISHING BOARD

412 Fourth Avenue, North, at Cedar Street

Nashville, Tennessee,

A. M. TOWNSEND, D. D., Secretary

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Year Ending June 30, 1928

RECEIPTS

Factory:

Merchandise—Manufactured:	
Periodicals	\$153,538 45
Commercial Printing	6,012 40
Books Manufactured	8,159 21
Waste Products	363 23
National Baptist Voice (\$1,038.24)	6,030 94
Advertisement	4,000 08
Enrollment, Teacher Training Course	62 60
Total Factory	\$178,165 71

Trading:

Merchandise—Purchases:	
Song Books	\$ 11,349 89
Other Books	8,335 58
Sundry Merchandise	6,249 91
Total Merchandise Purchased	\$ 26,435 18
Cafeteria	11,214 12
Total Cash Trading	\$ 37,649 30
Accounts Receivable	40,567 65
Notes Receivable	3,632 20
Sundry	—
Total Factory and Trading	\$ 260,622 21
Rents	5,973 48

Other Receipts:

Refunds—	
Postage	\$ 19 14
Telephone	13 63

MINUTES

Telegrams	4 01
Auditor's Service, Other Boards	406 02
Other Salaries	25 49
Returned Checks	2,163 50
Returned Money Orders	10 02
Sundry	258 80

Total Refunds	\$ 2,901 51
Cuts and Engravings	61 75
B. Y. P. U. Transfer Orders	14 22
Miscellaneous	1,738 90

Contributions:	
Underwriters	\$ 15,053 63
Other Sources	8,964 06

\$ 24,017 69

Total "Other Receipts"	\$ 28,734 07
Total Operative	\$ 295,389 37
Notes Payable	122,096 08
Cash Exchange	25,615 00

Total Receipts	\$ 443,100 45
Cash Forwarded July 1, 1927 (Adj.)	11,366 23
Gross Total Receipts	\$ 454,466 68

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLISHING BOARD

Year Ending June 30, 1928

Factory Operation:

Material	\$ 6,601 89
Supplies	3,152 17
Equipment	934 61

Payroll—

Wages—Direct Labor	\$ 31,533 83
Wages—Indirect Labor	12,167 83
Factory Cost Accounting	3,656 38
Telephone Operators (2-5)	443 13
Telephone Exchange (2-5)	356 08

Total Payroll \$ 48,157 25

General Expense—

Repairs to Motor	\$ 330 66
Light (1-2)	460 62
Power	1,380 71
Gas (1-3)	280 33
Insurance	106 10

Total General \$ 2,558 42

Total Factory Operation \$ 61,404 34

Administration Operations:

Merchandise—

Song Books	849 41
Other Books	2,651 51
Periodicals	369 85
Communion Sets	2,273 07
Banners	1,014 05

Sundry—

Bells	123 75
Collection Plates and Baskets	238 30
Maps and Charts	291 44
Blackboards	34 82
Motives	10 94
Buttons	11 00
Baptismal Outfits	52 89
Entertaining	61 90

Total Merchandise \$ 825 04

\$ 7,902 00

Supplies:

Main Office:

Equipment	\$ 226 75
Supplies	1,305 36

\$ 1,532 11

Cafeteria	9,204 68
Morris Memorial Building	2,793 27
Janitors' Supplies	175 00
Fuel—Heat	314 61

Total Supplies \$ 14,899 65

General Expenses:

Administrative—

Bond Insurance	\$ 25 00
Legal Expenses	26 50

\$ 51 50

Cafeteria—

Gas (2-3)	\$ 560 67
Aprons	15 00
Disinfectant	4 33
Ice	159 54
Petty Cash	49 50

\$ 789 92

Selling Department—

Commission	\$ 1,575 75
Registration Fees	40 00
Freight and Drayage	483 32
Advertising	5,221 65
Garage Rent	37 50
License for Truck	20 75

Repairs to Truck	46 65
Tires	89 50
Gas and Oil	207 29
Insurance	190 80

\$ 7,918 21

Sundries—

Cash Register Repairs	\$ 12 95
Paste	30 00
Delivery Loss of Voice	85 69
Maintenance Charge	36 00
Coupon Books	211 30
E. F. Rolls	373 39
Repairs to Truck	5 75
Twine	542 34

\$ 1,297 42

\$ 9,215 63

Morris Memorial Building—

Water	\$ 233 03
Elevator Repairs	31 30
Building Fixtures	1,425 00
Lettering Doors	8 00
Building Fixtures (cuts)	7 25
Boiler Inspection	6 00
Cleaning and Painting Walls	127 12

\$ 1,837 70

St. Louis Branch Expenses—

Rent	\$ 570 00
Taxes	5 18
Light	22 36
Telephone	112 30
Insurance	20 92
Petty Cash	80 00

\$ 810 76

Petty Cash—Home Office	195 00
Light (1-2)	460 62
Postage, General	2,835 26
Postage Voice	275 00
Voice—C. O. D.	25 80
Freight	6,752 07
Quarterly Letters	907 50

Total General Expenses \$ 24,155 76

Donations:

Evangelistic Work	\$ 10 00
Firemen's Benefit	3 00
Contributions	176 00

Total Donations \$ 189 00

Sundry—Specials:

Underwriters Allocated	\$ 2,831 89
Unsecured Loans	25,761 88
National Baptist Conv. (American Bapl. Theo.)	500 00

MINUTES

Notes Receivable—		
J. B. Singleton, et al.	\$ 225 00	
J. H. Branham	76 50	
		\$ 301 50
Total Sundry—Specials		\$ 29,265 11
Travelling Expenses:		
Executive—		
Secretary—General	\$ 310 57	
Secretary—Underwriters	378 28	
		\$ 688 85
E. M. Lawrence	40 00	
A. A. Bennett	62 82	
Convention Travelling Expenses	428 65	
Otherwise—		
W. S. Ellington	\$ 5 00	
E. M. Seymour	11 14	
G. P. Woodson	6 20	
Wm. Haynes	3 60	
S. N. Vass	92 40	
J. T. Brown	35 00	
J. H. Branham	10 00	
		\$ 163 30
Selling Department	139 76	
The Voice	155 06	
Sundry Allocated (U. W.)	626 89	
Total Traveling Expenses		\$ 2,287 01

Payroll

Administrative—		
Salaries and Wages—		
Administrative Officers	\$ 10,766 10	
Main Office Employees	4,252 25	
Bookkeeping Department	3,170 48	
Cafeteria—		
Manager	\$ 1,554 00	
Employees	1,918 55	
		\$ 3,472 55
Stenographic Department	4,274 56	
Historiographer	285 97	
Telephone Operators (1-5)	291 16	
Telephone Exchange (1-5)	171 04	
Selling Department:		
Sales Manager	\$ 1,865 00	
Clerical Help	650 66	
Order Division	3,154 69	
Filing Division	810 12	
Mailing Division	3,300 00	
Telephone Operators (2-5)	443 13	
Telephone Exchange (2-5)	200 06	

MINUTES

Truck Division	752 07	
Store Clerk (1-2)	409 64	
St. Louis Branch	872 50	
Total Selling		\$ 14,164 79
Total Administrative		\$ 40,789 20
Morris Memorial Building:		
Janitor	\$ 3,000 00	
Night Watchman	873 58	
Fireman	936 46	
Elevator Operators	1,230 87	
Matron	124 56	
		\$ 7,141 41
Field Department:		
E. M. Lawrence	\$ 1,325 00	
J. Francis Robinson	950 00	
W. B. Fleming	801 00	
		\$ 3,076 00
National Baptist Voice		2,855 33
Total Sundry Salaries		\$ 13,072 74
Total pay roll, except, factory		\$ 53,861 94
Notes Payable:		
Factory—		
Material	\$ 32,800 00	
Electrical Repairs	1,000 00	
Machinery—		
Composing Room	\$ 5,263 80	
Press Room	4,435 00	
Bindery	3,165 00	
Total Machinery		\$ 12,863 80
Total factory		\$ 46,063 80
Administrative—		
Banks—Sunday School Publishing Bd.	\$ 4,641 08	
Individuals—Sunday School Pub. Bd.	46,810 00	
Purchases—		
Furnishings	\$ 3,000 00	
Office Equipment	1,572 50	
Merchandise	14,341 20	
		\$ 18,913 70
Total admin.		\$70,364 78
Morris Memorial Building—		
Banks	\$ 44,500 00	
Individuals	300 00	
Building Fixtures	3,075 00	

First Mortgage	5,000 00	
Second Mortgage	25,000 00	
		\$ 77,875 00
Grand Total Notes & Mortgages Payable		\$ 194,903 50

Interest Payable:

Factory—

Machinery	\$ 3,217 50	
Machine Repairs	15 00	
		\$ 3,232 50

Administrative—

Individuals	\$ 51 53	
Discounts	72 50	
Banks	79 16	

Purchases—

Furnishings	\$ 111 42	
Office Equipment	32 63	
Raw Material	392 14	
Merchandise	873 17	
		\$ 1,409 36

Morris Memorial Building—

First Mortgage (N. L. & A. I. Co.)	\$ 13,428 25	
Second Mortgage (W. B. C. Co.)	26,017 50	
Banks	4,649 78	
Building Fixtures	78 48	
Individuals	1,563 65	
		\$ 45,737 66

Total Interest Payable

Reconciliation Accounts:

Transfer Orders	\$ 19 16	
Returned Checks	2,493 17	
Returned Money Orders	16 11	
Refund "Overs"	202 28	
Suspense Adjustments	520 97	
Total Reconciliation Accounts		\$ 3,752 69

Grand Total Disbursements

Cash Balance, June 30, 1928

SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLISHING BOARD

BALANCE SHEET

Year Ending June 30, 1928

ASSETS

Current Assets:
Cash in Bank

Petty Cash Fund	20 00	
Total Cash		\$ 12,442 16
Accounts Receivable	\$30,200 31	
Less Reserve for Bad and Doubtful Accounts	712 04	
		\$ 38,496 27

Notes Receivable:

Customers' Secured Accounts	\$ 8,606 64	
Personal Loans	136 50	
		\$ 8,743 14

Inventories:

Raw Material	\$ 7,779 90	
Factory Supplies	56 85	
Material in Process, Press Room	216 22	
Material in Process, Bindery	77 03	
Goods in Process	4,203 30	
Finished Goods, St. Louis Branch	526 90	
Finished Goods, Home Office	8,810 88	
Merchandise, Purchases, St. Louis Branch	1,841 20	
Merchandise, Purchases, Home Office	15,183 73	
Supplies, Selling Department	697 09	
Supplies, Janitors	72 01	
Supplies, General Use	164 74	
Supplies, Cafeteria	299 73	
Total Inventories		\$ 39,920 58

Total Current Assets

Fixed Assets:

Office Fur. & Fixtures, Home Office	\$ 25,891 91	
Office Fur. & Fixtures, St. Louis Branch	661 40	
	\$ 26,553 31	
Less Reserve for Depreciation	1,327 07	
		\$ 25,225 04
Office Machinery	\$ 1,185 00	
Less Reserve for Depreciation	118 50	
		\$ 1,066 50
Office Equipment	\$ 772 25	
Less Reserve for Depreciation	154 45	
		\$ 617 80
Factory Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 651 31	
Less Reserve for Depreciation	32 56	
		\$ 618 75
Grand Piano	\$ 630 00	
Less Reserve for Depreciation	31 50	
		\$ 598 50
Machinery Equipment	\$105,306 80	
Less Reserve for Depreciation	5,265 00	
		\$ 100,041 80

MINUTES

Delivery Equipment	\$ 1,687 50	
Less Reserve for Depreciation	337 50	
		\$ 1,350 00
Cafeteria Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 4,219 24	
Less Reserve for Depreciation	843 83	
		\$ 3,375 41
Steel Shelving—Book Room	2,738 44	
Less Reserve for Depreciation	136 92	
		\$ 2,601 52
Total Fixed Assets		\$ 135,481 00
Deferred Charges:		
Prepaid Postage	\$ 214 82	
Prepaid Interest, Notes Payable	572 44	
Prepaid Insurance	1,935 78	
Total Deferred		\$ 2,723 04
Total Assets		\$237,230 00

Current Liabilities:

LIABILITIES

Notes Payable—		
Material	\$ 4,800 00	
Merchandise	15,306 00	
Machinery (Repair \$500.00)	17,861 29	
Total		\$ 37,967 29
Accounts Payable	12,644 78	
Notes Payable	35 067 03	
Accruals:		
Interest Payable	\$ 2,168 12	
Credit Checks Outstanding	109 34	
Total		\$ 2,277 46
Total Liabilities		\$ 87,950 50
Net Worth		\$ 149,279 50

NATIONAL BAPTIST VOICE

Rooms 425-29, Morris Memorial Building

Year Ending June 30, 1928

EXHIBIT I

RECEIPTS

Advertisement	\$ 2,602 30
Subscriptions	3,715 17

MINUTES

Delivery Losses	\$ 85 69	
Sales per copy	53 55	
Paid Articles	4 70	
Total		\$ 6,458 80
Deficit (To credit Sunday School Publishing Board)		2,880 96
		\$ 9,339 76

DISBURSEMENTS

Commission:

Subscriptions	\$ 160 50	
Advertisement	183 21	
Sale of Papers	26 00	
Paid Articles	1 05	
		\$ 376 76
Magazines, News Service Aids		51 10

Through Sunday School Publishing Board:

Salaries, Editor and Clerical Help	\$ 2,855 33	
Mailing	275 00	
Travelling Expenses	155 66	
Clerical Supplies	27 60	
Printing	5,585 81	
Plates (4000)	12 50	
		\$ 8,911 90
		\$ 9,339 76

EXHIBIT II

SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLISHING BOARD

PAYMENTS MADE FOR VOICE

During Year Ending June 30, 1928

Salaries, Editor, Clerical Help	\$ 2,855 33	
Traveling Expense	155 66	
Office Supplies	27 60	
Alloy Plates (4,000)	12 50	
Mailing	275 00	
Printing	5,585 81	
Total		\$ 8,911 90

PAYMENTS MADE BY VOICE

TO SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLISHING BOARD

During Year Ending June 30, 1928

Advertisement	\$ 1,897 70
Subscriptions	3,000 00

Delivery Refund	95 00
Cash	1,038 24
Total Payments Made	\$ 1,133 24
Balance due Sunday School Pub. Board Current Year	2,880 96
	\$ 4,014 20

NATIONAL BAPTIST VOICE

BALANCE SHEET

Year Ending June 30, 1928

EXHIBIT III

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Advertisement—	
National Baptist Congress	\$ 405 00
Less Cash Paid	100 00
	\$ 305 00
Home Mission Board	140 17
Roger Williams University	138 60
Cradle Roll (Mrs. Sims)	95 20
Benefit Board	54 53
Foreign Mission Board	42 79
Women's Auxiliary & National Training School	128 27
American Baptist Theological Seminary	112 53
National Baptist Convention	401 54
Educational Boards	8 84
Total Current	\$ 1,427 47
Other Advertisers (Some adjustments pending)	1,434 00
Total Advertisement	\$ 2,862 35
Sale of Papers	15 00
Paid Articles	2 30
Jacob's Accrued Advertisement, not yet due	25 47
	\$ 2,904 94

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable, Sunday School Publishing Board	\$ 2,880 96
Net Worth	24 47
	\$ 2,904 94

MORRIS MEMORIAL BUILDING

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Year Ending June 30, 1928

RECEIPTS

Contributions—	
Underwriters	\$ 15,053 63
Other Sources	8,964 06
	\$ 24,017 69

Rent—Entire Building	36,480 00
Total	\$ 60,497 69
Deficit to Sunday School Publishing Board	78,886 43
	\$ 139,384 12

Disbursements

Maintenance—	
Water	\$ 233 03
Elevator Repairs	51 30
Building Fixtures	1,425 00
Lettering Doors	8 00
Cuts	7 25
Boiler Inspection	0 00
Light (1-5)	184 25
	\$ 1,884 83
Building Improvement—Cleaning and Pt'g. Walls	127 12
Supplies—	
General	\$ 2,793 21
Janitors	175 00
Coal	314 61
	\$ 3,282 82
Underwriters General Expense, Allocated	2,831 89
Underwriters Sundry Travelling, Allocated	626 89
Pay Roll—	
Janitors	\$ 3,983 84
Night Watchman	873 68
Fireman	925 46
Elevator Operators	1,230 87
Total	\$ 7,017 85
Notes Payable—	
Banks	\$ 44,500 00
Individuals	300 00
Building Fixtures	3,075 00
First Mortgage, Principal	5,000 00
Second Mortgage, Principal	25,000 00
Total	\$ 77,875 00
Interest Payable—	
First Mortgage (N. L. & A. I. Co.)	\$ 13,428 25
Second Mortgage (W. B. C. Co.)	26,017 50
Banks	4,649 78
Building Fixtures	78 48
Individuals	1,563 65
Total	\$ 45,737 66
Total Disbursements	\$ 139,384 12

MINUTES
MORRIS MEMORIAL BUILDING
BALANCE SHEET

Year Ending June 30, 1928

ASSETS

Current Assets—	
Unexpired Insurance	\$ 1,508 70
Underwriters Pledge Receivables 475 M: \$95,000 x 1-2	47,500 00
Total	\$ 49,108 70
Fixed Assets—	
Grounds	\$ 80,000 00
Buildings	\$ 868,896 53
Less Depreciation	8,686 90
Building Improvements	\$ 860,207 57
Total	\$ 860,334 00
Total Assets	\$ 989,443 70

LIABILITIES

Notes Payable—	
Banks (A. P. Adj.)	\$ 78,886 43
Banks, Otherwise	1,863 57
Individuals and Otherwise (Secured)	\$ 80,750 00
Total	\$ 23,994 26
First Mortgage Payable, Balance	\$ 240,000 00
Second Mortgage Payable, Balance	292,000 00
Total	\$ 532,000 00
Total Liabilities	\$ 685,744 26
Net Worth	\$ 352,699 44

Division of Administration

WOMEN AUXILIARY CONVENTION

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Year Ending June 30, 1928

RECEIPTS

At the Convention—	
General Offerings	\$ 482 09
Sale of Supplies, etc., 7-27-9-1-27	230 00
Designated Funds—	
Salary—Miss Nannie H. Burroughs	\$ 1,866 08
General Expenses, Convention	1,835 00



E. D. PIERSON, B. S.
Auditor and Efficiency-Production Director

MINUTES

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Home Mission	188 50	
Foreign Students	105 65	
Training School	698 00	
Foreign Mission Board	573 55	
Foreign Mission Hospital, Special	2,313 87	
Sunday School Publishing Board	15 00	
Total		\$ 3,898 57
Through Corresponding Secretary's Office—		
Contributions	\$ 151 00	
Sale of Supplies at Convention	494 09	
Sale of Burrough's Cake	12 00	
Total at Convention		\$ 657 18
Total at the Convention		\$ 8,964 57
Recess Receipts—		
Donations	\$ 14 50	
Representation Fee	57 00	
Sale of Supplies	840 43	
Girls Camp	40 00	
Foreign Mission Board	2 00	
Unfilled Merchandise Order	18 75	
Total Recess Receipts		\$ 972 68
Total Receipts		\$ 9,937 60
Cash Balance, June 30, 1927		3,309 94
		\$13,247 54

DISBURSEMENTS

National Training School—		
Foreign Students	\$ 167 65	
Designated Funds	698 00	
Public Offering—Trainging School	152 00	
Total		\$ 1,044 25
Miss Nannie H. Burroughs—		
On Salary, Designated Funds	\$1,866 08	
On Salary, Sale of Supplies, etc., July 1, 1927 to August 1, 1927	230 00	
On Salary, Cor. Sec'y, Receipts at Conv.	657 18	
On Salary, Retained 1927, reported Hayford Fund	337 61	
On Salary, Retained 1927, Reported General Fund	304 41	
On Salary, Retained, 1927, reported Current Fund	288 63	
Total (3,181.22 and 600 - 3740.91; 40.31)		\$ 3,740 91
Total National Training School		\$ 4,785 16
Foreign Mission Board—		
General Collections	\$ 602 05	
Special Collections	2,313 87	
Total		\$ 2,915 92
Sunday School Pub. Bd. (Designated)	\$ 15 00	
Repairs to Equipment	15 00	
Auditing	20 00	
Advertising	5 00	

Refunds—		
Purchases	45 05	
Bad Checks	\$ 117 75	
Merchandise, (Literature etc.)	105 22	
Travelling Expenses—Cor. Secretary	389 19	
Salaries and Expenses, Officials and Other Workers	1,723 07	
Postage	53 19	
Budges and Signs	104 01	
Drayage	2 00	
Printing	213 92	

**WOMEN AUXILIARY CONVENTION
BALANCE SHEET
Year Ending June 30, 1928**

ASSETS

Current Assets—

Cash Balance, June 30, 1928		2,818 13
Office Furniture	\$ 76 96	
Less Depreciation	20	
	\$ 162 80	

Total \$ 2,728 34
\$ 5,644 26

Total Disbursements \$ 10,429 01

Cash Balance, June 30, 1928 in Convention Treasury \$ 2,818 13
\$ 57 71

Supplies and Cnts (Est.) 93 00

Total \$ 2,908 33
Deficit 2,550 11

\$ 5,519 01

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities—

Miss Nannie H. Burroughs	\$ 40 31
National Training School (Old Account)	5,368 98
Mrs. E. E. Whitfield (Old Account)	110 20
Total	\$ 5,519 01

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.

Headquarters 3101 South Parkway
Chicago, Illinois
L. K. Williams, L. L. D., D. D., President
Chicago, Ill.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT BY AUDITOR PIERSON
Year Ending Aug. 15, 1928**

RECEIPTS

At Detroit:

Representation Fee	\$11,023 00
Door Receipts, Friday Night	739 48
Sale of Visitors Badges	34 00

Sale Otherwise	7 60
Educational Money	67 24
Public Collection, Sundays	47 10
Laymen Movement	175 00
Total	\$12,693 32

Recess Receipts:	
Flood Sufferers	\$ 63 28
Representation—Simmons	10 00
Notes Payable—	
Selma National Bank	\$ 4,000 00
People's Bank and Trust Co.	1,200 00
Douglas National Bank—General Exp.	3,000 00

\$ 8,200 00

Morris Memorial Fund	275 00
World Baptist Alliance:	
Contributions through Secretary's Office	\$ 530 16
At Milwaukee, Chicago, Toronto, Canada	2,341 08

Total \$ 2,871 84
Jordan Fund Interest Coupon 52 50

New York Board:

Designated, Convention Expense	\$ 540 50
Designated, Foreign Mission Board	25 00
Designated, Sunday School Publishing Board	1,038 00
Designated, World Baptist Alliance	75 00
Designate, American Theological Seminary	45 00

Total \$ 1,723 50

Less:

Transferred World Baptist Alliance	\$ 75 00
Transferred Seminary	45 00

\$ 120 00

Total \$ 1,603 50

Refund:

For "Bad Checks"	\$ 280 80
Ret. on President's Allowed Bill, \$2,065.59	236 52

\$ 526 32

American Baptist Theological Seminary:

Loan from Sunday School Publishing Board	\$ 500 00
Loans advanced through President Williams	1,800 00

Other Sources \$ 2,300 00
1,801 00

Total \$ 4,101 00

Total Receipts	\$17,708 41
Total Receipts	\$17,708 41
Cash Balance, June 30, 1927—	
Treasurer	\$ 115 04
Secretary	125 34
Total Cash Balance, June 30, 1927	\$ 240 38

DISBURSEMENTS

\$30,637 14

Administrative Payroll:	
President's Loans and Expense Bill, Detroit	\$ 2,065 50
Secretary's—	
Office Expense	\$ 1,031 64
Salary	1,000 00
	\$ 2,031 64
Auditor's Allocated Expense	262 83
Attorney Chas. M. Roberson expense	570 00
Vice-President, W. M. Taylor—	
1926 Unpaid Expense	\$ 111 00
1927 Expenses	71 00
	\$ 182 00
Assistant Secretaries:	
J. M. Nabritt—Services	\$ 50 00
E. A. Wilson—Services	40 00
T. O. Fuller—Services	80 00
J. L. Campbell—Services (Sub.)	25 00
R. C. Barbour—Services (Sub.)	20 00
	\$ 215 00
J. M. Nabritt, Cincinnati, Board Expense	22 50
Treasurer Williams, Service and Expense	200 00
Committees:	
Enrollment	\$ 115 00
Finance	142 50
	\$ 257 50
Usbers	152 50
Edward Boatner, Chorister	300 00
Statistician, C. H. Parrish, Service and Expense	95 70
	\$ 695 70
General Operations:	
American Baptist Theological Seminary—	
Convention General Source	\$ 3,500 00
Convention Special Sources	1,601 00
	\$ 5,101 00
Sunday School Publishing Board—	
General Convention Printing	\$ 331 39
Auditor's Report	240 00
Refund 1926 Designated	100 00
Laymen Donation	50 00
Designated Laymen Donation	1,038 00
Designated New York Board	120 00
Seminary Loan	120 00
	\$ 1,865 79

Notes Payable—	
Selma National Bank	\$ 3,500 00
Douglass National Bank	1,850 00
Douglass National Bank Jordan Old Note	265 00
Douglas National Bank (July 1928) 90-day Note	1,500 00
People's Bank and Trust Company	1,480 00
Gaylen Note	200 00
Belhel Baptist Church Note	100 00
	\$ 8,904 00
Interest Payable—	
President's 1926-1927 Loan	\$ 145 89
Selma Bank, \$4,000.00 Note (6 mos.)	160 00
People's Bank, and Trust Co. \$1,200.00 Note Seminary	56 00
Douglass Nat. Bank 1,500.00 Note, 10-5-27 (2)	70 00
	\$ 431 89
W. F. Bledsoe, Seminary Loan	100 00
President L. K. Williams, part payment on current loans	2,043 80
Charge President's Office, refunded interest on \$2,065.59 payment	236 52
"Bad Checks"	200 00
Refund, Representation Fee, Indiana Conv. (B) not admitted	100 00
Foreign Mission Board, Designated in New York Board	25 00
F. W. Penick, Pre-Convention Service at Detroit	25 00
Total General Operations	\$19,233 00
General Expense:	
Anita Patti Brown, Soloist	\$ 51 72
Local Convention Expense, per Sec'y Hudson	71 05
J. H. Branham—	
Services	\$ 70 00
Transportation Committee Expense	50 00
	\$ 125 00
Service and Expense, Dr. R. R. Moton	194 00
Associated Press Reporter Service	75 00
Watts Memorial Account—	
At the Convention	\$ 275 00
Since the Convention	275 00
	\$ 550 00
Part Payment, Dr. Jordan Acct. (\$554.65—\$03.02—B. 251.03)	303 02
Lawrence, Balance in Full	126 00
Taxes on Mizpah Lots	2 46
World Baptist Alliance—	
General Expense, Allocated	\$ 1,250 00
Buxton's Wonders, Allocated	500 00
Badges, per Special Committee	322 50

MINUTES

Refund—

Individual Rep. Fee, Toronto \$	25 00
State Conv. Adjustments	210 00
	\$ 235 00

Total World Baptist Alliance	\$ 2,307.56
Dr. L. G. Jordan, Historiographer, Salary	525 00
Transfer from Detroit Bank Deficit	40 00
Total General Expense	\$ 4,570.56
Grand Total Disbursements	\$30,559 07
Cash Balance, August 15, 1928	\$ 78 00

CHART OF COMPARATIVE ADJUSTMENTS
MADE TO AVOID UNNECESSARY DISCUSSIONS
AS TO HOW FINAL ADJUSTMENT IS DERIVED

RECEIPTS

	Secretary	Treasurer	President	Auditor
At Detroit	\$12893 32	\$12659 32		\$12612 22
RECESS RECEIPTS:				
Selma National Bank	4000 00	4000 00		4000 00
Representation Fee	10 00	10 00		10 00
World Baptist Alliance	1250 00	630 16	2341 68	2871 84
Westbrook Loan (Mar. 18, 1928)	100 00			
J. C. Taylor Check		10 00		
Nashville, Tenn. Check		10 00		
Two Checks, Macon and Atlanta		50 00		
Hudson, Rep. and Sale		28 60		
W. F. Graham (July 1, 1927)		10 00		
Loan, Douglas Nat. Bk. (Oct. 15, 1927)	1500 00	1500 00	66 26	1666 26
Flood Sufferers	63 28	43	1624 60	1693 28
New York Board	1704 00	1794	283 80	3681 80
Refund—"Bad Checks"		426		
Loans, President Williams				
Douglas Nat. Bk.		1500 00		1500 00
Loan 94-days (Mar. 18, 1928)		208 04		
President Deposits			1200 00	1200 00
People's Bank and Trust			275 00	275 00
Company Sem. Loan			63 50	63 50
Morris Memorial Building			2350 00	2350 00
Intergl—Jordan Coupons			20 00	20 00
Seminary Receipts			20 16	1001 00
Cash Balance, June 30, 1927				200 00
Other Sources, Seminary Report				200 00
Refund Interest on \$265.59 Payment made				200 00
President Williams				200 00
Total	\$21120 60	\$23331 26	\$8126 24	\$18681 80
Difference	\$316 64	7205 88		
	\$30637 14	\$30637 14	\$8126 24	\$18681 80

DISBURSEMENTS

	Secretary	Treasurer	President	Auditor
Agreed Disbursements	\$18957 82	\$18957 82	\$18957 82	\$18957 82
Additional	8 00	1432 11	1432 11	1432 11
Int. on \$1500 00 Note (Douglas Bk.)			78 00	78 00
Detroit Bank Transferred Deficit			40 00	40 00
Badges		628 55		

MINUTES

Difference between New York		710 50	710 50	710 50
Board Receipts				
L. K. Williams a-c Loan (July 28, 1928)	107 00	107 00	107 00	107 00
Seminary			1200 00	1200 00
Seminary			2300 00	2300 00
People's Bk. and Trust Co. Int. on Sem. \$1565.59 Note	56 00	56 00	56 00	56 00
Retard. President Williams Loans			1372 46	1372 46
Jordan's Salary			525 00	525 00
Taxes on Memphis Loan			2 46	2 46
Morris Memorial Building Account	275 00		560 00	560 00
World Baptist Alliance			856 68	856 68
World Baptist Alliance Refunds			235 00	235 00
Foreign Mission Board			25 00	25 00
Pres. Office, refund Int. on \$265.59 payment			236 52	236 52
F. W. Peacock, Pre-Convention Service at Detroit			25 00	25 00
Retard "Bad Checks"	200 00		200 00	200 00
Other Sources				1801 00
Total	\$19463 82	\$22172 18	\$28907 15	\$30708 15
Less Duplications Adjusted				149 08
	\$11125 25	\$2086 80	\$1651 92	\$30559 07
	\$30559 07	\$30559 07	\$30559 07	\$30559 07

OFFICIAL HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.

3101 South Parkway, Chicago, Ill.

L. K. Williams, D. D., LL. D., President

Year Ending August 15, 1928

RECEIPTS—PRESIDENT OFFICE

Organizations:

Churches	\$ 499 00
Conventions	347 60
Mass Meetings	94 10
Other Organizations	150 00
Railroad Exchange—Auditor	24 22

Sal. of President's Address	\$1,114 92
Sal. Advanced by the President	93 00
Cash Balance Forwarded September 20, 1927	588 37
	236 52

Total \$2,033 71

DISBURSEMENTS

Transportation:

Railroad Fares	\$ 283 99
Tips and Porters	12 70
Berths	113 61
Taxis	88.70
Total	\$ 499 00

Communications:

Telegrams	77 80
Telephone	42 60
Postage	44 05
Office Supplies	12 20

MINUTES

Total	\$ 176 65
Clerk Hire	760 19
Meals	122 45
Rent to September 1, 1928	180 00
Printing	134 87
Donations	18 00
Sundries—Various Travelling Supplies, Etc.	81 50
Subscriptions	50 10
Books	10 85
Total Disbursements	\$ 2,033 01

AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY

Year Ending June 30, 1928

RECEIPTS—PRESIDENT OFFICE

New York Board	\$ 65 00
Sunday School Publishing Board (N. B. C.)	50 00
Loan Through President L. K. Williams	1,750 00
Total	\$2,365 00

DISBURSEMENTS

Sent Treasurer of American Baptist Seminary	\$ 2,300 00
Total Amount of Loan Through President Williams	\$ 1,755 00
Total Amount Paid on President Loan	1,372 46
Balance President Williams, Seminary Loans	\$ 382 54

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION OPERATIONS
Through President Williams' Office Direct
Year Ending August 15, 1928

RECEIPTS

Refund on Bad Checks	\$ 300 00
Flood Sufferers' Contributions	975 00
Morris Memorial Fund	30 00
Interest From Jordan Fund Coupons	600 00
Loan From President Williams	512 00
Total	\$ 1,293 00

DISBURSEMENTS

L. G. Jordan's Salary (August 15, 1928)	\$ 525 00
Refund Representation Fee Indiana Convention not admitted (Butler)	100 00
Taxes on Mizpah Lots	2 45
Morris Memorial Payment Due	271 00
Interest Payable—	
On 3 \$400-Notes P. B. and T. Co. August 15, 1928	55 00
On \$1,500-Note, D. N. B. (August 15, 1928)	75 00
L. G. Jordan Note Balance at D. N. B.	205 44
Total	\$ 1,230 89

MINUTES

THE WORLD BAPTIST ALLIANCE

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

As at June 30, 1928

RECEIPTS

Contributions:—	
Sent From Secretary's Office	\$ 530 16
Collected at Milwaukee, Toronto, Canada; Thru. Pres Office	2,266 68
Collected During New York Board Meeting	75 00
Total	\$ 2,871 84

DISBURSEMENTS

W. B. A. General Expense, Allocated	\$ 1,250 00
W. B. A. Bunyan Window, Allocated	500 00
Badges Purchased (1200 per Special Committee)	322 50
Refund:—	
Representation Fees Paid by Individuals at Toronto	25 00
Representation Made Thru State Conventions—	
Adjustments	\$ 210 00
Total	\$ 2,307 50
Cash Balance	\$ 564 34

A STATEMENT OF LOANS

Made by President L. K. Williams

Year Ending August 15, 1928

LOANS

Loan Advanced as shown by Pres. Williams Office Statement	\$ 824 89
Loan Advanced as shown by Seminary Statement	1,755 00
Loan Advanced as shown by National Baptist Convention Statement	612 88
Total Loans	\$ 3,192 77

REIMBURSEMENTS

As found in President's Office Records July 21, 1928	\$ 1,372 46
As found in Secretary-Treasurer's Office Records July 28, 1928	107 00
As found in World Baptist Alliance Statement	504 34
Total Reimbursements	\$ 2,043 80
Unpaid Balance due the President	\$ 1,148 77

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. PIERSON, Auditor

OPERATING EXPENSE, SECRETARY HUDSON OFFICE

SELMA, ALABAMA

September 12, 1927 to July 1, 1928

MINUTES
EXPENDITURES

Travelling Expenses—	
Detroit Convention:	
Railroad Fare	\$ 5 00
Pullman Accommodation	62 00
Red Caps	2 00
Taxi	4 00
Meals	9 00
	82 00
Postage	\$ 16 00
Nashville October Meeting:	
Railroad Fare	\$ 5 00
Meals, Taxi, Red Caps	7 50
	12 50
New York Board:	
Railroad Fare	\$ 53 50
Berth	19 90
Red Caps	2 25
Taxi	11 14
Meals	11 70
	93 45
Total Travelling Expense (U. V.)	\$ 166 80
Local Operation:	
Freight and Express	\$ 20 78
Clerical Service, General	415 00
Clerical Service, Special	30 00
	445 00
Repairs Office Equipment	12 10
Office Supplies	19 65
Telephones and Telegrams	38 62
Janitor Service	30 00
	566 13
Sundries:	
Typewriter Rental (Det.)	\$ 2 50
Repair Tray	1 50
Syndicate News Service	15 00
Identification Certificates	28 00
	47 00
Total Operative	\$ 967 78
Other Charges to Convention, Pp. 24:	
1927 Badges-Note	\$ 020 15
1927 Badges (8) Interest on Note	49 62
	669 77
Total Badges	160 00
March 22, Int. on \$4000-Note	6 40
Interest on \$100-Loan-6 Months	1,000 00
Secretary Salary, Current Year	30 62
Unpaid Balance, 1927	1,200 13
Total	2,731 68

MINUTES
AUDITOR'S ALLOCATED EXPENSES

August 15, 1928

Typewriter Rent, Current Year, Chicago Office	\$ 15 00
Special Stenographic Service, Chicago Office	9 50
New York Board Meeting—	
Railroad Fare, Nashville: To and from N. Y.	\$ 46 34
Berth, Nashville: To and from N. Y.	19 90
Red Caps, Baggage Checked: To and from N. Y.	3 00
Taxis, in N. Y. and Station Transfers	6 65
Meals in transit	10 55
Total	86 44
Unpaid Audit of the Following Boards—	
American Baptist Theological Seminary	\$ 44 44
Home Mission Board	55 55
Educational Board	33 33
Benefit Board	7 50
Total	140 82
Nashville to Chicago to Audit President Office—	
Railroad Fare	\$ 10 90
Berth	4 50
Taxis—	
Nashville	\$ 50
Chicago	55
	1 05
Red Caps	50
Total	16 95
Total Submitted August 15, 1928	\$ 208 71

INVENTORY OF SECRETARY OFFICE

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.

Year Ending August 15, 1928

1 Typewriter	\$ 25 00
1 Desk	10 00
1 Mimeograph	35 00
1 Duplicator	10 00
Total	80 00

INVENTORY OF PRESIDENT OFFICE

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.

Year Ending August 15, 1928

1 Stenographic Lap Board	\$ 1 50
1 Convention Seal	8 75
1 Numbering Machine	5 00
1 Remington Typewriter	44 00
1 Typewriter Desk	30 09

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1 Steel Fireproof Letter File	24 38
1 Floor Carpet (Good Quality)	63 41

Total \$ 177 13

NOTE: Depreciation is included in given values of all items above save Convention Seal.—Auditor.

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.

ORGANIZATION BALANCE SHEET

Year Ending August 15, 1928

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash Balance, August 15, 1928	\$ 28 47
Inventory—	
Secretary Office, Selma, Alabama	89 80
President Office, Chicago, Illinois	177 13
Total	\$ 295 40

Fixed Assets:

Ground at Nashville, Tennessee	\$80,000 00
Ground at Mizpah, N. J.	450 00
Building and Improvement, Nashville, Tenn.	860,246 92
	\$940,696 92
(See M. M. Bldg. Bal. Sheet in this report)	
Contingent Assets—Underwriters Pledge Rec.	
(See M. M. Bldg. Bal. Sheet)	\$47,500 00
Total Assets	\$988,202 12

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable—	
President Annual Expense and Loan Balance	\$ 1,148 77
Secretary Annual Office Expense Loan and Salary Balance	2,734 49
Auditor's Allocated "Board" and other Expense	208 71
L. A. Morris Balance on Account	15 00
Westbrook Loan	100 00
Rogers and Sons, Morris Memorial	425 04
Sunday School Publishing Board	500 00
Individual Seminary Loans—	
J. K. Williams	\$ 100 00
W. F. Graham	100 00
J. E. East	100 00
Foreign Mission Board	200 00
H. B. Hudson	100 00
S. B. Butler	100 00
W. H. Young	100 00
W. M. Taylor	100 00
E. D. Pierson (Previously made Donation.)	25 00
C. A. Greer	25 00

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Total Ind. Seminary Loans	\$ 950 00
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 6,141 97

Fixed Liabilities:

Notes Payable—	
Gayden Note, Balance	\$ 700 00
Belhel Church Note Balance	400 00
Selma National Bank	4,000 00
Douglass National Bank	1,500 00
People's Bank and Tr. Co.—Seminary	1,200 00
	\$ 7,800 00
Morris Memorial Bldg. (See its balance sheet)	\$104,744 26
Total Notes Payable	\$112,544 26
Mortgage Payable—	
First Mortgage Balance	\$240,000 00
Second Mortgage Bal.	292,000 00
Total	\$532,000 00
Total Fixed Liabilities	\$644,544 26
Total Liabilities	\$650,686 23

Net Worth 337,845 89

Note: There are a few additional reported Liabilities against the Convention, the authenticity of which, not yet having been fully established, the Auditor has scheduled them for presentation to the National Board of Directors or the Convention—and for their confirmation—which, then, places them properly in the records.

UNITIZED SUMMARY OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION'S ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Cash Balance 1927	Receipts 1928	Disbursements 1928	Cash Balance 1928	Assets	Liabilities
National Benefit Board	\$	490 81	\$ 376 49	\$ 114 32	\$ 646 07	\$ 5480 53
Home Mission Board		10012 84	10023 64		130028 06	17827 92
Foreign Mission Board		90280 96	88082 22	2401 68		4247 52
Educational Board	1096 94	1444 34	1509 74		8101 40	4292 72
Natl Theological Seminary	253 41	13797 62	13757 44	40 16	146607 00	68763 00
Natl Training School for W. & G.	7079 78	78770 82	84157 40	1693 12	158811 50	85006 43
Natl B. V. P. U. Board	1173 81	71609 66	70857 83	1033 14	237830 00	87990 46
Natl Sunday School Pub. Board	11366 23	443100 45	442044 52	12422 16	983955 62	630748 77
Natl Women's Building	3309 94	9937 00	10429 42	2818 12	177 03	2743 49
Morris Memorial Building		1208 82	2033 71		180 00	
President's Office, Nat'l B. C.		30637 14	30559 67	78 07	N.M.B.	N.M.B.
Natl Bap. Conv. as Organization	240 38					
Total	\$24520 49	\$760296 67	\$763793 99	\$21499 77	\$1649177 94	\$840420 77
Less N. B. C. Sem. Duplications		5301 00			\$840420 77	\$840420 77
Net Worth	\$24520 49	\$754995 67	\$763793 99	\$ 21499 77	\$808757 17	

THE AUDITOR'S FINAL WORDS

I have carefully and laboriously gone over the records of the various Boards and Convention Officers and have presented the above facts as I interpreted them (sometime out of a maze of inconsistencies) and have given the information found or developed, as I think the Convention, at present, should have it. I am asking that you will examine the entire report carefully, and deal with the various units presented entirely on their merit, measuring them, impersonally, by approved business principles and methods.

I am an uncompromising believer in the PEOPLE. I believe in the judgment of the people at any time and all the time, if they (the people) are in possession of the actual facts with reasonable time to consider them, and are not, extraneously, tampered with.

There are the measly few who think you don't want or need the analytical form of report I am making from time to time—and have sought to discourage this form. However, in my thirty odd years serving the Baptist Family from local church, through community, district, State and National, I have become thoroughly obsessed with the idea that, to get the unstinted support of our people, their unqualified endorsement, and the service that goes with a blessing; in things financial, we must let them know HOW much money we received and WHAT we spent that money for.

Thus born out of his personal experiences, the Auditor has adopted the above form of report, embracing both the analytical—another way of saying informational—and the synthetical—"lumping"—sufficiently satisfying the reasonable demands of both the PEOPLE and the accountant. It is obvious that this form of report is exceedingly more difficult to obtain and prepare than the mere summarized ones; but we are forced to acknowledge the following advantages of the former over the latter:

- 2-It lets you know just for what the money is spent.
- 3-It forces a greater exactness in reporting business transactions.
- 4-Errors are less likely when accounts are thus kept.
- 5-Errors, if made, are more easily detected by the laity.
- 6-It serves as an initial weather vane to intelligent systematic business management.

It is an authoritative guide to every Bookkeeper or Record Keeper who works for the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A. as that work relates to any and all Boards and Convention Officials—both men and women divisions—that handle Convention finances of any kind either direct or related.

Any person who has the right to lay claim to being a bookkeeper, a record-keeper, for which regular and definite compensation is paid, should know how to arrange their records to furnish the information needed in the outlines of this report, or write me for instructions pertaining thereto. This is not optional.

The various Secretaries and other Officials are to report their transactions fully enough so that the nature and extent of such transactions can be sufficiently comprehended by the bookkeeper for correct classification; but the HOW, and WHEN, and WHERE of handling such and all other financial matters destined for permanent records are COMPLETELY under the control of the National Auditor. It is he who must finally pass upon the educational and professional fitness of the bookkeeper or persons so used in all Boards and other Convention officers where compensation is paid for such services.

If this was otherwise, (1) Uniformity of Standards, so essential in an Efficiency System, would be impossible; (2) Local personal element, so destructive to things "held in common," could and very likely would be encouraged; (3) Comparison, the much hated but only true measure of progress (other things being equal) would be rendered useless: since we would have as many different basis of comparisons as there were different persons directing—another death-dealing blow to System. (4) Regardless of how proficient otherwise, no accountant, baring no color or creed, can direct the business affairs of the National Baptist Convention activities

in the progressive, aggressive, and the informational way the Baptists freedom demands who is not intelligently and sympathetically conversant with Baptist rule and practice; and who does not vision the great possibility of the Baptists taking the world for Christ—and so leading on to the development and conservation of its finance so that the need for denominational expansion will be liberally satisfied.

Many other, and just as valid reasons can be given as those above showing why the Accounting Department of all Convention activities should be under the complete control of the National Auditor. This should also cover completely, the matter of whether or not each "Board" should have its own local auditor—should this ghost ever attempt to rise.

However, this does not mean that the Executives have no recourse. Their adjustment of any matter between them and the Auditor should naturally, and must take the following course: (1) Seek adjustment with the Auditor DIRECT, if still unsatisfactory, then (2) Executive Committee or (3) Board of Directors and (4) Convention which is the house of last resort unless it oversteps its own regulations or Systems.

The paid expenses of other auditors, as far back as I can find out, have been an utter WASTE; since neither the Convention as such, nor any of its officers have been a whit enlightened by such services.

Finally, let's face all our denominational issues with facts, and not "jump at conclusions." While "jumping at conclusions" is about the only mental exercise some people take, it is a very poor weapon with which to fight intelligently and effectively, our denominational battles.

I fully agree with the Electrical World which says: "Blessed be the man who thinks and talks with facts! He is needed in the world today, where more is being wasted and more money spent by doing things wrong, than by not doing them at all. To the man with facts life now offers greater responsibilities and more satisfactory achievements than at any other period in history.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. PIERSON, Auditor
National Business-Director

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

To the President, and Members of the National Baptist Convention
at Louisville, Ky., assembled.

September 5-11, 1928.

Honored Brethren:

In submitting this, my fourth annual report, I beg to modestly remind you that history, at best, is dry and is only interesting when needed in some crisis or special research, yet it has its own indispensable place in the realm of knowledge.

As your historiographer, or historian, it seems fitting and even highly necessary that a statement be first presented to the brethren which should give in more detail the purpose and aim of this important phase of our organized work, viz., the Historical Department. I have the idea that if its aims are more generally known there will be a deeper interest and a more hearty response to the questionnaires sent out from time to time.

It is my belief that equipped with this broader knowledge of the ends to be served there will be an anxiety to submit facts and figures which will give us the accurate data and the acquaintance with our denominational life that we are seeking. The more favored groups have spent unlimited time and funds in gathering and tabulating similar facts about their forebears and themselves. I have visited Historical Departments and libraries galore in various states to find out just what is being done along these lines for others and for us. Particularly have I given my attention to the method of work carried on by the efficient and painstaking historian of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. E. P. Aldridge, my personal friend. It is always an inspiration to pay a visit to the Historical Department at the Baptist Sunday School Board, 161 8th Avenue, North, Nashville. This department was established about seven years ago; they have a priceless collection of old and rare volumes; and all the new books, magazines and papers needed for reference. They have a corps of able assistants to compile, file and search records, occupying a whole floor in the great building. Every modern aid to efficiency in administration details is there, and in addition the Board has recently granted Dr. Aldridge a leave of absence for a year for special research and travel. Nothing that will forward the work and help the cause appears to have been overlooked or omitted.

Beginning with the works of Drs. David Benedict, Rhode Island; H. B. Semple, of Virginia; Hosea Holcomb, of Alabama; Paxton, of Louisiana; and later B. F. Riley, John T. Christian, A. Newman and many other outstanding historians and the present occupant, their records are full and complete.

Generally interpreted, the work of your Historical Department is more of a voice and message, by which for four years we have sought to arouse and develop sentiment regarding the history of our denominational activities. The situation is the same and

the dearth and lack of records concerning Negro Baptists is the paramount issue before us today.

In anticipation of the coming year's program, we are herewith submitting a suggested outline in the form of a questionnaire more minute in detail than any previously issued. Letters have been sent to the presidents of our various state conventions asking each for (1) A list of the various associations composing said state body, (2) date of organization, (3) names and addresses of moderators and names and addresses of clerk or secretary of each.

Through the names thus furnished us, other letters are being sent to the moderators and secretaries of these associations, asking for the number of churches in each body, the dates of organization, names and addresses of pastors and church clerks; number of persons uniting with church during year (a) by baptism (b) by experience (c) by letter; also number lost and reason why.

Each passing year has demonstrated very clearly the necessity of just such a survey as this. Only an organized and continued effort by our entire constituency will give us the cooperation we need and attain the desired result.

With all the resources at my command, meager and inadequate as they are, I have tried nevertheless, to arouse sentiment in this effort to get a complete, up-to-date history of Negro Baptists. I have kept the matter constantly before the brotherhood, especially for the past year, and in my struggle to secure funds, wrote a pamphlet dealing with a phase of our problem which will affect our churches more and more as the years roll by. I refer to the Seventh Day Adventist movement which has its agents at work among us who are making headway. In this booklet called "Saturday or Sunday—Which," the history of the Convention is recounted and information given which will enable our members to refute the statements of those who hope to confuse and unsettle them. Particularly is the question of our observing the Lord's Day instead of the Jewish Sabbath set out in detail. It would seem that the brethren would gladly scatter this little safeguard against the depletion which is so much complained of. I am sorry to state that although nearly one hundred of our leaders received these booklets which in my zeal I forwarded to them, without advance payment, more than half of these pastors have not as yet remitted the price of them. As I was depending on these sales for funds to further the research work, the disappointment is nearly as great as that I experienced when I sent a special questionnaire to all the presidents of the state conventions. Only the Arkansas, and Ohio presidents answered. Truly we are a "face to face" people, for as yet our brethren as a whole will not answer letters nor fill out a questionnaire.

The whole brotherhood can remedy the present deplorable status of our affairs in this direction and enable us to move forward with growing power. The Census Office at Washington has made a significant demand for our actual figures. In connection with the nation-wide appeal for facts we seek, the Christian Herald states that during the last decade, our numbers have decreased 50;

100. While we greatly doubt the statement we are totally unable to prove its falsity for the lack of specific information in the very field where our questionnaire will function.

We ask the brethren to exercise the utmost care to see that these questionnaire forms are filled out and sent in to the Historical Department, and to give the greatest publicity to the movement. Every member of this Convention can render great service to the body, to the race in general and to the Baptist world, by this means, for we can come in contact with every district association, every state convention and each local church. It is truly a gigantic undertaking, but one of great value.

In preparing this report for the press I have had the firm conviction that no greater benefit could be conferred upon our constituency than by making a substantial addition to the ordinary subject-matter of a departmental resume. I have thought it well, therefore, to incorporate herein in its entirety the first record of the proceedings of our National Baptist Convention, viz., the minutes of the first meeting held at Montgomery, Ala., November 24, 1883, and some high points in 1881-83. Believing that I have in my possession the only copy of these minutes, I would like by re-printing them, to give greater publicity to the initial steps of those who "budded better than they knew." At no time has it been so apparent as today that Negroes must solve their own problems; must work out their own destiny, the destiny of a race that has undergone so much for mankind. And it is especially the duty and the privilege of our younger Baptists to listen while the pioneers speak in their own language telling the story of their experiences, struggles and triumphs through these records. It should be an advantage in drawing conclusions and in properly evaluating the status of our Convention in this year, 1928. It will undoubtedly inspire and enliven them.

Men and brethren! They say the great preachers of the denomination have been the biggest gift contributed by the Baptists. That being true we must never forget these men who blazed the way for us. Their glory was due to their standing firm on Baptist principles with the solid Rock of Ages under them, standing there they beheld the glory of the Lord; they looked on the cross dyed red in Christ's redeeming blood and caught glimpses of the Throne and the Lamb in the midst thereof. Let us keep in mind that through all their messages they sounded that wonderful, profound note of Calvary. They left us a testimony that was set on fire with the Word of God and all the churches have been filled with a light that shall go on shining till the church temporal has become the church triumphant under the imperial reign of the Son of God. Baptists are destined to have a larger place than we have yet attained. The world was never in greater need of our grand doctrines and principles than it is today. May God make us worthy of the sacred trust committed to our hands.

HELP YOUR HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT

The time is rapidly approaching, nay, is almost here, when all who can personally testify to the happenings of ante-bellum days

will be gone. Master and slave alike will rest in the grave where "there is no remembrance." If we are to get their statements and testimonies concerning the events of that epoch in our history, it behooves us to do it now. Apparently only a few here and there among us seem to realize the deep importance of this work of collecting data and hence valuable documents will perish—be lost to posterity forever, if we do not awaken to these facts and the demands of this great undertaking. Are the eyes of Negro Baptists "holden that they cannot see" the needs of this critical stage in our ground life? We feel sure that once they get a vision of this effort to collect and publish historical material covering the achievements of our pioneers, they will heed and answer our appeal. When will that time come?

The King's Business Requirth Haste.

AS TO THE EXACT AGE OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

In the 1908 Journal of the National Baptist Convention, while serving as secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, I went outside the boundaries of my own specific work to publish a record, which I felt should not allowed to be lost. I gave for the first time a chronological table of the Convention, which, later proved to be deficient as I had then neither the time nor the data to secure accuracy. But as the years went by I found here and there records and corrected and re-corrected until my table was made historically correct as to dates of meeting, location and names of the presiding officer in each instance.

But within the last few years there has been published in our Journal what purported to be a "corrected list", made up by a brother who is as interested as I in getting at the real facts and disseminating them. Unfortunately, his conclusions are not correct and I am taking this occasion to make a statement in regard to his record which will not leave us in doubt as to the authenticity of the present reckoning, but on the contrary will establish the truth of our claim that this is our 48th annual session.

First, the Convention now in session justly claims to be the direct descendant of the Foreign Mission Convention which was organized November, 1880, thereby making this Convention forty-eight years old.

Second, the American National Baptist Convention was not organized until 1886 and could not have been our parent body, for in that case this present year would only be our 44th annual session, and not the 48th. In all the years our programs and minutes have never set out the year 1886 as our starting point. It is our most convincing argument in this connection that we have always reckoned from 1880, the beginning of the Baptist Foreign Mission Convention.

Third, The American National Baptist Convention itself recognized the Foreign Mission Convention as the parent body. In evidence of this indisputable fact we cite their own records. (See Journal of the American National Baptist Convention of the year,

1887.) It appears that a resolution had been passed to hold their next anniversary in Nashville, Tenn., and the resolution was agreed to. Page 32. The secretary, however, makes the following significant note immediately after the statement:

"The above was subject to the result of the committee sent to confer with the Baptist Foreign Mission Convention of the United States of America. The conference was held in September, 1887, at Little Rock, Ark. The result is most gratifying. It is that the anniversaries of the two societies will be held at the same place, in the same week. The exact dates will be announced, in due time, in the annual programmes of the respective Boards.—Secretary."

Fourth, The first time that the words, "National Baptist Convention" appeared was in the minutes, of the Baptist Foreign Mission Convention as being used by Rev. Wm. Troy at the session of 1885, one year previous to the organization of the American National Baptist Convention.

Fifth, the majority of delegates present when the two bodies met in the same city, were the delegates to the Foreign Mission Convention. For purposes of comparison and information I am herewith appending both tables.

ACCURATE CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE

Cities in Which the Sessions of the National Baptist Convention
Have Been Held From Its Organization
in 1880 to the Present

Year	Cities	Presidents	Secretaries
1880	Montgomery, Ala.	W. H. McAlpine	Rev. J. M. Armistead
1881	Knoxville, Tenn.	W. H. McAlpine	Rev. J. M. Armistead
1882	Manchester, Va.	Rev. J. Q. A. White	Rev. J. E. Jones
1884	Meridian, Miss.	Rev. J. A. Foster	Rev. H. H. Mitchell
1885	New Orleans, La.	Rev. W. A. Brinkley	Rev. S. T. Clanton, B. D.
1886	Memphis, Tenn.	Rev. J. A. Foster	Hon. J. J. Spelman
1887	Little Rock, Ark.	Rev. A. S. Jackson	Hon. J. J. Spelman
1888	Nashville, Tenn.	Rev. A. S. Jackson	Hon. J. J. Spelman
1889	Indianapolis, Ind.	Rev. K. Love, D. D.	Rev. B. Clanton, D. D.
1890	Louisville, Ky.	Rev. K. Love, D. D.	Rev. B. Clanton, D. D.
1891	Indianapolis, Ind.	Rev. K. Love, D. D.	Rev. B. Clanton, D. D.
1892	Savannah, Ga.	Rev. R. Griggs, D. D.	Rev. B. Clanton, D. D.
1893	Washington, D. C.	Rev. R. Griggs, D. D.	Rev. B. Clanton, D. D.
1894	Montgomery, Ala.	Rev. R. Griggs, D. D.	H. Steward
1895	Atlanta, Ga.	Rev. Morris, D. D.	H. Steward
1896	St. Louis, Mo.	Rev. Morris, D. D.	W. H. Steward
1897	Boston, Mass.	Rev. C. Morris, D. D.	W. H. Steward
1898	Kansas City, Mo.	Rev. Morris, D. D.	H. Steward
1899	Nashville, Tenn.	Rev. Morris, D. D.	H. Steward
1900	Richmond, Va.	Rev. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Canler
1901	Cincinnati, Ohio	Rev. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Canler
1902	Birmingham, Ala.	Rev. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Canler
1903	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Canler
1904	Austin, Texas	Rev. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Canler
1905	Chicago, Ill.	Rev. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Canler
1906	Memphis, Tenn.	Rev. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Canler
1907	Washington, D. C.	Rev. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1908	Lexington, Ky.	Rev. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1909	Columbus, Ohio	Rev. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1910	New Orleans, La.	Rev. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1911	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Rev. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1912	Houston, Texas	Rev. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1913	Nashville, Tenn.	Rev. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1914	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1915	Chicago, Ill.	Rev. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1916	Savannah, Ga.	Rev. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1917	Muskogee, Okla.	Rev. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1918	St. Louis, Mo.	Rev. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1919	Indianapolis, Ind.	Rev. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
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INACCURATE CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE

CITIES IN WHICH THE SESSIONS OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION
HAVE BEEN HELD FROM ITS ORGANIZATION
IN 1880 TO THE PRESENT

Year	Cities	Presidents	Secretaries
1880	Montgomery, Ala.	Rev. W. H. McAlpine	Rev. J. M. Armistead
1881	Knoxville, Tenn.	Rev. W. H. McAlpine	Rev. J. M. Armistead
1882	Macon, Ga.	Rev. W. H. McAlpine	Rev. W. R. Pettiford
1883	Manchester, Va.	Rev. J. Q. A. White	Rev. J. E. Jones
1884	Meridian, Miss.	Rev. J. A. Foster	Rev. H. H. Mitchell
1885	New Orleans, La.	Rev. W. A. Brinkley	Rev. R. T. Clanton, B. D.
1886	St. Louis, Mo.	Rev. W. J. Simmons, D. D.	Rev. S. T. Clanton, B. D.
1887	Mobile, Ala.	Rev. W. J. Simmons, D. D.	Rev. S. T. Clanton, B. D.
1888	Nashville, Tenn.	Rev. W. J. Simmons, D. D.	Rev. J. L. Cochran
1889	Indianapolis, Ind.	Rev. W. J. Simmons, D. D.	Rev. J. L. Cochran
1890	Louisville, Ky.	Rev. W. J. Simmons, D. D.	Rev. J. L. Cochran
1891	Dallas, Texas	Rev. E. M. Brawley, D. D.	W. H. Steward
1892	Savannah, Ga.	Rev. M. Vann	W. H. Steward
1893	Washington, D. C.	Rev. M. Vann	W. H. Steward
1894	Montgomery, Ala.	Rev. M. Vann	W. H. Steward
1895	Atlanta, Ga.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	W. H. Steward
1896	St. Louis, Mo.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	W. H. Steward
1897	Boston, Mass.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	W. H. Steward
1898	Kansas City, Mo.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	W. H. Steward
1899	Nashville, Tenn.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Canler
1900	Richmond, Va.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Canler
1901	Cincinnati, Ohio	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Canler
1902	Birmingham, Ala.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Canler
1903	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Canler
1904	Austin, Texas	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Canler
1905	Chicago, Ill.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Canler
1906	Memphis, Tenn.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. W. L. Canler
1907	Washington, D. C.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1908	Lexington, Ky.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1909	Columbus, Ohio	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1910	New Orleans, La.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1911	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1912	Houston, Texas	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1913	Nashville, Tenn.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1914	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1915	Chicago, Ill.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
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1919	Newark, N. J.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
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1921	Chicago, Ill.	Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1922	St. Louis, Mo.	Rev. W. G. Parks, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1923	Los Angeles, Cal.	Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson
1924	Nashville, Tenn.	Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D.	Prof. R. B. Hudson

*CALL FOR A NATIONAL CONVENTION OF COLORED BAPTISTS

Dear Brethren: April 5, 1885, an open letter to the Baptist clergy and laymen was issued by Rev. Wm. J. Simmons in American Baptist, asking if we should have a National Convention to discuss questions of interest to our beloved denomination. At that time the following reasons were given:

1. To promote personal piety, sociability and a better knowledge of each other.
2. To be able to have an understanding as to the great ends to be reached by the denomination.
3. To encourage our literary men and women, and promote the interests of Baptist literature.

4. To discuss questions pertaining especially to the religious, educational, industrial and social interests of our people.

5. To give an opportunity for the best thinkers and writers to be heard.

6. That, united, we may be more powerful for good and strengthen our spirit in the denomination.

Having been solicited to write the Call by many whose names and endorsements and hereto affixed, the Call is hereby made by their advice and solicitations for said convention to meet in St. Louis, Mo., August 11, 1886, 10 o'clock a. m., in the First Baptist Church, and the pastor thereof is hereby requested to serve as a Committee of Arrangements, with power to select his associates.

Wm. H. Steward, Louisville, Ky., and Rev. R. H. Cole, 2909 Goode Avenue, St. Louis, are hereby requested to serve as a committee on Transportation.
WM. J. SIMMONS

The chronological report in our National Baptist Minutes is hereby corrected, viz: The parties as they appear below were officers of the Foreign Mission or National Educational Conventions, as were their predecessors. Said conventions merged into the National Baptist Convention in 1886 or met co-jointly with it, or otherwise.

FOREIGN MISSION OR NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Yrs.	Cities	Presidents	Secretaries
1886	Memphis, Tenn.	Rev. J. A. Foster	Hon. J. J. Spelman
1887	Little Rock, Ark.	Rev. A. S. Jackson	Hon. J. J. Spelman
1888	Nashville, Tenn.	Rev. A. S. Jackson	Hon. J. J. Spelman
1889	Indianapolis, Ind.	Rev. E. K. Love, D. D.	Rev. S. D. Clanton, D. D.
1890	Louisville, Ky.	Rev. E. K. Love, D. D.	Rev. S. D. Clanton, D. D.
1891	Dallas, Texas	Rev. E. K. Love, D. D.	Rev. S. D. Clanton, D. D.
1892	Savannah, Ga.	Rev. A. R. Griggs, D. D.	Rev. S. D. Clanton, D. D.
1893	Washington, D. C.	Rev. E. K. Love, D. D.	Rev. S. D. Clanton, D. D.
1894	Montgomery, Ala.	Rev. A. R. Griggs, D. D.	W. H. Steward

There was no convention of such national scope as the National Baptist Convention, 1886. The Foreign Mission Convention, however, having been organized in 1850, the National Baptist Convention accepts that date as the starting point.

THE BRONZE TABLET

It will be recalled that with pen and voice I have urged that the men and women who met November, 1880, to organize this body be memorialized by a bronze tablet placed in the corridors of our Publishing House. At the Executive Board Meeting in Milwaukee, June, 1928, it was voted that the Historical Department project and push the celebration of Founders' Day on November 24, which falls this year on Saturday, so it will be very easy to carry the date over one day and observe the day on the fourth Sunday. The money raised is to be used to erect this tablet. The programs issued by the Sunday School Publishing Board in 1927 can be used, with slight variations, for this purpose.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Board of Managers at its meeting held in New York, November, 1927, ordered that the Historical Department with the Sunday School Publishing Board cooperating, organize Negro Baptists everywhere to observe Founders' Day on November 24th, 1928, and a portion of the collection of that day is to be devoted to placing a memorial tablet in the Morris Memorial Building at Nashville in memory of the 151 persons who met in Montgomery, Alabama, 1880 and formed our present organized work, we therefore recommended:

1. That corresponding secretary of each State Convention, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention, and the secretary of every County or District Association be and is hereby requested to join the Historical Department in an effort to have the program observed Sunday, November 25, 1928.

2. That the Executive Committee furnish the Department sufficient funds from this session to get the needed help, postage and publicity, to the end that this just tribute be paid to the pioneers of our organized work, as ordered by the National Baptist Convention, in St. Louis assembled in 1922.

3. That a committee of fifteen, including the historian be appointed who shall see to the placing of said Memorial Tablet and arrange for its dedication during the year, 1929.

Minutes of the Foreign Mission Convention

of the

United States of America

held in

Montgomery, Alabama

November 24, 25 and 26, 1880

Wm. W. Celly, Corresponding Secretary
Richmond, Virginia

Compania Printing Company
Knoxville, Tenn.

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PRESIDENT:—	ELDER W. H. MCALPINE, of ALA.
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2nd “	“ F. R. HOWELL, of N. C.
3rd “	“ R. N. COUNTEE, of TENN.
4th “	“ E. K. LOVE, of GA.
5th “	“ J. W. MUSE, of MISS.
6th “	“ E. HOOKS, of TEXAS
7th “	“ G. ROBINSON, of ARK.
8th “	“ P. H. WILLIAMS, of OHIO
9th “	“ J. MARKS, of LA.
10th “	“ A. J. FOSTER, of ALA.
11th “	“ JAMES PAGE, of FLA.
SECRETARIES,	“ J. M. ARMSTEAD, of TENN.
“	“ G. H. DWELLE, of GA.
TREASURER,	“ E. G. COPREW, of VA.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

ELDER	W. A. BUNCH, SALEM, ALA.
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“	R. SPILLER, NORFOLK, VA.
“	A. N. BUCK, HALIFAX, N. C.

CONSTITUTION

Preamble and Constitution of the Baptist Foreign Mission Convention of the United States of America

Whereas it becomes necessary and is our duty to extend our Christian influence to advance the kingdom of Christ, and as African Missions claim our most profound attention and feeling that we are most sacredly called to the work in this field and elsewhere abroad, therefore, we the representatives of the various churches, Sunday Schools and societies of the Baptist denomination in the United States, do solemnly organize ourselves in a Convention for the above named objects; we agree to the following Constitution:

ARTICLE I.

This Convention shall be styled and known as the BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION CONVENTION of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

ARTICLE II.

The principal object of this Convention shall be diffusion of the GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST, on the Continent of Africa, and elsewhere abroad, that the Providence of God may direct.

ARTICLE III.

The membership of this Convention shall be annual or life, any member of a Baptist Church, in good standing may become an annual member by paying the sum of Five Dollars annually, and a life member by paying the sum of Fifty Dollars, in annual installments of Five Dollars for ten consecutive years.

ARTICLE IV.

All messengers from Baptist churches, Sunday-schools, Women's Missionary Association, Conventions, Association and the annual and life members shall be recognized as members of the present and next regular meeting of this Convention. The basis of representation shall be one delegate from every church and one for every 1000 members or a fraction of the first 1000. They are to contribute according to their ability, to the fund of the Convention, and two delegates from each association or convention and one for every 25,000 members or a fraction thereof above the first 25,000 so contributing to the funds of the Convention.

ARTICLE V.

The officers of this Convention shall be a President and one Vice-President from each state represented in this Convention and said V. P.'s shall be President of the work of this Convention in each state and so considered by this Convention. Also two Secretaries and a Treasurer who shall be elected at every annual meeting of this Convention and hold their office until their successors are chosen, and no one shall be chosen President more than twice consecutively.

ARTICLE VI.

Fifteen judicious and experienced brethren shall be elected at every regular meeting of the Convention, who shall form or constitute the Executive Board of this Convention; five of whom shall constitute an Executive Committee with full power to use all means necessary to secure the objects of Convention during its recess, and who shall be responsible to the Convention for all their actions.

ARTICLE VII.

It shall be the duty of the Board of the Convention to take such steps as may be necessary to secure Church, Association and State Organizations for developing an interest in Foreign Mission, and securing co-operation with this Convention by raising means and otherwise.

ARTICLE VIII.

A majority of the Board shall be located at some central point.

ARTICLE IX.

The Board shall make an annual report of all its transactions in this Convention, giving a full account of all its doings during the interval of the meetings of this Convention, giving the condition and prosperity of our mission fields; the number of missionaries employed by them and what salaries they receive and other information in their possession that will assist the Convention to judiciously carry out its object, and they shall not form any organized co-operation with any other body.

ARTICLE X.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Convention; he shall preserve good order, enforce the rules and decide all questions of order, but any member may appeal from his decision to the Convention whose decision shall be final. In the event of the death of the President or his resignation, any one of the Vice-Presidents by the request of the Executive Board may fill his place.

ARTICLE XI.

The Treasurer shall receive and hold all moneys, bills, deeds and bonds belonging to the Convention; pay all orders issued by the Board at their regular meetings, and signed by the President and

Secretary of the same. He shall for the faithful discharge of his duties and the security of the Convention in its property, give such bonds as may be agreed upon by the Board; and his books may be free to the inspection of any officer of the Convention and any member of the Board. He shall make a quarterly report to the Board and an annual report to the Convention giving an account of all moneys received and paid out by him, to whom, what for and the general condition of the treasury.

ARTICLE XII.

All officers, boards, missionaries and agents appointed by the Convention or the Executive Board shall be members of some regular Baptist church in union with the churches composing this Convention.

ARTICLE XIII.

The bodies and individuals composing this Convention shall have the right to specify the object or objects to which their contributions shall be applied; but when no such specifications are made, the Convention shall make the appropriation at its discretion.

ARTICLE XIV.

The Convention shall meet at such time and place as shall be agreed upon at a preceding meeting; special meetings of this Convention may be called by the President at the request of the Executive Board; or in case of his death or removal from office, by any one of the Vice-Presidents.

ARTICLE XV.

This Constitution is only provisional, and is intended to meet the exigency of the hour and may be abridged or amended at any regular meeting of this Convention by a majority vote of the same.

MINUTES

Rev. J. A. Foster also delivered an address of welcome in behalf of his church and the citizens of Montgomery.

The following delegates made short and well-pointed addresses expressing the status of their state in regard to the mission to be accomplished;

Rev. R. N. Countee, of Tennessee; J. W. Patterson of Virginia; H. W. Bowens of Mississippi; E. K. Love of Georgia; J. Marks of Louisiana; F. B. Howell of North Carolina; P. H. Williams of Ohio; C. B. Martain of Texas; George Roberson of Arkansas; Miss E. F. Cassidy of Iowa and Miss J. P. Moore of Illinois.

On motion it was ordered that the names of the delegates be enrolled.

The President appointed the following members as a Committee on Constitution and By-laws:

Revs. W. H. McAlpine, H. Woodsmall, E. K. Love, J. W. Muse, E. G. Corprew, R. N. Countee, C. Johnson, J. Marks, W. W. Colley, C. B. Martain, P. H. Williams, Miss J. P. Moore, and Miss E. F. Cassidy.

The President appointed Rev. R. Spiller to preach at this church at 7:30 assisted by Rev. C. P. Hughes. Prayer by H. Woodsmall. The Convention adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION

The Convention was called to order by Rev. J. A. Foster, and devotional services was conducted by Elder C. P. Hughes, consisting of singing Hymn 648, reading Isaiah 35th chapter, and prayer.

Elder R. Spiller of Norfolk, Va., being introduced preached an able sermon from Psalm 126:6—"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seeds shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Collection \$12.20. Benediction by Elder W. A. Burch, and the Convention adjourned to re-assemble at 9 a. m.



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25th

MORNING SESSION

President Colley presiding and re-assembled the Convention at 9:30 a. m., sung Hymn, "We Will Rest in the Valley." Prayer by J. W. Patterson. Wednesday's journal was then read and approved. After which the Convention took recess until 1 p. m.

At 1 p. m., the President called the Convention to order and announced the Committee on Constitution was ready to report.

The committee submitted the following which was adopted. (See Constitution)

The President appointed the following named members as a committee on the selection of officers. Revs. J. W. Patterson, A. F. Owens, P. T. Hatchett, W. A. Brinkley, Hon. A. A. Blake, Revs. F. Hooks, F. R. Howell, H. W. Bowen, P. H. Williams, J. Marks, Miss E. F. Cassidy, and Miss J. P. Moore.

Rev. P. H. Williams of Ohio was appointed to preach at this church at 7:30 p. m., assisted by Rev. J. Marks of Louisiana.

The President introduced Dr. S. W. Marston of St. Louis, Mo., who led in prayer.

On motion the Convention adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION

President Colley in the chair. Rev. J. Marks read 103 Psalms, sung Hymn 1141 and offered prayer. Hymn 590 was sung, Rev. P. H. Williams of Ohio being introduced preached from Hebrew 8:25. Prayer by Rev. M. Tyler. Collection \$13.01.

The committee on the nomination of officers for the ensuing year, submitted the following: President, Revs. W. H. McAlpine of Alabama, 1st Vice, J. W. Patterson of Virginia, 2nd Vice, F. R. Howell of North Carolina, 3rd R. N. Countee of Tennessee, 4th K. Love of Georgia, 5th J. W. Muse of Mississippi,

6th F. Hooks of Texas, 7th G. Robinson of Arkansas, 8th P. H. Williams of Ohio, 9th J. Marks of Louisiana, 10th J. A. Foster of Alabama, 11th James Page of Florida.

Secretaries, Revs. J. M. Armstead of Tennessee, G. W. Dwelle of Georgia. Treasurer, E. G. Corprew of Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. PATTERSON, Chairman

The President announced the following members as a committee to select an Executive Board for the ensuing year:

Revs. P. Guinn, R. Spiller, G. H. Dwelle, Prof. M. W. Alston, Revs. J. Marks, C. B. Marton, Miss E. F. Cassidy, Revs. P. H. Williams, J. Sims, Miss J. P. Moore, Revs. A. N. Buck, R. Ramsey.

On motion Rev. C. H. Carey of Virginia and P. Mathes of Alabama was appointed to conduct the President elect to the chair, who on taking his seat mapped out explicitly the course for the delegation to pursue to expedite business. Sung the Doxology. "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

Benediction by Rev. P. H. Williams. Adjourned to 9 a. m. tomorrow.

THIRD DAY, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26th 1880

MORNING SESSION

President McAlpine in the chair, called the Convention to order at 9 a. m. Rev. R. Ramsey of Mississippi conducted the devotional services, read Psalms 100, sung 725 Hymn and offered prayer.

Thursday's journal was read and approved.

The President announced the following committees:

On Finance—Revs. C. P. Hughes, A. F. Owens, and J. W. Muse.

On Time and Place—Revs. R. Spiller, A. F. Owens and G. Robinson.

On Devotional Services—Revs. J. A. Foster, R. N. Countee and F. Hooks.

On Printing—Revs. J. M. Armstead, G. H. Dwelle, and W. W. Colley.

On Preparing Certificates for Delegates—Prof. G. W. Curtis, Rev. C. H. Carey, and P. Mathes.

On Ways and Means—Revs. E. G. Corprew, W. W. Colley, E. K. Love, R. N. Countee, J. W. Patterson, J. A. Stewart, and H. Bowens.

We, your Committee to Select and Locate the Executive Board, submit the following: We have selected Richmond, Va., for the location of the Board, and present the following named brethren for the said Executive Board:

Revs. W. A. Burch, Selma, Ala., P. Hatchett, Little Rock, Ark., G. H. Dwelle, Georgia, John Marks, New Orleans, La., T. L. Jordan, Columbus, Miss., C. Johnson, Raleigh, N. C., P. H. Williams, Middleport, Ohio, C. P. Hughes, Shelbyville, Tenn., C. B. Marton, Jefferson, Texas, C. H. Carey, Abingdon, Va., J. W. Patterson, Danville, Va., D. King, Norfolk, Va., A. N. Buck, Halifax, N. C., W. W. Colley.

Respectfully submitted,

P. GUINN, Chairman

The Committee on Time and Place submitted the following: The Convention hold its Second Annual Session with the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., Wednesday before the Fourth Lord's Day in November 1881, and that Rev. John Marks of Louisiana, preach the Annual Sermon, Alternate Rev. C. O. Boothe of Alabama, Missionary Sermon by Rev. W. W. Colley of Virginia, Alternate Rev. A. F. Owens of Alabama, R. Spiller, Chairman.

EVENING SESSION

The President called the Convention to order at 7:30 p. m. Sung, "Pass Me Not Gentle Saviour." Prayer by Elder P. Guinn of Tennessee.

Rev. W. W. Colley, late missionary to Africa then delivered an able and impressive address on African Mission.

The Committee on Ways and Means made the following report which was adopted. Be it resolved:

1. That each State Convention; General Association, Woman's Missionary Societies, Sunday School Conventions and District Associations organize a Foreign Mission Board with the necessary officers to prosecute the work of missions within the bounds of said associations and conventions.

2. That said boards request the different churches and Sunday schools to give a collection once every quarter for African Missions, and the same be forwarded to the Vice-President of this Convention in each State, he to give his receipt for the same, and forward at once to the general treasurer of this Convention and he forward a receipt for the same to the Vice-President.

3. That the Executive Board of this Convention appoint a corresponding secretary, whose duty it shall be to travel over the various States and collect means for African Missions, and the board pay him a liberal compensation for his service.

4. That the board strive to raise as soon as practicable, \$5,000 to establish a mission house in Africa.

5. That the Executive Committee of the board confer with the Foreign Mission Board of the Virginia Baptist State Convention, relative to the transferring of their work in Africa under Rev. S. Cosby, to this Convention, and that the Vice-President of each State have the work of mission published in the denominational organs of his State when it can be done free of charge.

REV. E. G. CORPREW, Virginia, Chairman

REV. R. N. COUNTEE, Tennessee, Secretary

The Executive Board submitted the following report which was adopted:

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 26th, 1880

Mr. President and Dear Brethren:

We, the board beg leave to submit the following:

According to the duties imposed upon us, we meet this evening at 6 p. m. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Patterson of Virginia. We elected as chairman of the board, Rev. W. A. Burch of Selma, Ala., and Rev. C. H. Carey of Abingdon, Va., as Secretary.

On motion Rev. Eld. W. W. Colley was employed as Correspondent Secretary of the Convention at a salary of \$1,000 per year.

On motion, the Treasurer, was requested to give a bond of \$1,000 for the faithful discharge of his duty. The following bills were ordered paid.

The sexton, \$5.00, secretary, \$7.00, board for delegates, \$7.00, and the First Baptist Church replace this \$7.00 for board. Rev. W. A. Burch, Chairman, C. H. Carey, Secretary.

Rev. F. R. Howell offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Board of this Convention, request all the officers and Executive Committee of the various State conventions and general associations where foreign mission boards have not been organized, to act with the Vice-President of the convention in each State as a committee on foreign missions.

2. That said committee request the officers and executive committees of the various associations and Sunday school conventions in their various states to act as a committee on foreign missions in their respective bodies.

3. That they make an effort to secure the co-operation of all pastors, S. S. superintendents, editors, principals of schools, missionaries and the representatives of the various denominational interests and awaking an interest in organizing and raising money for the work in Africa.

4. That the Executive Board of this Convention be further instructed to prepare suitable circulars explanatory of the objects of the Convention and giving facts about Africa, and also such blanks as may be needed to supply those who may agree to aid in the work.

Special instruction should be furnished the sisters of our churches in regards to the organization of women's mission circles in the churches.

The following brethren were appointed messengers to other bodies:

Southern Baptist Convention—Rev. T. L. Jordan
R. Ramsey.

Virginia State Convention—Rev. R. Spiller.
Virginia Sunday School State Convention—Rev. C. H. Carey.
American Baptist Publication Society—Revs. J. W. Patterson and C. O. Booth.
American and Foreign Bible Society—Rev. C. Johnson.

The Missionary Union—Rev. W. H. McAlpine.
The New England Convention—Rev. W. W. Colley.
On motion that all the members of this convention were made messengers to the Baptist organizations in their respective state.

Rev. J. W. Patterson offered the following:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Convention, are hereby tendered to pastor and members of this church and the Baptist citizens of Montgomery, generally for kindness and hospitalities to the members of the Convention and for the interest manifested; also to the railroads which have favored the delegates with reduced rates.

FINANCE REPORT

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following:

Alabama Baptist State Convention	\$ 25 00
Muscle Shoals Sabbath School Convention	5 00
Eufaula District	2 00
Union	1 00
Dowen Baptist Association	10 00
Colored Bethlehem	1 00
First Baptist Church, Birmingham	1 00
Evergreen Baptist Association	4 00
Sabbath School Foreign Mission Society of Marion	1 00
East Alabama Sabbath School Convention	1 00
Havehill Baptist Church, Midway	1 00
Friendship Baptist Church	1 00
S. M. Reeves, Greenville	1 00
Mt. Olive Church, Clarke Co.	1 00
A. Johnson	1 00
Uniontown Association	1 00
New Cahaba Association	1 00
Second Baptist Church, Marietta	1 00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Marietta	1 00
Shelby Springs Association	1 00
Bethel Baptist Church, Monroville	1 00
Antioch Baptist Church, Monroville	1 00
C. Woods	1 00
Through Selma Baptist, Missionary Society; Mr. Cunningham by Rev. C. Long	1 00
Mt. Pleasant Association	1 00
Free Mission Association by Rev. C. Travis	1 00
New Mt. Gilead	1 00
Mt. Olive, Pine Jackson	1 00
Rev. G. M. Jackson, Eleven Grove	1 00
M. E. Church, East Port	1 00
Juka Church, Eleven Grove	1 00
Liberty Church	1 00
Carrier Branch	1 00
Cherokee	1 00
No. 1 Zion	1 00
Total from the above Society	1 00
Rahoboth Church	1 00

Mt. Zion Church, Tallahassee	\$ 1 00
Alabama District Sunday School Convention	10 00
Uniontown Sabbath School, Perry Co.	2 50
Collection during the session	1 20
Alabama District Sunday School Association	10 00
Mrs. Blanche	75

Total from Alabama \$ 211 00

VIRGINIA

Zion Baptist Church, Portsmouth	\$ 5 00
Union Baptist Church, Nansemond	5 00
Portsmouth, Norfolk and Berkley Sabbath School Union	5 00
Second Sabbath School, Portsmouth	3 40
The Sisters of Zion Church, Portsmouth	1 50
Zion State of Convention	1 00
Zion Sabbath School Mission Society	5 00
Bate St. Church, Norfolk	5 00
Bank St. Baptist Foreign Mission Society, Norfolk	3 00
Bank St. Baptist Church, Singing Association, Norfolk	1 50

Total \$ 25 90

MISSISSIPPI

Mt. Olive Sabbath School, Holmes Co.	\$ 1 00
Mount Olive Sabbath School, Holmes Co.	2 00
Mariah Sabbath School, Holmes Co.	1 00
Mt. Valley Church, Holmes Co.	2 00
Nashy Grove Sabbath School, Holmes Co.	4 60
Case Bank Sabbath School, Holmes Co.	3 00
Holly Grove Sabbath School, Holmes Co.	1 00
St. Paul's Sabbath School, Holmes Co.	1 00
St. Andrew's Church, Cohomo County	1 00
Oak Ridge Church, Cohomo County	1 00

Total \$ 18 60

ARKANSAS

St. Paul Baptist Church, Pine Bluff	\$ 5 00
Central Baptist Church, Pine Bluff	1 00
Harrison Baptist Church, Pine Bluff	1 00
First Baptist Church, Jefferson Co.	2 00
Third Baptist Church, Helena	2 00
Chapel Baptist Church, Jefferson Co.	1 00

Total \$ 12 00

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina State Convention \$ 10 00

LOUISIANA

Fourth and Sixth District Sabbath School Institute, New Orleans
Churches Alabama Society \$ 4 00

Total \$ 8 00

TENNESSEE

Middle Baptist Church, Memphis	\$ 2 50
Local Baptist Church Sabbath School, Memphis	2 50
West Tenn. East Ark., and North Miss. Association	6 00
First Church, Tallahassee, Fla.	10 00

Total \$ 20 00

Grand Total \$ 317 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MUSE
A. F. OWENS

Witnessed and attested, this 10th day of November, 1881.

REV. W. H. McALPINE of Marietta, Ala., President
REV. J. M. ARMISTEAD, of Knoxville, Tenn., Sec'y.

MINUTES

HIGH POINTS IN THE RECORDS OF OUR ORGANIZED WORK, 1881-1883

1881

The second annual session was held November 23, in Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn. President W. H. McAlpine in his opening speech stressed the importance of the purpose for which the Convention was organized, namely, to spread the gospel among their heathen brethren in Africa. Motion passed that no member should leave the room during the meeting without a "formal excuse."

Memorial Services held for Revs. S. Cosby, Missionary to Africa, and E. G. Corprew, Treasurer of the Convention.

Editors of the various Baptist papers were requested to take note of the sermons preached before this body.

R. H. Boyd was admitted to a seat, and E. C. Morris was appointed to the Auditing Committee.

Mt. Zion Church contributed about one hundred dollars and in recognition of this generosity her pastor, Rev. J. M. Armstead was made a life member. The Executive Committee, consisting of seven brothers and sisters, were appointed to raise five hundred dollars and as much more as possible, to build houses, schools and churches and help pay interpreters in Africa.

During the first year of their organized life they lost by death two outstanding members: Solomon Cosby, a missionary in Africa, (employed by the same Missionary Society in Virginia that had sent Lott Carey to Liberia in 1821, as the Convention had no missionaries of its own at that time), and Rev. E. G. Corprew, their treasurer. Rev. William Troy, with Rev. William W. Colley and Rev. Henry Williams, Jr., all of Virginia, were appointed by the Convention as a Committee on "Charter and Seal"; thereby stating their faith in the future importance and belief in the powerful destiny of the organization. But a careful search of the records of every year from that year up to the present (1928) fails to show that the body was ever incorporated until it was incorporated May 17, 1915, at Washington, D. C.

Rev. R. H. Boyd joined the Convention this year. Revs. W. W. Colley, Henry Williams, Jr., Elias C. Morris, Joseph E. Jones, Henry W. Bowen, Emanuel K. Love, William Troy were appointed, by motion, as a Special Committee to Revise the Constitution. It appears that Rev. Colley returned home from Liberia where he had served as a missionary under the Southern Baptist Convention (white), was dissatisfied with their treatment and determined to organize his own people to help redeem Africa. Colley had been educated in Virginia at the (then) Richmond Institute under Dr. Corey. Because of his experience he was well-equipped for his chosen task. His breadth of vision and executive ability is clearly shown by the fact that he travelled through this country creating sentiment in favor of Negro leadership, and within two years had drawn together a large body of consecrated brethren united

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with an unselfish purpose which has been self-perpetuating. Rev. William Troy, who had escaped to Canada during his slavery days, returned to the States at the close of the war and settling in Virginia, became a valuable co-worker of Rev. Colley in the work of rallying the churches and enlisting the brethren for the support of African missions.

The idea of safeguarding and fostering the interests of the Convention so vigorously contended for by President Morris during his entire official life, and now being strongly advocated by President Williams actually originated in the hearts of the fathers of our organized work. It is worth while to read carefully the resolutions passed in 1881 at Knoxville, Tenn., with a view to eliminating graft or any form of dishonesty on the part of those entrusted with the property of the Convention, and thus to protect the interests of the churches that formed said body, by dealing summarily with those who would attempt to exploit or wrong them in any way.

"Whereas this Convention is to be a chartered body and there are inconveniences to which this body may be subjected; therefore to avoid usurpation of power on the part of the board, trustee or trustees, be it

Resolved, That the committee appointed by this Convention be, and is hereby instructed to have the Charter so worded that the Convention shall have full and complete control over the property of this organization, papers, moneys, etc., and that it shall be so understood that if any trustee or trustees shall do any act or thing that may in any way hinder or trammel the work of this Convention, they shall be forthwith dismissed and other competent men appointed in their places, who will serve according to word and dictation of this body.

The report of the treasurer showed receipts to the amount of \$1711.89, expenses, \$1340.00. The Convention adjourned with the understanding that they were to hold the next meeting with the Second Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia, but for some reason not stated in the records, they met at Cotton Avenue Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia, instead.

1882

Session held with the Cotton Avenue Baptist Church, Macon, Ga., June 28, 1882.

President McAlpine called the attention of the Convention to the fact that we are without experience in the conduct of these assemblies and, therefore, each one should not see how often he could get the floor nor how many resolutions he could get his name signed to. The plan of organizing the ladies of our churches was discussed, and the idea of forming them into Home and Foreign Mission Societies seemed to be a good one, and 154 societies were reported as having been organized in the various states. It was estimated that, with an average offering of \$7 each, our work

would receive \$1078, which would support two missionaries on a basis of the salaries paid by the Southern Baptist Convention to workers. Rev. W. J. David was appointed to go to Dahomey. Rev. J. O. Hayes was also instructed to go to Dahomey as soon as practicable and to send the Board plans for a church and chapel at that point.

Rev. J. H. Presley was made assistant to Rev. Colley, the corresponding secretary and field agent. This year shows the extent and scope of the work done previously. Many of the most prominent leaders from all the states were present at this meeting. The welcome address delivered by Rev. E. K. Love, was very pathetic and touching.

The Virginia State Convention turned over more than \$1500 to the Convention. The church at Abington, Va., pledged \$100. The Mt. Zion Church of Caddo Parish, La., pledged a collection for Africa every fifth Sunday. The Convention ordered three thousand copies of the minutes published. The committee reported on History.

HISTORY OF THE FOREIGN MISSION CONVENTION OF THE U. S. A.

1. This Convention was organized November 24, 1880, First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., Rev. W. H. McAlpine, of Marion, Ala., President; Rev. W. W. Colley, of Virginia, Corresponding Secretary and Traveling Agent; Rev. E. G. Corprow, of Virginia, Treasurer; Rev. J. Armistead, Secretary.

2. Second meeting in 1881, at Knoxville, Tenn., November 22nd-28th. Rev. W. H. McAlpine, President; Rev. W. W. Colley, Corresponding Secretary and Traveling Agent; Rev. R. Spiller, of Virginia, Treasurer, Rev. J. M. Armistead, Secretary.

3. Third Annual Session in 1882, at Macon, Georgia, June 25th-July 1st. Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite, President; W. W. Colley, Corresponding Secretary and Traveling Agent; Rev. R. Spiller, of Virginia, Treasurer; W. R. Pettiford, of Alabama, Clerk.

P. F. MORRIS
WILLIAM TROY
JOS. E. JONES

1883

The meeting was held September 19, at the First Baptist Church of Manchester, Va., now South Richmond. President J. Q. A. Wilhite, of Eufaula, Ala., was in the chair. Rev. J. O. Hayes, who had been engaged to work for the Convention in Liberia, who had decided to work under another Board and would return the money, \$125, sent him. He later seems to have changed his mind and for six months or more "besieged the Board with letters asking for his reappointment." Rev. J. H. Presley and wife, Hattie E., were appointed as active missionaries. Before J. J. Coles and H. McKinney were also selected but they were in

study in the College of Liberia as prospective missionaries. Rev. W. W. Colley and wife, Georgia; Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Presley and Rev. John J. Coles, all of Virginia, and Henson McKinney of Mississippi, sailed for Africa, December 1, 1883, in the ship, "Monrovia," leaving at 9:45 in the morning. This historic voyage of the National Baptist Convention's first missionaries occupied 43 days, and they finally reached their field of labor January 13, 1884.

BAPTISTS, WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

In my travels as historian, I am constantly struck with the evidence of lack of interest in our schools by Baptist families. Other denominations, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, all of the various branches of the Methodist family—all denominations—send their youth to their own schools. They build their schools, make them as efficient as possible and sustain them. Baptists are lax in this matter which is of such vital importance. I remember visiting a school in Alabama, maintained by Lutherans, where the teacher proudly informed me: "More than 90 per cent of our children, Dr. Jordan, are from Baptist homes." I know of a school of the C. M. E. Church where more than one-half of the pupils are Baptists. But the most outstanding example of this practice is found in the case of a school of high repute where dancing, in its modern society mode is a regular feature of the recreation program, and yet perhaps two-thirds of the young men and women students are members of Baptist churches where dancing is not countenanced. A Baptist institution in the same city has been moved to another part of the state for want of patronage and support. There are few things, in these perilous times, of greater importance than the selection of schools for our youth. Our Baptist parents should be constantly admonished that the religious atmosphere of the institution to which their children go, must be carefully considered. No amount of culture can make amends for the absence of Christ in the school. There are certain doctrines that Baptists have always contended for. To discount the Bible teachings on these subjects or to discredit and minimize the essential points of our Baptist faith is a calamity which the Baptist student faces when he enters an institution where modernists hold forth. A capable teaching force and fine material equipment cannot atone for looseness of attitude on the matters of immersion, open communion, questionable amusements and "union" meetings, which may determine the destiny of our children and alienate them from the teaching of God's Word, the faith of their fathers and the great principles which our early Baptists so much. The time has come, if we are to have in the future as now, great churches whose memberships run into the thousands, for pastors to "ring out" on this subject and unless we are aroused to our duty of upholding the great fundamental Baptist doctrines, and speak out with no uncertain sound our cause will suffer. We must make our young people Baptists—100 per cent, plus.

They Made an Effort

Miss Lucy Wilnot Smith who was made historian by the American National Baptist Convention in 1887, says: "Rev. E. K. Love of Georgia has been selected to write a historical narrative of the Baptists of that state. It will be known as the 'Centennial Record' and will be read at the Centennial in 1888. The Baptists of Alabama in Convention assembled, appointed Rev. W. H. McAlpine to write a history of the denomination in the state."

When we add to these efforts of Drs. R. DeBaptiste and Rufus L. Perry during the decade ending 1890, to say nothing of the work of gathering data undertaken by Dr. Allen R. Griggs at a later date, we realize that there should be at least a reasonable amount of records available. Unfortunately some unknown circumstances, (possibly lack of cooperation on the part of the denomination, or lack of sufficient funds to prosecute the work, perhaps, forced these capable men to take their findings to the grave with them. Only very recently has there been a sort of Renaissance of interest in this phase of our activities. The literary awakening which was inaugurated by President L. K. Williams, put in motion by Secretary Townsend, and whipped into tangible shape through the resolution offered by Dr. E. W. Perry of Oklahoma at our 1924 session, is enabling us to attract the attention of Negro Baptists in their own history, to an unprecedented extent. The Historical Department is taking this opportunity to make another appeal for the following items:

1. Minutes of the Western and Southern Baptist Conventions.
2. Minutes of the American National Baptist Convention.
3. Back numbers of the National Baptist Magazine.
4. Copies of old Baptist papers, such as, The Baptist Pilot, The National Monitor, The Baptist Signal, The Christian Banner, The Virginia Baptist, and especially the papers published by R. DeBaptiste of Illinois and E. K. Love of Georgia—any old Baptist papers.
5. Any printed or written addresses of the leaders—from 1850 to 1900.

Whatever is sent to us will be treasured, put into book form and kept in a fire-proof vault to be passed on down to posterity. Quite a list of rare books have been secured through the aid of the Sunday School Publishing Board. They are being catalogued and will be filed for future research.

Achievements of the Year . . . 1927—1928

Since the Detroit meeting of the Convention, the Historical Department has issued thousands of cards, 3 x 5 in size, containing historical matter on each side; thousands of cards containing our Baptist Covenant and facts of interest to Negro Baptists. Seven thousand copies of "Saturday or Sunday—Which?" have been issued. Much labor and pains have been expended on the manuscript of "The Standard Baptist Church Directory and Pastors' Guide," which I compiled and which has just been turned over to

the Sunday School Publishing Board for publication; it may be secured on demand. The copy of the Negro Baptist History is ready for inspection by the committee which was appointed for that purpose.

Our Baptist Cyclopedia To Be Published Shortly

One of the most significant projects for next year to be worked out by this department is the compiling of a Baptist Cyclopedia. This has already been begun in pursuance of the resolution offered by Dr. J. C. Love of New Jersey and passed by the Executive Board at the New York meeting in January, 1928. This book will contain a sketch of the life and accomplishments of our most outstanding ministers with a photograph of each. When completed it will be a valuable asset to the denomination, as it will also have brief accounts and pictures of the historic churches of Negro Baptists in this country and abroad, besides other unique and unusual features.

I have visited extensively among our churches and pastors and have been cordially received and heard in behalf of his department. I have been able to collect from churches and individuals on account of the Department \$773.15 during the year. Grateful thanks are hereby tendered to all who have in any way assisted the work of this struggling department. I wish to express appreciation for the faithful cooperation and help given me by my very efficient wife, who has served without pay save the love of service; but for her assistance, I could not have accomplished half of the work her set forth. Once more I ask your prayers and continued interest in this work, which will be of increasing benefit to the race and denomination long after all who now gather here have passed from labor to reward.

On this, my fifty-sixth anniversary as a Baptist preacher, nothing gives me more joy than the fact that I was privileged in 1926 to turn over to a Committee of the Convention five hundred dollars for the establishment of a Fund for Missions and Christian Education. (See Minutes of the Fort Worth Session). Though given through great personal sacrifice, I rejoice that this money has already aided in the maintenance of the American Theological Seminary and I am hoping to add to it myself in some way before I go hence. Besides this I trust that my brethren will see the need of such a fund and will regard it as a nucleus to which they will add from time to time as the Lord opens the way.

Yours in his service,

L. G. JORDAN,
Historian of the National Baptist Convention.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY CHAS. M. ROBERSON

To the President, Officers and Members of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Greetings:

Once more by the hands of him who watches over and shapes the destiny of the affairs of races, nations and empires, I am permitted to submit another report as attorney for this, the grandest institution known to mankind, composed of representatives and ambassadors of King Emanuel, citizens and subjects of that great theocratic government, whose chief and ruler is God.

Many have been the obligations and conflicts of the Convention during the past year, but as stated before we are pleased to say that those in whom you have intrusted the affairs of the Convention have ever been on the alert, and like captain of the mighty vessel and trained mariners, they have kept the old ship moving forward and we find ourselves in port today and anchored steadfast to the harbor.

May we not contribute the success thus far attained to ourselves, but let us rather give praise and thanks to God, remembering that it is stated in Holy Writ that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

Before going further, I consider it but proper that I should thank my brethren for the privilege of being the legal representative of this Convention.

Matters Handled

You will recall that the Convention assumed an obligation of the old Church Extension Board at Belzoni, Mississippi, and gave it a note for the amount received by the secretary of the Church Extension Board and payments have been made upon these notes reducing the amounts each year since the Convention assumed the obligation and a check went forward to apply upon this matter and the note issued for the balance which will become due at the close of this meeting.

Sunday School Publishing Board

The affairs of this Board are moving along in a very satisfactory manner as far as I know in a legal way. The only matter referred to me from this Board is the Rev. W. C. Howell matter that was delivered to me by Dr. Townsend. It grew out of a note issued by the Rev. Howell et al. for goods bought amounting to \$1200.00. I went to Texarkana on three occasions and made an effort to close this account for the Board, but Rev. Howell's affairs were in such a legal entanglement I have not as yet been able to make the collection, but I contemplate bringing an action against the makers of this note during the next term of court and proceed to collect the amount for the Sunday School Publishing Board. I have had considerable correspondence with Secretary Townsend pertaining to the affairs of this Board, this being executive in nature was properly disposed of.

E. Y. P. U. Board

The legal affairs of this Board are in a very fine condition. No legal entanglement nor bad debts have been referred to me from this Board during the past year, but only matter of an executive nature, all of which I endeavored to advise the secretary correctly upon.

Home Mission Board

No matter of any nature has been referred to me from this Board during the past year, and so far as I know the affairs of the Board are in a satisfactory condition.

Benefit Board

The only matter referred to me from this Board which is now adjunct or part of the Home Mission Board was the Sanatorium matter in Colorado and the building of the Old Ministers' Home upon the Convention's property in New Jersey. As to the Sanatorium matter this has been reported through the Executive Board at one time. There has been much correspondence through my office and Dr. J. P. Patterson and Professor Holloway, Secretary of the Board, but as represented, there were certain legal entanglements as to the Colorado property which have prevented me from making a recommendation to the Convention to accept this proposition. These matters have not as yet been adjusted to any satisfaction, therefore, I cannot at this time recommend the acceptance of the proposition. I shall continue, however, to try and cure these defects. As to the Old Ministers' Home in Jersey, I supplied Secretary Holloway with the necessary information concerning it, and I presume he will report what has been done along the lines of establishing the Old Ministers' Home.

Foreign Mission Board

You will recall that the order of the Convention was that the property of all Boards be transferred to the Convention and that the charters of the several Boards be so amended as to place the Convention in absolute control of all of its Boards and their property. This order has been carried out with all the Boards saving the Foreign Mission Board. The charter, however, has been amended in compliance with the Convention orders, but the property has not been transferred as per orders of the Convention. I have made two trips to Philadelphia for the purpose of transferring the property but was not able to do so for the reason that the secretary advised since the Board had acquired the last piece of property and the deed had been returned to them and that there was also missing a signature on the deed for the old site and that just as soon as these matters were in his possession he would advise me that I might proceed to complete the transfer. That has never been done by the secretary notwithstanding the fact there has been much corresponding between Secretary East and myself concerning this matter and it appears that this matter is being unduly delayed on account of certain reservations that Secretary East desires to have incorporated in the deed of transfer and on this question it is my understanding of the order of the Convention as well as my legal opinion that the property of this Board was subject to the order of the Convention the same as all other Boards' property and should be so transferred to the Convention and it is my opinion also that Dr. East and I will get this matter adjusted without very much more delay as it is my intention to proceed from this meeting to Philadelphia on this purpose.

The Auditor and Efficiency Department

I have had several conferences with the auditor and the Efficiency Department as to matters related to his department, and I have endeavored to advise him on all questions referred to me and it is my opinion that the department is in one shape and the Convention is being greatly benefited as the results of the efficient manner in which this department is handled.

Amiger Matter

You will remember that Dr. Amiger has been making certain claims against the Convention for back salary. This matter came before our Board on one or two occasions, but no definite action was taken due to the fact that we did not have a full and complete statement from Dr. East concerning the claim made by Dr. Amiger. The matter came before the New York Board Meeting and question of proscription or limitation was discussed and we agreed with Dr. Amiger that we would not take advantage of a plea of proscription and if he could have his accounts proper-

ly and legally established he would have consideration. I received a letter from Dr. Amiger under date of August 27, 1928, concerning this matter under which I replied under date of August 29, 1928, that the Board had taken no final action in his matter and that it might come before the Board at Louisville and as to the statutes of limitation we would stand by our original promise in that respect.

Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress

We attended a board meeting of the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress held in Cleveland during the month of January and we also attended our Congress held in Milwaukee during the month of June and had charge as leader of the Superintendent's Department and the Model Sunday School, giving to the Congress two hundred odd dollars from the Superintendent's Department and \$192.00 from the Model Sunday School. I wish to say that under the capable management of our President, Dr. W. H. Jennings and his staff of officers, our Congress is getting bigger and better each year and has now become one of the best schools of methods for religious workers that I know of in the country.

Office of Secretary Hudson

There has not been much correspondence between my office and Secretary Hudson this year, owing to the fact that our beloved secretary has been in ill health almost continuously since our last session, however notwithstanding his incapacity, the affairs of his office have been kept up to the standard.

Office of President L. K. Williams

I have conferred with the president on various occasions, since the close of our last session upon matters relating to our Convention activities. There has also been considerable correspondence between my office and that of President Williams, all however, were executive in nature and by his genius like ability every problem confronting our denomination has been met by our efficient and capable president in a statesmanlike manner, and, brethren, as I have said before, I desire to repeat again, that it seems that God provided us a L. K. Williams to lead us forward in the scheme of Kingdom Building since it cannot be denied that no one has accomplished what has been accomplished by Dr. Williams for our denomination in so short a period of time, and my prayers are that Dr. Williams will live long to lead this Baptist denomination as well as this Race of ours to higher Christian heights.

Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America

We attended the Federal Council of Churches as a representative from this body during the month of January.

World Baptist Alliance

We attended the World Baptist Alliance that was held in Toronto during the month of June as a representative from this body and I am pleased to report that it was one of the greatest gatherings of religious workers that I ever attended in my life and the thing that brought joy and gladness to me was the cordiality and recognition our Convention received and the esteem in which our President, Dr. Williams, is held by that great group of religious workers.

And now, my brethren, I have attempted to make a detailed report to you as to the affairs of our Convention, all of which I hope will meet with your approval.

And may the great Head of the church crown our deliberation with abundance of success, and may we continue to go forward in Kingdom Building among the sons of men.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. M. ROBERSON

REPORT OF STATISTICIAN

August, 1928

To the President, Officers and Members of the National Baptist Convention.

I beg leave to submit the following as my Statistical Report for the year ending September, 1928.

We called attention in our last report of strenuous efforts by the United States Census Bureau to gather the statistics of all religious denominations.

The United States representative visited Secretary Hudson in Selma, Ala., Dr. A. M. Townsend in Nashville, and C. H. Parrish in the City of Louisville. They spent several days in our office classifying the facts we had gathered. Promised us they would give us the advance sheets of the Baptist standing in this country as soon as they were completed. Glad to announce that they released their first report for the afternoon paper, July 24, 1928, which is as follows:

CENSUS OF RELIGIOUS BODIES: 1926

Negro Baptists

Washington, D. C., July 24, 1928.—The Department of Commerce announces that, according to the returns received, there were in the United States 22,082 Negro Baptist churches in 1926, with 3,196,823 members, as compared with 21,071 churches and 2,938,579 members reported in 1916. The figures for 1926 include data for the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc.; National Baptist Convention, Unincorporated; 243 churches which were reported with the Northern Baptist Convention in 1916; and a number of independent Negro Baptist churches. As a number of the churches affiliated with more than one Convention, it was not deemed advisable for the bureau arbitrarily to assign them to one or the other of the Colored Baptist Conventions; however, approximately 90 per cent of the whole number of Negro Baptist churches are affiliated with the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc.

The total expenditures for 1926, as reported by 20,210 churches, amounted to \$19,476,981, including \$16,211,927 for current expenses and improvements, \$2,444,067 for benevolences, missions, etc., and \$820,987 not classified. The total expenditures reported by 19,988 churches in 1916 were \$8,361,919. The value of church edifices (including furniture and equipment), as reported by 19,834 churches for 1926, was \$103,473,259, which may be compared with \$41,184,920 reported by 20,117 churches in 1916.

Of the 22,082 churches reporting in 1926, 4,410 were located in urban territory (incorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more) and 17,672 were in rural areas. Of the total membership, 1,246,527 were in the urban churches and 1,950,296 in the rural churches; and of the total expenditures, 1,121 urban churches reported \$11,554,870 and 16,023 rural churches, \$7,922,111. The value of church property reported by 4,013 urban churches was \$50,222,224 and that reported by 15,321 rural churches was \$34,021,035. Sunday schools were reported by 18,756 churches of this denomination in 1926, with 148,077 officers and teachers and 1,121,487 scholars. The number of officers and teachers in the Sunday schools as reported for 1916 was 128,817 and the number of scholars, 1,181,270.

The more important data for the Negro Baptists are shown by states in the table. All figures for 1926 are preliminary and subject to correction.

STATISTICS FOR THE NEGRO BAPTISTS, BY STATES

STATE	Number of Churches		Membership		Expenditures 1926		Value of Church Edifices, 1926	
	1926	1916	1926	1916	Amount	Ch. Rptg.	Amount	Ch. Rptg.
Total	22,082	21,071	3,196,823	2,938,579	\$2,310,819	\$19,476,361	\$19,830,416	\$19,558,253
Urban	4,410	4,141	1,246,521	1,163,496	4,162	11,554,870	4,011	11,458,943
Rural	17,672	16,930	1,950,299	1,775,083	16,923	7,921,491	15,819	8,099,310
New England:								
Maine			5,396	5,177		101,023	21	101,023
R. Island			1,621	30		226,041		226,041
Connecticut	26		5,519		26	32,391	25	32,391
Middle Atlantic:								
New York		43	40,823	5,652	107	672,530	3	4,063
New Jersey	125	100	41,129	18,149	148	824,224	143	672,322
Penna.	302	166	100,202	40,398	263	1,218,270	191	679,179
E. Central:								
Ohio	272	178	73,921	37,378	252	942,546	241	4,306,831
Indiana	161	68	88,368	10,412	136	231,248	184	4,730,460
Illinois		184	85,839	23,224	238	740,362	195	4,868,240
Michigan	81	181	24,883	1,228	77	292,454	47	7,783,226
Wisconsin	16		2,184	26		31,518		40,311
W. Central:								
Minnesota	81	21	1,436	478		23,293		19,000
Iowa	28	24	3,701	2,526	28	49,982	26	25,350
Missouri	244	285	42,296	41,218	236	349,436	222	2,372,323
N. Dakota			2					
Nebraska			2,002		10	29,116	10	22,956
Kansas	130	118	15,243	10,177	129	189,808	133	1,818,181
So. Atlantic:								
Delaware	8		1,575			15,321		13,300
Maryland	59	88	33,062	29,405	39	306,828	31	1,563,416
Dist. of Col.	83	60	41,262	21,444	82	433,492	69	1,044,660
Virginia	1,610	1,402	316,095	236,838	1,584	1,536,583	1,489	18,491,807
W. Virginia	239	225	24,168	16,239	232	309,313	196	1,350,803
N. Carolina	1,364	1,373	206,607	212,019	1,102	944,420	1,201	3,508,325
S. Carolina	1,364	1,352	285,324	256,479	1,337	796,448	1,312	4,914,573
Georgia	2,900	2,774	361,312	480,214	1,731	1,010,079	2,302	6,529,960
Florida	884	1,038	98,194	69,658	839	742,256	770	8,266,565
E. Central:								
Kentucky	589		83,837	98,052	577	616,110	621	3,571,000
Tennessee	896		138,695	109,650	873	741,361	928	3,898,550
Alabama			384,565	311,363	3,363	1,791,345	3,369	3,608,000
Mississippi	2,314		256,989	284,790	2,287	1,212,317	2,280	7,648,544
W. South:								
Arkansas	1,375	1,472	124,726	174,157	1,331	794,181	1,393	3,071,400
Louisiana	1,311	1,418	132,743	148,728	1,251	638,964	1,334	2,572,124
Oklahoma	539	486	47,363	42,468	532	344,862	490	1,851,831
Texas	2,071	1,951	234,056	291,243	2,023	1,398,379	1,965	5,966,273
Mountain:								
Idaho	9		105	3	5	3,400		11,000
Wyoming			157	3				6,000
Colorado	12		2,298	2,020	15	38,830	15	61,000
New Mexico			405	12	9	7,243		6,000
Arizona			317		10	18,559		10,000
Washington			631	404	5	16,815		20,000
California	76	32	19,654	2,816	73	191,392	49	1,237,730
Other States*			455		11	16,196	10	61,000

* States having less than 3 churches (or less than 3 churches reporting) (area or value of church edifices).
 ** Included in the amount shown for "Other States."
 NOTE.—Similar statements have been issued for 187 Religious Bodies, and will be given out as soon as figures are available.

STATES

National Baptist Conventions	Church Membership		S. S. Records		Church Property		Contributions	
	Baptists	Total Membership	Schools	Enrollment	Meeting-houses	Parsonages	Church Property	Parsonages
Alabama	8,740	218,915	1,832	106,267	1,200	28	\$2,364,400	28
Arkansas		125,000	1,400	48,918	800	6	908,800	6
Dist. of Columbia		39,879	1,693	8,800	60	3	2,075,400	3
Georgia		587,723	2,829	87,034	3,736	25	15,306,200	25
Illinois		65,249	2,200	22,942	159	10	2,333,900	10
Indiana		115,183	690	3,900	92	161	1,000,000	161
Iowa		50,000	1,122	5,000	150	25	1,032,000	25
Kentucky		126,881	1,265	63,090	1,200	10	1,715,300	10
Louisiana		17,000	15	1,616	46		500,000	
Maryland		621	13,353	3,353	2,002	250	1,932,100	250
Mississippi		400,000	1,028	11,264	273	10	1,065,600	10
Missouri		34,814	45	9,560	153		3,055,300	
New Jersey		200,000	1,173	75,507	1,177	78	1,029,800	78
North Carolina		26,494	688	10,815	1,105	13	2,007,000	13
Ohio		58,500	200	38,500	380	50	650,000	50
Oklahoma		250,000	1,267	30,000	1,300	10	1,210,000	10
South Carolina		190,000	1,700	32,679	1,655	35	1,126,000	35
Tennessee		215,000	1,619	82,516	1,659	100	1,868,000	100
Texas		275,000	1,589	107,089	1,382	12	2,900,000	12
Virginia		14,475			25		61,000	
Washington		26,000	340	9,400	218	11	774,000	11
West Virginia		3,559,369	18,032	1,055,973	18,265	800	\$50,556,200	800
Shenandoah Valley Y. M.		3,310,969	18,032	1,088,986	19,485	821	\$50,604,800	821
Total, 1926	705	3,310,969	18,032	1,088,986	19,485	821	\$50,604,800	821
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Total	101	1,394	1,320	8,740	218,915	28	\$2,364,400	28
Associations	34	1,437	588	500	125,000	6	908,800	6
Churches	121	3,798	4,920	26,792	39,879	3	2,075,400	3
Ordained Ministers	7	1,622	976	6,797	587,723	200	15,306,200	200
Baptists	8	115	183	690	65,249	112	2,333,900	112
Total Membership	19	589	439	2,359	126,881	126	1,032,000	126
S. S. Records	3	69	85	736	17,000	15	500,000	15
Church Property	13	2,310	582	621	400,000	1,028	1,932,100	1,028
Contributions	4	1,752	1,095	1,437	34,814	45	3,055,300	45
Parsonages	48	1,421	1,906	825	200,000	1,173	1,029,800	1,173
Meeting-houses	5	211	885	1,747	26,494	688	10,815	688
Enrollment	12	410	246	1,260	58,500	200	38,500	200
Schools	68	3,323	954	1,250	190,000	1,700	32,679	1,700
Parsonages	37	783	634	1,659	1,868,000	100	1,868,000	100
Meeting-houses	51	1,752	1,095	7,500	215,000	1,619	82,516	1,619
Church Property	7	1,026	528	2,510	275,000	1,589	1,070,889	1,589
Enrollment	9	320	250	740	26,000	340	9,400	340
Schools	705	20,665	16,698	64,042	3,559,369	18,032	1,055,973	18,265
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* Previous Reports. † Two or more Conventions within the State.
 NOTE.—It has been utterly impossible to secure accurate returns from the Negro Baptists. It is presumed they number 5,000,000 instead of the total herein recorded.

We also submit herewith the summary of denominational statistics compiled by the American Baptist Year Book for the year 1927.

We call special attention to the remark made by the United States Negro Baptists are affiliated with the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A. and the statement made in the American Baptist Year Book. It has been utterly impossible to secure accurate returns from the Negro Baptists. It is presumed they number 5,000,000, instead of the total herein recorded. The Executive Committee was of the opinion it would be wise to wait until we have the full religious statistics from the government and their print for the next year our Statistical Report as in former years. Until then we must refer our brethren to the American Baptist Year Book for a more detailed report.

We beg leave to give a short outline of the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Toronto, Canada, June 23-29.

In the immense Convention Hall of Exhibition Park in the Bourisburgh city of Toronto, Canada, the fourth Congress of the Baptist World Alliance began its sessions on the afternoon of Saturday, June 23. It was a multitudinous gathering; friendly, colorful, alert, dominant and effervescent. It was also a serious-minded gathering, made up of Baptists who had come from "all nations and tribes and tongues." Yet there was a touch of human comradeship about it, and the delegates could applaud vigorously, or laugh uproariously at times, as some speaker struck a chord that quickened the emotions, or made illustrative use of humorous suggestion. Convention Hall, the Hall of Friendship, and the other buildings used in registering and entertaining the delegates are set in a wonderfully glorious park, facing Lake Ontario. The speaker stood in a high, pulpit-like structure placed on the platform occupied by the presiding officer and his assistants and the leaders of the music. Immediately below them was the platform for the Alliance and recording secretaries and just a little lower down was the wide platform for the members of the press. And all these press tables, fifty or more, were occupied, many of them by the representatives of papers published in our Southland. Quite promptly at 2 o'clock Albert Matthews, chairman of the Canadian committee, past-president of the Convention of Ontario and Quebec, and western treasurer of the Alliance, stepped to the speaker's desk and called the Congress to order. Under the leadership of Rev. G. A. Leichter, of New York, the song leader, the convention sang, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" with reverent zeal and amazing fullness of volume. In the absence of Rev. J. J. Wiens, of Shenn, the prayer was made by Dr. C. A. Barbour of New York, president of the Rochester Theological Seminary. Dr. J. A. Rushbrooke of England, Eastern secretary of the Alliance, read several messages from those who could not be present, notably one from David Lloyd George, and another from President E. Y. Mullins of Kentucky, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and also president of the Alliance, whose serious illness prevented him from being at this meeting. In his opening address Mr. Matthews called attention to the world-wide representation of the Congress and its universal fellowship and expressed the hope that its deliberations would be of harmonious and signal significance to mankind.

Then came the welcoming addresses, two in number, the first by Dr. W. H. Langton, President of the Ontario and Quebec Convention, and the second by Commissioner A. E. Hacker who represented the local city government.

Wave after wave of applause greeted Dr. George W. Truett, of Texas, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, who had fortunately been chosen to preside in place of Dr. Mullins, the delegates stood as he ascended the rostrum to reply for Dr. Mullins to these addresses of welcome. Truett spoke with that seriousness of mien and that resonance of feeling of enunciation that make his utterances compellingly impressive. He referred to the illness of Dr. Mullins and requested the prayer for his recovery. We meet at a time when conditions indicate the need for a steadying power. The world needs Christ, and Christ will come

shall relate ourselves to him, if we shall rededicate every power to him. In the presence of the hopes for the future we should strive to bring the life of Christ into the life of the world. The Congress sang with thrilling volume and the Convention Hall was crowded with an eager, expectant throng to hear the Alliance Sermon, which was delivered by Rev. Charles Brown, of England, past president of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, and well known in America. The worship was conducted by Dr. W. S. Abernathy, of our National Capital. Although the Canadian committee had not requested it, Dr. Abernathy insisted on a collection.

The Congress Session of Sunday afternoon was conducted by a group representing the National Baptist Convention. Half an hour before the session was formally opened the singing led by M. C. Durham of Tennessee, Mrs. M. L. Petty of Chicago at the piano, who began with a spiritual entitled, "That Land Where I'm Bound." It had many stanzas "There is joy", "there is hope", "there is peace", "there is love", "there is no sorrow", "there is no dying", and so on in that land where I am bound. Then came another stirring spiritual, "Lift Him Up." Possibly one of the most dramatic moments in the Convention was the singing of "I Shall Not Be Moved." After the leader and his accompanist had together sung the stanzas the whole Congress responded in mighty chorus, first with one hand raised, then with both hands raised, then with hands clapping, then with folded arms, then hummed, in perfect and sustained melody. Those who heard for the first time spirituals sung by the Negroes themselves will not soon forget this service. It was a revelation in many that our popular jazz is but a degenerate offspring of the Negro spiritual.

Dr. C. H. Parrish, of Kentucky, president of Simmons College, at Louisville, presided. The quartette from Simmons roused the audience to simultaneous applause by their singing of several spirituals, reaching the climax in "Baptist An L", "The Baptist Train", and "Swing Low Sweet Chariot." They sang the last named as though the chariot was indeed present in their vision. The address was by Dr. L. K. Williams, of Illinois, pastor of Olivet Church, Chicago, the largest BAPTIST congregation in the world, and a potent leader of his race. Dr. Williams gave a long and comprehensive survey of the progress of the world and pointed out the part that the Negro had had in making that progress possible. He denigrated all race prejudice, and recounted the achievements of Negroes in the fields of exploration, government, art, poetry, music and religion. The white man has gone forward by the help rendered by the Negro. A Negro composed the famous song "Listen to the Mocking Bird," he said, but a white man stole it. He also showed how tenaciously the Negro holds to the New Testament as the source of his conservative religious beliefs. When a man becomes tainted with unorthodox theology we may know that some other man has been tampering with him. A large majority of the colored people are Baptists and God has placed them here to save the country from its many ills and to conserve the true Christian bulwarks.

Dr. Truett and Secretary Rushbrooke were introduced by Dr. Parrish. Dr. Truett made a short address declaring his love and respect for the Negro Baptists, and telling of their helpfulness to him and the Alliance. Dr. Truett declared that the religious process of the Negro is one of the thrilling acts of our modern history. He rejoiced that the shackles of slavery had been struck from the race forever. At the suggestion of Dr. Truett a collection for Simmons College was taken who had sung for the Congress was taken as the delegates passed from the hall.

"THE TORONTO DAILY STAR" Monday, June 25
 Rev. Dr. Parrish, a colored delegate who spoke for the National Convention of the U. S. A. said: "I suppose I am here to give color to this occasion and to report that with the sons of Shem and Japheth the sons of Ham are also here. And that while the ethnologists are seeking to determine his origin, and you theologs are seeking to determine his destination, he has the satisfaction of knowing that, at least he is here. Of the 12,000,000 colored citizens of the United States, he said the great majority were Baptists, "full-fledged and uncompromising." They had a keen sense of grati-

tude to Canada for the help and refuge she had offered their time of trouble. I have the pleasure to report also, that on motion of the statistician, Dr. L. K. Williams was elected vice president, Rev. T. O. Miller, and Rev. R. L. Bradby were elected members of the Executive Board, also Dr. C. H. Parrish, who has served for years, was retained. Rev. E. Arlington Wilson was re-elected as correspondent.

Quite a number of brethren attended the meeting and several spoke briefly to the Convention.

Rev. J. E. East was one of the program speakers and made an impressive talk.

Dr. Mordecai Johnson, President of Howard University gave a strong and conclusive address, perhaps one of the best.

Dr. John Hope, President of Morehouse College was honored by having the degree of Ph. D. conferred by MacMaster University.

We recommend the same recommendations as made last year in our annual statistics.

The recommendations are found on page 184 of the Minutes of 1927. In substance, they associate the state statistician with the national statistician. This plan faithfully executed will bring to us a most complete report of Baptist standing in the United States.

THE 25TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BENEFIT BOARD OF THE
NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A., LOUISVILLE,
KENTUCKY, SEPTEMBER 5-10, 1928

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

Sept. 8—Rev. B. J. F. Wesbrook	\$ 3 00
Sept. 8—Rev. J. H. Abernathy	5 00
Sept. 10—Rev. J. A. Shields	5 00
Sept. 11—National Baptist Convention	144 30
Sept. 26—Mississippi Convention	30 00
Sept. 26—Mississippi Woman's Convention	3 00
Sept. 29—Rev. S. H. McKenzie	10 00
Oct. 7—Rev. Z. M. Winder	10 00
Oct. 12—Missouri State Convention	10 00
Oct. 12—Rev. S. H. McKenzie	10 00
Oct. 15—Rev. S. H. McKenzie	25 00
Oct. 20—Oklahoma Convention	10 00
Oct. 21—Woman's Convention, Oklahoma	10 00
Oct. 29—Rev. Z. M. Winder	20 00
Nov. 14—Arkansas State Convention	25 00
Nov. 14—Arkansas Woman's Convention	10 00
Jan. 7—Rev. Z. M. Winder, Pine Bluff	10 00
Jan. 16—Rev. S. H. McKenzie, Marianna	15 00
Feb. 9—Mass Meeting, Central Church, St. Louis	10 00
April 26—Rev. S. H. McKenzie	10 00
April 26—Centennial S. S., Helena	10 00
April 26—New Hope S. S., Helena	20 00
May—Rev. S. T. Anderson, Marks, Miss.	5 00
June 5—Clarksdale Ministers' Union	10 00
June 22—S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Congress	10 00
Total receipts	\$ 480 00

Disbursements

Sept. 12—To D. S. Shadd, Chairman, expense account	\$ 10 00
Oct. 6—To Rev. S. H. McKenzie, commission	5 00

Oct. 1—Rev. S. H. McKenzie, commission on collection	3 60
Oct. 6—Rev. Z. M. Winder, commission on collection	10 00
Oct. 14—Rev. S. J. Thornton, help at Convention, Detroit	3 00
Oct. 14—Rev. Z. M. Winder, commission on collection	7 52
Jan. 7, 1928—Rev. S. H. McKenzie	8 36
Jan. 16—Anthony Blakely, for hauling furniture to station	1 50
Jan. 23—To Dr. G. E. Stevens, to pay freight and hauling furniture	12 50
Feb. 9—Rev. S. H. McKenzie commission on collection	4 38
April 26—To six months' rent from July 1st to Jan. 1st	30 00
April 26—Postage for the year	15 00
April 26—Sunday School Publishing Board, Printing	9 64
Total	\$ 120 50

Amounts to Secretary for Service and Expense

Sept. 12, 1927—Expense of trip to N. B. C. at Detroit	\$ 28 52
Sept. 20—Expense of trip, Mississippi Convention	5 75
Oct. 1—Expense of trip to Mississippi B. Y. P. U. Convention	4 83
Oct. 10—Expense of trip to Missouri State Convention	8 97
Oct. 21—Expense of trip to Oklahoma State Convention	8 52
Nov. 18—Expense of trip to Arkansas State Convention	15 00
Dec. 7—Expense of trip to Board of Directors, N. B. C., New York	27 00
June 28—To expense of trip to N. B. S. S. Congress, Milwaukee	25 00
June 28—To expense of trip to Board Meeting in St. Louis	23 05
June 28—Commission on the collection of \$490.78 at 20 per cent	98 15

Total paid to secretary \$ 255 96

To other expense listed and itemized 120 50

Grand total expense for the year \$ 376 46

By amount of receipt as before shown \$ 490 81

Grand total expense for the year 376 46

Balance on hand \$ 114 35

This report does not include the collections and disbursements of the Benefit Association, which was ordered discontinued by the Convention. So the activities of that department are not subject to be reported here at the present time, for by your orders it is not one of the objectives of this Board, but our three objectives are the Ministers and Missionaries' Pension Annuity Fund, the Baptist Home for the Aged, and the Sanitorium for Consumptives.

The Ministers and Missionaries' Annuity Pension Fund

We discussed the plan to be used in the operation of this department with you at our last annual session, and suggested that we undertake to raise a foundation fund for this Pension Annuity Department by collecting one dollar per capita from the Baptists of the National Convention of America for five years, said per capita to be collected in quarterly installments of twenty-five cents each by a committee to be appointed in each church, and the same to be reported to this Board, and from donations from state conventions and district associations in annual session, and from such individuals that would make endowments to the fund. The plan was approved in a general way by the Convention by a blanket motion to adopt the reports of all the officers and all the boards, except the Historical Department. Hence, the matter has not had a careful scrutiny by the Board of Directors, which I deem very essential before presenting the matter to the Baptists of the country at large. The Board approved the plans, but I felt that since we would have to meet the Baptists in the various states, it would be very essential that we

get the approval of the Convention in a more direct manner than that in passing the blanket motion to approve the reports of all the Boards.

I wish to call your attention again to the fact, that unless a systematic plan is approved for the operation of this department, it is not going to be a success. Some of the brethren seem to think that making special collections from churches by this department will be a fine thing to do, but if you will notice the reports from the secretaries from each of the other Boards, that such procedure does not do much more than get funds for the individuals going over the field making the collections. Very rarely is there anything much left from what is collected on the field for the work. So we have stuck tenaciously to the idea of a system in collecting funds for this department of our work, one that will work at all times whether some one is out on the field or not.

The Pension Annuity plan is a serious problem, so the secretaries of this department of other denominations say. Especially of the white folks I have had some correspondence with the departments of the A. M. E. A. B. E. Z., and the C. M. E., about their methods of operating this plan. I conferred with them because they deal with the same kind of folks I have to deal with, and not because of the denomination, but I find that in each case they make about the same kind of progress that we make. I have corresponded with the secretaries of the department in the Southern Baptist Convention, and with the department of the Northern Baptist Convention, with the friends of the M. E. church, South, the Presbyterian church—all white, and each of them tell me that it is a hard problem. They give the same reason that I have given you, that is, the failure of the ministers who need the fund most, to cooperate with them in trying to create it.

However, I feel that we can make it a success, but the main thing needed is the cooperation of the executives of the National Baptist Convention. That is all that we have asked for from the beginning—the cooperation of the executives of the Convention. We have had one serious setback in the consideration of this department this year, and that was the desire of Mr. John W. Lewis, deceased, of Washington, D. C., to have charge of this department. It was represented to us that Mr. Lewis was a great promoter of business enterprises, was why he was suggested to handle this department of our work, but since the death of Mr. Lewis it seems that other brethren at Washington want to have charge of the department, but it is not stable that they have any knowledge of handling this kind of business. At any rate, we have been considerably disturbed on this point, but we are of the opinion that we are not competent to establish a separate department of this work, and especially do we contend that such a department at this time would work more of a hurt to the work than help it.

The Baptist Home

We stated to you in our last meeting that we hoped to be able to report some tangible results about the establishment of the Baptist Home in our session, but we have not been able to do anything along that line. Truth of it is, we have not been able to do more than keep the matter before the folks of our denomination. We feel sure that the time will come, and the same foundation that we suggest for the establishment of the home is what we have suggested for the creation of the Baptist Home. We feel that if we get started off with the creation of the Baptist Home, we will be able to go forward with all departments of the work.

The Tuberculosis Sanitorium

This idea was given to your Board by the Convention, just as all other departments of our objectives, and that is as it should be. The Convention should see that an objective is a worthy one, and then adopt it, and after that it, it should see that some one is selected who has the ability to work out a way and raise means for its establishment, then present the plan to the Convention, and charge with all the endorsement and backings of the Convention, and that way we will get somewhere with them. But for some time to think about

up and bring them to the Convention more as a means of pushing forward some individual project than for giving service to the people generally they do not amount to much.

Our New Headquarters

According to an order made by you at your last session we were ordered to move our headquarters from Arkansas to the State of Missouri. We completed the removal of the major part of the belongings of our Board from Arkansas to Missouri in the month of January this year. We packed the furniture of the Board in the month of December, but did not get it shipped out of Helena until January. We had the furniture billed to J. W. Brown, D. D., who is the assistant recording secretary of the Board, and I had it shipped to him for the reason, Rev. J. A. Shields, the assistant corresponding secretary, was in and out of St. Louis a great deal at that time of the year, and I thought to have it shipped to Dr. Brown, it would get moved out of the station as soon as it reached St. Louis, and thereby save storage charges. Rev. Shields happened to be in the city at the time that it arrived, and Dr. Brown gave the bill of lading to him. He had the furniture moved to his home at the suggestion of the chairman of the Board, Dr. G. E. Stevens, and there it has remained since that time.

It was my intention to have opened up an office in St. Louis immediately on the arrival of the furniture in St. Louis, but the St. Louis brethren had some differences of opinions as to the proper place for the headquarters, and the way of getting means with which to meet the rent promptly, therefore I left that matter to them. They finally decided to have it moved to a room up stairs in the parish house of Central Baptist Church. This decision was reached late in the year, too late I felt to do any good. So I suggested to the assistant corresponding secretary and the assistant recording secretary that it would better to leave the furniture remain where it was until after the meeting of the Convention, as I would not be in position to give as much time to the office in St. Louis this late as would be helpful, and I felt that to employ one to remain there to keep it open would not be good business. So we have not opened an office in St. Louis as yet.

Under the existing conditions, I am sure that it is going to increase the overhead expense of this Board at least seventy-five per cent to have the office located in St. Louis, or at any other place than Helena at the present stage of the activities of the Board. First of all, the monthly income of the Board is not sufficient to pay rent such as we will have to pay in St. Louis or any other place for that matter, and then pay some one to remain in the office and keep it open.

It was the idea of the brethren first to have the Board moved to Nashville. I objected to the removal of the Board to Nashville for the reason, I felt that Nashville had its hands full with the Publishing Board, the B. Y. F. C. Board and the Seminary, and I felt that even though we would be required to have our office in the Morris Memorial Building, that at this time the rent that the managers of the Morris Memorial Building would have to exact would be perhaps five or six times what we could keep reasonable quarters for in some other place and for these reasons, we prevailed with the president to change his recommendations from Nashville to St. Louis. Hence, we were ordered to move to St. Louis.

Five dollars per month is as much as we have had to pay for office space in our Board during the six years that we have had it in charge, and this five dollars included the use of phone, lights, water and fuel. We will be permitted to get by on such an amount at any other place that we have in mind now. The reason we were able to have our office operated at this low expense is because we had it in the building controlled by the Board, and he was acting, as he thought, for the best interest of the Board. In addition to this, the secretary had, and has an office force, and either of them is capable of doing whatever clerical work we might have to do in our office, such as operating the typewriter, and running an adding machine or anything we have to do, so when we needed them in our office

In do a certain piece of work we would have one of them punch the time clock when they began on the job and when they finished, and in that way we would get our work done at a nominal cost, and the office being in the same building with other offices, we could have it looked over with the same force that we operated our business, and thereby not have to pay some one to remain there daily to look after the office with possibly nothing else to do a greater part of the time. With the office being moved away from Helena, it is very different. In St. Louis, we will have to pay at least twenty dollars per month for rent, unless the office is in the parish house of Central Baptist Church, and some of the St. Louis brethren are opposed to it, and then, even though they agreed to give us the office for five dollars per month, we would have to pay some one not less than forty dollars per month to stay in it, which would make our monthly expense in St. Louis at least forty-five dollars per month, just rent and some one to remain in the office. On the other hand, if we did not keep someone in the office daily to keep it open, I don't see that it would be wise to pay even the five dollars per month.

I am telling you this because I want you to know the situation fully regarding the new headquarters, and why we have not opened up an office fully in St. Louis as the orders of the Convention call for. I do not like the idea of piling up debt to be reported to you from time to time. I would like to be able to make the department self-supporting if I operate it, and I state here, as I stated to you in my report in 1923, that is, I can be of more help to the Board if I am to be its secretary in Helena, Arkansas, than at any other place that it may be located at this time. In the first place, the Convention is not willing to obligate itself to pay a salary to the secretary of the Board at this present time, and the secretary is not willing to move away from what he knows he has to make a living out of unless the Convention is willing to vote a salary to the office. Of course you adopted my report last year in a general way as before referred to, and in that report, I recommended that my salary be placed at two thousand two hundred fifty dollars per year to take effect in November of last year, but I have not collected it. The Board has not earned it, and I am not expecting it. I would not expect it unless you demanded me to give up every other line of endeavor, and stick closely to the work of this Board, in that event then, I would expect you to pay me every dollar of the salary.

Finally

The future of the Board is as bright now as it ever was, to my mind. The only thing, at least, the main thing needed to obtain the results desired for the Board is the cooperation of the executives of the Convention. The executives of the Convention are in position to help us much, and are also in position to hinder us much. So we earnestly solicit the hearty cooperation of the executives of this Convention, and when fully obtained, we will be able to realize our ideals.

Recommendations

I herewith submit the following recommendations for your consideration:

First—I recommend that the office of corresponding secretary and treasurer be separated, and that some other than the corresponding secretary be elected as the treasurer of the Board at this session.

That the corresponding secretary pay over all money collected by him to the treasurer at least once each month after same shall have been reported to the Executive Committee in monthly meeting, taking the receipt for same.

That all money paid out by the treasurer for the Board be paid after an order by motion shall have passed the Executive Committee in the absence of the Board, and on vouchers properly drawn by the corresponding secretary and signed by the chairman of the Executive Committee or the chairman of the Board, provided that the chairman of the Board shall not

order when practical, and in his absence, and in order to expedite business, the chairman of the Executive Committee be hereby permitted to sign for him.

Second—That the corresponding secretary be allowed 20 per cent of the gross collection of the Board for his compensation, and all necessary office expense. Provided that all expense of office be submitted to the Executive Committee and Board and approved by same before payment.

Third—That the treasurer be allowed 3 per cent of the gross collections of the Board for his compensation, and all necessary office expense, provided that all office expense be presented to the Executive Committee or the Board, and approved of before being paid.

Fourth—That the law providing for taking forty per cent of the gross collections of the Board for operating expenses, and sixty per cent to be reserved for the objectives of the Board, be strictly enforced from now henceforward.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. HOLLOWAY, Corresponding Secretary
Benefit Board of the National Baptist Convention of the U. S. A.

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Thirty-first Annual Report of the Sunday School Publishing Board

A. M. TOWNSEND, D. D., Secretary

To the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Louisville, Ky., September, 1928:
Brethren:

The Sunday School Publishing Board submits its annual report as follows:

At the meeting of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., in Detroit, Mich., September, 1927, the following were elected members of the Sunday School Publishing Board:

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Rev. J. T. Goodhall	Pennsylvania
Rev. W. B. Preston	South Carolina

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Rev. M. W. Withers	South Dakota
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Our Relations

We offer no apology for again calling attention to our organic relationship and affiliations, for we want our constituency to become acquainted with the fact that the Sunday School Publishing Board is abreast of the times in the study of modern Sunday-school ideas and methods, and that we are playing our part trying to solve the problems of Sunday-school organization, equipment, etc., and that we are recognized and regarded among the leading Sunday-school organizations and aggressive forces.

The World's Sunday School Association

The World's Tenth Sunday School Association met July 11-18, 1928, in Los Angeles, California. Dr. S. N. Vass, our secretary of Religious Education, was representative to this meeting reports, "This meeting was largely attended by representatives from all parts of the world, and it was quite inspiring to hear reports of the progress of the work of religious education among the nations of the earth. We regard this movement as the most hopeful aspect of our efforts at building up the Kingdom of our Lord,

because it places emphasis upon the child as the center of our work and the key to the solution of the problems of earth. Miss Mame Brockway of the American Baptist Publication Society has made a tour of the world in order to make a survey of what is being done to religiously train the children of the world, and she has been made world's director of children's work which means that we may expect great progress in this direction. World fellowship and world peace were really the watchword of the convention as echoed in the various addresses, and among them that of our Miss Nannie H. Burroughs was rated very highly. Of course the convention was rather for inspiration than for instruction. But a very extended consideration of the new curriculum of religious education was provided for in seminars for several days, while the more popular problems were considered in sectional popular gatherings. So far as methods are concerned the annual meetings of the International Council of Religious Education afford a greater opportunity for keeping in touch with the best. Perhaps a hundred or more Negro representatives enrolled in the convention. At the Second Baptist Church in Los Angeles of which Dr. T. L. Griffith is pastor, a rally of Baptist representatives took place on Saturday afternoon, July 14th, and a very interesting and enthusiastic group discussed progress in religious education in the National Baptist Convention through the Sunday School Publishing Board. The next convention will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1932. Sir Harold Mackintosh, of Halifax, England, is the newly elected president, and Dr. Hugh S. Magill, of Chicago, is the recording secretary."

The International Sunday School Council

Our membership in the International Sunday School Council and our activity therein give us rating and standing among the foremost of religious publishers in Sunday-school literature, and standards. Our representatives in the Council are as follows:

On the Executive Committee: A. M. Townsend, S. N. Vass, J. T. Brown, W. S. Ellington, J. H. Branham.

On the Educational Commission:

(a) The International Lesson Committee: J. T. Brown.

(b) The Committee on Program and Policies: S. N. Vass, A. M. Townsend.

In the Publishers' Section: E. T. Brown, S. P. Harris, E. M. Lawrence, A. M. Townsend.

In the Daily Vacation Bible School Section: A. A. Bennett, Mrs. Marie Fisher, Mrs. Audie Roberts.

In the Editorial Division: All of our editors.

Other Publishers

Our relations with other religious publishers are mutually cooperative and amicable, irrespective of denomination. Notably among them are the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; the American Baptist Publication Society; the Publishing House of the S. E. Church, South; the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education; the Publishing House of the C. M. E. Church; the A. M. E. S. S. Union.

While all of these have given us their hearty cooperation in many ways—in patronage, in advice, in counsel, in advantage of their own etc., yet we feel that we should make special mention of the A. M. E. S. S. Union, who through its magnanimous and broad hearted generosity, Mr. T. Bryant, in addition to their fullest cooperation too, in the way just mentioned, demonstrated further, yea, yet still further, their sympathy and interest to the tune of \$10,000, at a time when we were cringing in an impending financial crisis. Not only once but more than once have they done it. We can never forget them, and we await with fervent anxiety the opportunity to reciprocate this unparalleled favor.

Our Relation to State Conventions

(1) It is in our plan not only to cooperate with State Conventions in their missionary and educational work, but also to help them financially,

especially in contributing to a fund for worthy disabled, or decrepit ministers. This will be done, sharing the profits that may come from the operation of our branch stores or distributing agencies in the respective states. The plan is now being worked out and will be put into operation as readily as conditions will warrant.

(2) It is a part of our working policy to cooperate with the Sunday School Convention of each state in placing a worker in the field, to work in the state in the interest of the state young people's work, and the Sunday School Publishing Board. This plan, too, is now being worked out and will be put into operation in the states as fast as possible.

Our Advertising Exhibits

There are even yet among us those who do not know that the mechanical construction of our New Publishing House was done by Negroes—Negro architects, Negro general contractors, Negro subcontractors, Negro electricians, etc.—and with money furnished by Negroes—Negro banks, Negro fraternal organizations, Negro churches, etc.; just Negroes. Even in some "corners of the woods" they are yet "scrapping" over whether or not our literature is gotten out in our own printing plant, by Negro boys and girls.

To inform those who do not know the facts, from time to time we put on advertising exhibits. In October, 1927, we placed an exhibit of books and literature (the product of Negro brain and brawn) at the Tennessee Colored State Fair, winning the first premium, blue ribbon, with the certificate of first prize in merit and display of Negro literature; thus letting local Negroes see and know that as well as being housed in a fine building we turn out fine and creditable work. At the Baptist World's Alliance at Toronto, Canada, in June, we grasped the opportunity of letting the Baptists of the world know the kind and class of work we are doing. As no publisher was given a booth as a distinct and separate board where it could put its work, but grouped as departments, we placed exhibits side by side with the white Publishing Boards of both the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions in the Cradle Roll, Primary, Junior, Senior, Young People, Adult, Home Department, Teacher Training and Religious Education Departments. Our exhibits ranked as well and in some cases received more favorable comment from the over-sea delegations. In July, along with forty-seven other publishers of this and foreign countries, we secured an exhibit booth at the World's Sunday School Convention in Los Angeles, California. By grouping all of our work together in an attractive and artistic way we filled a 10 x 20 foot booth with books and literature, every one of which was written and edited by Negroes and manufactured by our own Negro boys and girls. This fact alone was appreciated by seven thousand six hundred thirty-one registered delegates from forty-seven states of the United States and thirty-two foreign countries, representing forty-five different evangelical denominations and a host of visitors. Thus, you will note that we have had a great opportunity this year to advertise the work of your Publishing Board, even to the very corners of the globe.

GENERAL ORGANIZATION OF WORKING FORCES

The Sunday School Lesson Committee

The following are the members of the Sunday School Lesson Committee of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A.: A. M. Townsend, J. T. Brown, S. N. Vass, W. S. Ellington, C. H. Parrish, E. T. Brown, L. K. Williams, Mrs. W. A. Townsend, and Mrs. L. U. Chambers-Ellington.

The Sunday School Lesson Committee is the Curriculum Committee, and its duties and function are to study the Sunday-school problems for our denomination, and it is responsible for the classification and systematization and standardization of our Sunday-school periodicals, etc. There is a difficult task, for the religious education as in secular education the ideas of standards, and of ways and means to ideal results are ever shifting and changing.

Our Editorial Staff

The policy of this Board is to secure and maintain, as the editors of its periodicals such persons as are qualified both from a literary and religious standpoint, and withal sound in the tenets, principles and practices of the Baptist faith. We have a well qualified group of editors and we are justly proud of them. Their ambition is to give to the denomination the very best that can be given it in the way of religious literature. We believe, too, that in order for our editors to do their very best, they should keep in close communion with the skies, and give their entire time to the work assigned them. This policy we will carry out as rapidly as our means will permit.

Our Editorial Staff is as follows:

Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., F. R. G. S., Editorial Secretary Emeritus.
 Rev. J. T. Brown, A. M., S. T. D., Editor-in-Chief.
 Rev. S. N. Vass, D. D., Editor the Teacher.
 Rev. W. S. Ellington, A. B., D. D., Editor Abdemelech and Debtors Magazine.
 Rev. M. A. Tolley, D. D., Editor Adult Quarterly.
 Rev. C. L. Fisher, D. D., Editor Intermediate (Advanced) Quarterly.
 Mrs. M. J. Brockway, Associate Editor Home Department.
 Mrs. L. U. Chambers-Ellington, Editor Primary Quarterly.
 Mrs. A. M. Townsend, Editor Beginner's Quarterly and Music Editor.
 Mrs. R. T. Sims, Editor Cradle Roll Director.
 Mrs. C. M. Davis, Blackboard Review.
 Miss Frances E. Thompson, Artist.

CONTRIBUTING EDITORS: Rev. T. O. Fuller, D. D., Rev. W. P. O'Connell, D. D., Rev. E. Arlington Wilson, D. D.

Our Sunday School Literature

Again we take pardonable pride in the class and type of literature which we are publishing. It is up to standard, and we know it is best suited, adapted, and more inspiring to our group. Our policy is to make our literature Baptist and comprehensive, yet plain and orthodox. Some among us seem yet not to have learned that from "cover to cover" it is the production of Negro brain and brawn.

We offer no apology for bringing to light, and emphasizing the part that Negroes have played in Bible history, and the influence that such noble characters had on civilization and community life during Bible times. Others will not bring out these truths and it is left for us to do so.

We offer no apology further, for giving inspiration to Negro youth by emphasizing the practical thoughts in the lessons by using Negro pictures and illustrations. And then, too, we are firmly convinced that in these most perilous times in our denominational life; in these times when doctrines are astir, and new creeds and forms of religion arise, when the skeptical and the wily, and even the so thought wise are endeavoring to undermine the very foundation upon which our Christianity rests, it is absolutely incumbent upon us to provide for the adherents of our faith, an interpretation of the Bible that will not only be full and doctrinal, but simple and convincing.

This is our task, and the Sunday School Publishing Board is trying to help perform it. We feel therefore, that we deserve the patronage of our own people. Loyal Baptists—true Baptists—are helping us to do it.

Religious Education Department

This department is under the direction of Dr. S. N. Vass, who has done invaluable work in this department, and its influence is felt throughout our entire denomination, and our Board easily leads all others in religious education in our group.



Officers of Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress

Cooperation With the International Council of Religious Education has caused the department to maintain a high standard. At first it was thought that a special Leadership Training Course should be set up to meet the special needs of our particular group with a minimum of requirements for diploma recognition. But we have finally decided to conform strictly to the standards of the Council. Therefore our course of study for this department is identical with that of the Council, and we are endeavoring to conform strictly to the Council's requirements in issuing certificates of credit and diplomas.

Our Leadership Training Course therefore consists of twelve units, or items of study. So few persons persevere to complete the entire twelve units that the Council issues certificates of credit upon the completion of each unit, and we have therefore ceased to award diplomas until the full course is completed. But we issue a certificate of credit upon the completion of each unit, and twelve such certificates entitle the holders to receive our diploma. And when our diploma is thus awarded in strict compliance with the requirements and standards of the International Council they will issue their diploma through our Department of Religious Education.

Our Own Teacher Training Book by the secretary of this department has met with general acceptance, and the Council recognizes it as the equivalent of five of the twelve units required for graduation in Leadership Training. Nearly seven thousand persons have purchased this book and are informing themselves of its contents, and a large proportion of these are regularly enrolled in our Religious Education Department.

An Enrollment Fee of one dollar is charged by our Board to apply on the expenses of the department for examining papers, correspondence with pupils and awarding certificates and diplomas. In making this charge we are following the lead of the International Council which requires the dollar to be paid upon the awarding of diplomas. Some of those taking our course take exception to this provision, but a little reflection and sympathy for the Board in helping to meet the obligations on our New Building ought to cause each one purchasing our book to promptly enroll with one dollar.

Leadership or Teacher Training Must Go Hand in Hand With the Publication of Sunday School Literature. Surely we Baptists do not wish to lag behind other leading religious publishers in this respect. Every outstanding publishing house for the production and distribution of Sunday-school literature regards Leadership or Teacher Training as an absolute necessity. The great educators of our country and time have shown that efficiency on the part of teachers means more even than any type of literature. Whether the closely graded literature or the uniform is used, neither can be used successfully unless the teachers are trained.

The Christian Quest Pamphlets prepared by the International Council and published by a syndicate of which the Sunday School Publishing Board is a member, are the forerunners of a type of curriculum superior to the closely graded literature. These pamphlets aim to give supplementary information in Leadership Training, and may be used even where the Standard Leadership Training Course is not taken. We can now furnish the first five of these pamphlets for sixty-five cents.

The Sunday School Teacher edited by Dr. Vass is intended for the use of all teachers and leaders, and it will be mailed regularly even to individual subscribers for one dollar a year. Dr. Vass not only gives fresh comment upon the Sunday-school lessons the equal of any published, but he also aims to impress the principles of religious education in the treatment of each lesson.

Help Our Board to Help Our Sunday School Teachers by using our literature and books in every department of church work. The more liberally we are supported the more we shall be able to help the schools back home in all parts of this great country. We are gratified to report that we are making gradual and substantial progress in Leadership Training, and a more hearty cooperation is the quickened interest of our pastors and superintendent in this work.

Our Young People's Department

Our Young People's Department is in charge of Dr. W. S. Elliott. The Abdelelech and Debbora organized classes continue to show interest and growth. There has been a thirty-two per cent increase in the number of the Abdelelech and Debbora Magazine since last Convention. The organized classes are sending up to the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. National Congress larger numbers of enthusiastic workers. We are hoping, however, that the day is not far distant when our young people will attend the Sunday School Congress by the thousands to get the instruction and information at first-hand from expert lecturers and the departmental meetings.

The pictorial department of the Magazine is being used by the Sunday schools in all parts of the country. It is remarkable how much we can learn from pictures. It is helpful and inspiring to see what other churches have accomplished by way of numbers and work. Send in the pictures of your Abdelelech and Debbora class to appear in the Magazine, and let others know what your class is doing. There is no charge except the cost of making the cut.

The National Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress

The National Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress was held this year in the beautiful and historic city of Milwaukee. It was a great session. The entertainment under the direction of that ever faithful and loyal Baptist leader, Rev. Fountain W. Penick, and other leaders associated with him, was the best yet. It is noted that the Congress is making increased progress each year—in attendance, in interest, in enthusiasm, in program, in spirit, in finances and results. It is a veritable school of organization, methods, and operation in Sunday-school and B. Y. P. U. work. The Congress is operated under the auspices of the Sunday School Publishing Board and the B. Y. P. U. Board, and the leaders are determined that no pains shall be spared to make this the greatest organization of young people among Christian forces, and the denomination's largest and most efficient school of methods, etc., in Sunday-school work.

Our Book Department

Heretofore, we have not been in position financially to undertake the operation of this department. We have decided now to launch it. The department will be in two divisions:

(1) A Book Committee, whose duty will be to pass upon the merits, etc., of all books carried and recommended by us, or submitted to us either for sale or publication.

(2) Book Stores or Distributing Agencies for sale and distribution of books in general, but particularly our own publications. The headquarters of this department to be in Nashville, and in charge of a man who will devote all his time to it. These book stores, or distributing agencies will be under the supervision of this department and supplied from it.

Other publishers say that branch distributing agencies are not profitable to them, but on account of our own peculiar situation and competition, it is imperative that we try further the experiment.

The plans are now being worked out, and these stores will be opened as rapidly as conditions will warrant, at strategic points and where we can be assured of the hearty support of our constituency in the respective states and vicinity.

The book business is a hard and uncertain business, and takes much application and business tact to make it succeed. Although space has been reserved in the New Building for a bookstore, and as headquarters for general distribution, we have hesitated somewhat to prosecute the plan until we have had the approval of the Convention and the assurance of our friends. We have right of way and hearty cooperation in every way for its

For instance, it appears that every Board of the Convention is attempting to operate a book department. It seems that they carry a line of books to get out of them what they can, it often appearing that the book which will bring the greatest returns in commission is the one that is pushed, matters not what the merits of the book may be. If this be allowed to continue, it would bring us into open competition with agencies all about among us. It seems to us that if the Sunday School Publishing Board is to operate the book department for the Convention, (and already the Convention has authorized and ordered it) the Convention should see to it that the Publishing Board has the exclusive right.

Then again it seems that during the sessions of the Convention and the Congress that the privilege of sale of books should be restricted to the Publishing Board. The Publishing Board is in position to carry a full line of all books worth while, and whatever profit is to come from the sale of books at the Convention and Congress would go toward the building up of our own book department.

As is now the custom anybody from anywhere can come right within the doors, and usurp all the rights that lawfully are ours. We again are asking that the Convention will give expression on this matter.

Books Published by Us This Year

While primarily we engage in publishing Sunday-school literature and supplies, yet we feel called on to encourage our own writers and composers, by publishing their writings and compositions. We have among our writers and composers of merit and worth, just as others, and they need help and encouragement. Oftentimes, for various reasons, they cannot get their writings on the market. If we do not help and encourage our own in this particular, much of value may be lost. We feel, too, that in this way we are contributing further to our own development and progress. We have published the following books and pamphlets this

"The Baptist Standard Church Directory and Busy Pastor's Guide"—Edited by L. G. Jordan.

"The Superintendent's Guide and Record"—By Rev. Ambrose A. Bennett.

"The Prayer Meeting Builder"—Edited by Dr. W. H. Moses.

Our "1928 Sunday School Commentary"—Edited by Dr. J. T. Brown.

"Brown's Flash-lights on the Sunday School Lessons"—Yeast Packet Commentary.

"Backboard Illustrations"—By Mrs. C. M. Davis.

"The Young Men and His Bible"—By Rev. L. R. W. Johnson.

"The Deacon's Problem Solved"—By Dr. J. T. Brown.

"The Watchman"—By Rev. R. B. Roberts.

"Select Sermons and Original Analyses"—By Rev. W. B. Fleming.

"Saturday or Sunday—Which"—By Rev. L. G. Jordan.

"A Treatise on Pellagra"—By Dr. H. M. Green.

The Baptist Standard Church Directory and Busy Pastor's Guide

We are just bringing off the press "The Baptist Standard Church Directory and Busy Pastor's Guide." It is the first publication of a Church Directory and a Pastor's Guide combined. The Sunday School Publishing Board offers no apology for publishing this book. Our intention to bring out a book of this kind, took a definite form in the many requests that have come to us from busy pastors and prominent laymen and leaders, for an outline of the doctrines, principles and practices of an orthodox Baptist church, as well as how to administer successfully the affairs of a Baptist church; presented in a plain, simple, comprehensive manner, the result of successful experiences and not theories.

By the busy pastor and the interested layman, the demand as well as the advantage is, that this information be obtainable in a single volume. This book has three divisions: (I) The Church Directory, (II) The Pastor's Guide; (III) For the Whole Church.

This book lays no claim to originality. The doctrines of a Baptist church are fundamental; and the same are found in many books written within the last three hundred years. Here, we only lay claim first to the emphasis anew of those things which are most firmly and assuredly believed by a group who recognize the Scriptures alone, as the one supreme standard of religious belief and practice; and second, in a plain, simple and sympathetic way, to the giving of practical suggestions, to those who are in search of help, especially the inexperienced, which suggestions are the results of many years of the experience of successful pastors and church leaders.

This volume is endorsed by the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A. and recommended for use in all Baptist churches. It is the work of a committee of successful pastors and laymen appointed by the Convention. This committee regarded this task a sacred trust, and much credit is due it for its faithfulness and unrequited labor in preparing this book. It fell to the immediate task of Dr. L. G. Jordan, for many years a successful pastor and leader of men and organizations, to arrange its contents; being ably assisted by Dr. A. M. Townsend and Dr. E. W. D. Isaac. The following is the committee:

Pastors—Revs. L. G. Jordan, A. M. Townsend, E. W. D. Isaac, L. K. Williams, C. L. Fisher, C. H. Parrish, T. O. Fuller, S. N. Vass, E. M. Lawrence, J. T. Brown, F. L. Sanders, W. T. Amiger, J. M. Nabrit, W. S. Ellington, J. H. Garnett, Wm. Haynes, J. C. Fields, G. P. Woodson, A. A. Benell, E. M. Seymour. **Laymen**—John L. Webb, Chas. M. Roberson, S. P. Harris, E. D. Pierson, E. T. Brown, J. B. Singleton, J. L. Horace, Mrs. S. W. Lupton, Mrs. Susie A. Jordan, Mrs. Willa A. Townsend, Mrs. Mattie G. Anderson, Mrs. Mary H. Flowers.

With the earnest hope that under the direction and blessing of the Great Head of the Church this book shall prove the humble means of help to the pastor and church leaders, and that the purpose for which it is intended may be fully realized and enjoyed, this volume is sent forth.

Our Own Song and Hymn Books

We offer no apology for again emphasizing our own song and hymn books, all of which seem to have "come forth in due time," evidenced from their increasingly rapid and wide circulation and demand.

1—"Gospel Pearls" is yet holding its own, as the best book for all purposes on the market today. It commends itself wherever used.

2—Our "Baptist Standard Hymnal" is having a rapidly increasing success.

It seems to have met a large felt need in our churches. It is said by critics to be the best hymnal ever printed. There seems now-a-days to be a tendency to get away from the fervency of spirit and song which characterized the church and altar worship of other days, and which contributes so much to the stability of our religion.

In the "Baptist Standard Hymnal" are preserved the good old stirring hymns of days gone by. In it are found the old meters, familiar word hymns, that were so dear to our forefathers, as well as contributions of several numbers from our own music writers, brimful of inspiration. This Hymnal should be the pardonable pride of every Baptist, and should be in every church choir, in every church pew, and in every home. No choir can do its most effective singing, nor can the spirituality of church worship be heightened or fully realized without the use of the "Baptist Standard Hymnal."

3—"Spirituals Triumphant" is our new book of spirituals for choir use. It is a new collection of slave melodies, or "jubilee songs" as they are familiarly called. This book contains a hundred pages of the "favorites" that had their origin in the life of an oppressed, yet hopeful people. It was arranged by Prof. Edward Boatner, Chorister of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., assisted by Mrs. Willa A. Townsend, Editor of the Sunday School Publishing Board, and as sung by the great

National Baptist Convention Chorus. In the arrangement, the harmony and characteristic way in which these songs were originally sung are maintained. No choir can do its most effective singing of these favorite spirituals without this book.

The Prayer Meeting Builder

The Sunday School Publishing Board realizing the great need of a help to stimulate interest in, and to build up the prayer meeting, has now taken over and will publish quarterly, the "Prayer Meeting Builder." This quarterly is intended especially for use in the prayer meeting. How to build up the prayer meeting is now a great problem with most churches. The time has come when every church to have a live prayer meeting, must have and conduct an adequate program as found outlined in the "Prayer Meeting Builder." It is ably edited by Dr. W. H. Moses. It will be regularly and promptly delivered to those who subscribe for it, or order it, and may be ordered each quarter along with your order for your Sunday-school literature.

Cradle Roll Department

We take pardonable pride in our new, beautiful and attractive outfit for the Cradle Roll Department and workers. This department is in charge of Mrs. R. T. Sims, who continues to do efficient and satisfactory work. Every Sunday school can have and should have a Cradle Roll Department. Get in touch with Mrs. Sims, or your State Cradle Roll Director, and she will show you how. The following State Cradle Roll Directors, appointed by the Sunday School Publishing Board, have been faithful assistants and workers in this department this year:

Alabama—Mrs. Della Williams, Birmingham; Mrs. Maria Johnson, Bankhead; Mrs. B. V. Person, Auburn.

California—Mrs. D. B. Buchanan, Los Angeles; Miss F. B. Walkins, Los Angeles.

Colorado—Mrs. B. L. Ward, Denver.

Illinois—Mrs. Eva C. Hicks, Chicago; Mrs. S. J. Hutchins, Marion; Mrs. Luella Ballard, Chicago; Mrs. N. J. Shaw, Peoria.

Iowa—Mrs. Ida S. Bates, Des Moines.

Kentucky—Mrs. Jennie Brown, Louisville.

Kansas—Mrs. S. A. Fitzhugh, Kansas City.

Louisiana—Mrs. R. W. Smith, Shreveport; Mrs. J. L. Burrell, New Orleans; Mrs. M. E. Casey, New Orleans; Mrs. M. L. Moore, New Orleans;

Maryland—Mrs. L. Brown, New Orleans; Mrs. D. B. Fisher, New Orleans; Mrs. G. H. Hendricks, New Orleans.

Mississippi—Mrs. L. A. Smith, Tupelo; Mrs. Ada Johnson, Yazoo City;

Missouri—Mrs. L. C. Ballard, Natchez.

Nebraska—Mrs. Emma Bruce, St. Louis.

Nebraska—Mrs. Victoria Turner, Omaha.

New Jersey—Mrs. Ella Parker, Newark.

Ohio—Miss Ozella Moore, Cleveland; Mrs. Marcella Rogers, Cleveland.

Oklahoma—Mrs. Fannie H. Shaw, Anadarko.

Tennessee—Mrs. L. G. Jordan, Nashville; Mrs. J. T. Brown, Nashville.

Texas—Mrs. J. L. Bailey, Marshall; Mrs. J. D. Mitchell, Colorado.

Home Department

Every Sunday school can have and should have a Home Department. The entire work of a wide awake active Home Department in the interest and promotion of both the Sunday school and community is inestimable. Mrs. M. I. Brockway has charge of this department of the Sunday School Publishing Board, and under her direction greater interest is being taken in the Home Department in the Sunday schools, and the work is rapidly increasing. Mrs. Brockway and her assistants can tell you how to make this department go in connection with your Sunday school. Mrs. Brockway is a local worker, and has been ably assisted this year by the following State Home Department Superintendents:

Arkansas—Mrs. L. C. Deloney.

California—Mrs. Ella Glean, Mrs. Emma Clayton, Mrs. Gertrude Cul-

Illinois—Mrs. C. C. Cullars, Mrs. C. A. Staples, Mrs. H. J. Wells, Mrs. Mattie Dledsoe, Mrs. Fannie James, Mrs. E. M. Shaw.
 Kansas—Mrs. Mae W. Burkner.
 Louisiana—Mrs. Sallie Williams, Mrs. Ida Garrison, Mrs. M. E. Thompson, Mrs. A. S. Critson, Miss L. Jones, Mrs. M. Jones.
 Michigan—Mrs. Birdie Wilson, Mrs. L. Puffer, Mrs. M. J. Owen, Mrs. M. Croom.
 Nebraska—Mrs. Minnie L. Dixon, Mrs. Addie Turner, Mrs. Jonette Robinson.
 Ohio—Mrs. Minnie Moss, Miss Robertina Dumas, Mrs. Mary Thomas.
 Oklahoma—Mrs. Lula Foster, Mr. J. W. Hawkins, Miss Geneva Davis.
 Tennessee—Mrs. Cleo P. Myers.

Field Department

Rev. J. Francis Robinson, D. D., our veteran loyal and faithful Field Secretary, on account of ill health, was retired this year on a salary of \$75.00 a month.

Rev. W. B. Fleming, D. D., went into the active pastorate at Greenville, Miss., but his enthusiasm and interest in the Sunday School Publishing Board and the New Publishing House have not abated.

Rev. Wm. G. Hynes and wife, Mrs. Emma Hynes, continue of great help to us by carrying the Publishing House in moving pictures and stereopticon views, to the people, and giving to them the facts.

Other Workers on the Field

The work done by our other field and missionary workers this year is worthy of commendation. Greater credit is due them when their sacrificial labors are taken into account.

They are as follows:

Rev. A. Terrell, Mrs. Julia T. Sims, Mrs. Emma J. Hynes, Mrs. Willa A. Townsend, Rev. B. E. Clay, Mrs. Mary H. Flowers, Rev. Nathan Collier, Rev. E. Brown, Mrs. Louretha Ellington, Rev. William J. Hall, Miss Ada L. Berry, Rev. Wm. G. Hynes, Miss Mae Burkner, Mrs. Callie Brown, Mrs. Edna Vass, Miss C. L. Felder, Miss Deborah M. Johnson, Mrs. Della Williams, Mrs. C. M. Davis, Mrs. Marion Coxey, Miss Ozella Moore, Mrs. Irene Hudson, Mrs. Marcella Rogers, Mrs. Opal C. Fleming, Mrs. Susie Jordan, Mrs. Sallie Williams, Mrs. Ida A. Drew, Mrs. Mattie G. Anderson, Rev. H. T. Sims, Mrs. B. W. Smith, Mrs. E. E. Whitfield, Miss M. Geneva Williams, Mrs. Ruby Dandridge, Mrs. Montra Smiley, Rev. E. Moore, Rev. Robert A. Austin, Mrs. Hannah Curtis, Mrs. Mattie J. Brown, Mrs. Ella Cardwell, Miss Alda Austine, Miss Emma Bruce, Mrs. Georgine K. Smith, Mrs. Fannie Dodd Sears, Mrs. M. J. Brookway, Rev. Martin A. Menefee, Rev. J. E. Blanton, Mrs. C. B. Person, Mrs. C. M. Wells, Mrs. M. C. Booker.

Other Agencies

The following distributing agencies in different sections have done splendid work for the Board this year:

In St. Louis, Mrs. Hattie J. Smith, in charge of our Branch Store there; in Philadelphia, the Foreign Mission Board, Rev. J. E. East, Secretary; in Baltimore, Rev. John W. Davis; in District of Columbia, Mr. Wm. R. Williams; in North Carolina, Rev. M. W. Williams, Manager Colored Sunday School Store at Raleigh; in Atlanta, Mr. J. A. Hopkins, Manager Hopkins Book Concern; in Louisiana, Rev. J. E. Evans, at Shreveport, and Mr. James E. Gayle at New Orleans; in Chicago, Rev. W. L. Petty; in Tennessee, Rev. A. Terrell and Mr. H. C. Thomas, at Memphis, and Mr. Hanson Flowers at Chattanooga; in Florida, Mr. W. T. Thompson, at Pensacola; in Alabama, Mr. P. C. Kooncey at Birmingham; in Indiana, Mr. Wm. Martin at Gary; in Michigan, Mrs. A. W. Hutchins, at Detroit; in Ohio, Rev. J. N. Smiley, at Cleveland, and Rev. Chas. T. Isom, at Columbus.

The Work of the Year

The activities of the Board this year have, for the most part, been concentrated in the efforts to complete the underwriting of the Publishing House debt and in raising funds. Of course, its regular routine work in publishing our Sunday-school literature and supplies has been carried on to the satisfaction of our patrons, evidenced in our gradual substantial increase of business as the financial report will show.

Our Plans of Work for Next Year

Although we will have to continue to raise moneys to assist in liquidating the indebtedness on the New Building, yet it is imperative that the Publishing Board now turn its attention more largely to the development of its work of organization, in order that it may keep up to the standard, and keep pace with other religious publishers, and Sunday-school workers and leaders; and also, to the extension and development of its work of Religious Education, both generally and in cooperation with state and local organizations; and to the task of reclaiming to us the many schools that should be with us—in fact, to go up and possess the whole land; and to create an increasing demand for our own products, etc. To this end our plans are as follows:

(a) To resume our Sunday-school and Bible workers' conferences, institutes, and retreats.

(b) To push vigorously the work of our Religious Education Department, especially in the organization of Teacher Training Classes, and so on.

(c) To cooperate with the Sunday School Convention of each state in placing a worker in the field, to work in the state in the interest of the state work, and the Sunday School Publishing Board.

(d) To operate a Book Department, and distributing agencies, in cooperation with the State Convention in the respective states.

(e) To continue to improve our literature, and the working out of better equipment and materials for progressive use in all departments of our Sunday schools.

Our Employees and the Salary Budget

We have now a splendid organization for efficient operation of the printing plant, and the other departments of the Publishing Board. The wage scale is controlled by circumstances and conditions. We believe in paying employees well for conscientious, faithful and efficient services rendered. We are fully aware of the fact, that the strictest economy must be used, the overhead expense kept down, the waste minimized, and the output increased, in order to make the profits necessary to meet the heavy and increasing demands of operation, and to help liquidate the indebtedness on the building and equipment.

For the employees at the Publishing House, we must commend them for their loyalty, and faithfulness, and their willingness to work at a sacrificial wage, to see the task completed. Out of their meagre earnings, as it were, they contributed freely the funds with which the "Old Commercial Hotel" was razed; and then, when the building was completed, they contributed largely toward the furnishings and office equipment.

They have from time to time, given when called upon. Every employee underwrote on the Publishing House debt in the Memorial Underwriter's campaign, and when the retrenchment scheme was ordered by the Convention, every employee submitted, without a murmur, to the 10 per cent cut in his salary, to relieve the pressure. We pay our employees on an average with other Publishing Houses among us in Nashville, and we wish to repeat and emphasize, that their contributions to the Publishing House in dollars and cents are at a great personal sacrifice. And yet, they should not be expected to make a greater sacrifice if need be, but—they alone should not be expected to make the sacrifice.

The Memorial Slab to Our Pioneer Ministers

To Dr. L. G. Jordan, our historian, is due the credit for the suggestion that we should memorialize our pioneer ministers, our pathfinders, or "trail blazers" by placing in our New Building a bronze tablet with their names inscribed thereon. Dr. Jordan has taken the lead in the effort to interest the churches that will, thus to honor and revere their pioneer ministers. **Delay in placing this tablet is due to the fact that we have been waiting so that all churches that desire and will, may take advantage of this opportunity to revere the memory of their sainted leaders, or for the pastors thus to honor their predecessors who so well laid the foundation upon which they are building.** We did desire to have at least one hundred names to go in this tablet. Sad to note, that we have not as yet fifty. However, we are going ahead this year and with the names we have, put this tablet in the New Building as planned. If any other church or pastor wishes to thus revere some pioneer minister, send \$25 and the name of the minister together with the name of the church and present pastor, to A. M. Townsend, Secretary. Don't put off until too late. The following are the names already sent in to go on this Memorial Slab:

Pioneer Minister	Church and Location	By Pastor
Rev. W. T. Dixon	Concord, Brooklyn, N. Y.	Rev. J. B. Adams
Rev. A. N. McIsaac	Franklin St., Mobile, Ala.	Rev. U. J. Robinson
Rev. Daniel A. Gault	Green Street, Louisville, Ky.	Rev. H. W. Jont
Rev. W. N. Norton	Messiah, Bridgeport, Conn.	Rev. Walter Cox
Rev. Jones Watkins	Ebon, Baltimore, Md.	Rev. Arthur J. Payne
Rev. F. L. Lights	Antioch, Houston, Texas	Rev. E. L. Harrison
Rev. H. C. Fox	Carroll St., Pittsburgh, Pa.	Rev. C. T. Murray
Rev. Wm. P. Gibbons	Mt. Carmel, Washington, D. C.	Rev. W. H. Jernigan
Rev. Louis Rice	Zion African, Malden, W. Va.	Rev. S. A. Owen (sent)
Rev. H. C. Owen	Memphis, Tenn.	Rev. W. L. Johnson
Rev. Jas. H. Holmes	First African, Richmond, Va.	Rev. W. C. Cartwright
Rev. H. H. Harris	Compton Hill, St. Louis, Mo.	Rev. S. H. James
Rev. Martin Winfield	First Baptist, Brownsville, Tenn.	Rev. W. A. Jones
Rev. G. B. Howard	Central, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Rev. J. I. Reed
Rev. Daniel Stratton	St. Paul, St. Albans, W. Va.	Rev. E. G. Thomas
Rev. George Lisle	First African, Savannah, Ga.	Rev. W. H. Powell
Rev. A. R. Robinson	Shiloh, Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. C. A. Ward
Rev. Horatio Carter	Ebenezer, Boston, Mass.	Rev. Wm. H. Baller
Rev. W. T. Silver	First Baptist, Frankfort, Ky.	Rev. E. C. Smith
Rev. D. Webster Davis	Second, Richmond, Va.	Rev. W. L. Renshaw
Rev. A. Buzza, Jr.	First Baptist, Richmond, Va.	Rev. P. J. Bryant
Rev. Wm. H. Tibman	Wheat St., Atlanta, Ga.	Rev. E. G. Thomas
Rev. J. W. Carr	First African, Savannah, Ga.	Rev. W. L. Renshaw
Rev. G. C. Bates	Lampton St., Louisville, Ky.	Rev. Robt. Jones
Rev. J. W. Hawkins	First Baptist, Lexington, Ky.	Rev. G. A. Winstead
Rev. E. P. Mays	Beargrass, Louisville, Ky.	Rev. H. M. Moore
Rev. A. P. Dunbar	Second Calvary, Columbia, S. C.	Rev. H. M. Moore
Rev. J. J. Durham	Second Calvary, Columbia, S. C.	Rev. M. W. Johnson
Rev. Earl J. Bullock	First Baptist, Charleston, W. Va.	Rev. T. B. Miles
Rev. E. J. Bland	Mt. Horeb, Greenville, Miss.	Rev. T. B. Miles
Rev. L. Williams	Virginia St., Hopkinsville, Ky.	Rev. T. B. Miles
Rev. Levi Trimble	First Baptist, Winchester, Tenn.	Rev. A. Williams
Rev. J. C. Center	Antioch, Lithonia, Ga.	Rev. S. A. Green
Rev. J. J. Searcy	Metropolitan, Memphis, Tenn.	Rev. F. Thompson
Rev. C. T. Walker	Tabernaeh, Augusta, Ga.	Dr. A. M. Townsend (sent)
Rev. D. A. Townsend	Winchester, Tenn.	

Financial Statement

For full statement of the business and financial transactions of the Sunday School Publishing Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929, see the Auditor's report.

The New Publishing House--Its Status

The Debt Underwritten

We feel that you rejoice with us in the announcement that the underwriting of the debt of our New Publishing House is completed—that is, the debt has been underwritten or pledged by loyal churches, pastors, Sunday schools, R. Y. P. U.'s, missionary societies, associations, conventions, women's auxiliaries, laymen, individuals, etc. For this we praise Jehovah's name! Saturated not only with denominational pride but Race pride as well, these underwriters are determined that this debt shall be paid, and that, too, as soon as possible. We congratulate you and thank you, too, that you are one of them. We only appealed to the loyal-hearted and interested among us, for we wanted only those to pledge who will pay promptly their pledge, for we shall count and depend on them.

Further in this report you will find names of all underwriters and pledges and amount paid on pledges. Read it carefully and if your name does not appear there, see to it that you underwrite, or pledge at once some amount you will give each year until the debt is paid, so that your name, too, may be found in this Memorial Record which is the last chapter in the history of the building of our New Publishing House. Your name, the name of your church, Sunday School or organization should be there! The next task now is the collection of the pledges made. No one must fail to meet promptly his obligation—every one must journey with us to the end, even at a huge sacrifice.

Progress Being Made and Payment on Debt of Building

We have met promptly the payments on principal and the interest on both the first and second mortgage as they fell due. The first principal payment of \$5,000 on the first mortgage fell due July 2, 1926, and was paid. The second principal payment of \$5,000 on the first mortgage fell due July 2, 1927, and was paid. The third principal payment of \$5,000 on the first mortgage fell due July 2, 1928, and was paid.

It is noted that we pay 5-1-2 per cent interest on the first mortgage, and 7 per cent on the second mortgage, and the same is payable semi-annually. The first semi-annual interest, amounting to \$18,075 fell due January 2, 1926, and was paid. The second interest payment of \$18,075 fell due and was paid July 2, 1926. The third interest payment amounting to \$17,832.50 fell due and was paid July 2, 1927. The fourth interest payment amounting to \$17,832.50 fell due and was paid July 2, 1928. The fifth interest payment of \$17,832.50 fell due and was paid July 2, 1929.

You will note that the second Mortgage Bonds are to be paid \$25,000 annually. The first payment of \$25,000 fell due January 2, 1928, and was paid. On January 2, 1929, we must make second payment of \$25,000 on the second Mortgage Bonds, and we must pay the semi-annual interest amounting to \$18,682.50. This makes a total of \$43,682.50 which we must pay on January 2, 1929. There can be no renewal nor extension, not even for one day. Every bond then due and every interest coupon then due must be paid.

So therefore, \$50,000 must be had on January 2, 1929, to meet these and not obligations, or we will be awfully embarrassed, and in the "middle of a bad fix." We must begin to get it together now, for practically every dollar it will have to be raised. If every underwriter will pay the amount of his pledge now due, we can make it.

Our Equipment

Last year we reported that \$31,725.00 would pay all we owed on our entire equipment (printing equipment, office equipment, furnishings, etc.) We are pleased to report to you this year that this debt has been wiped out which means that our entire equipment of every kind has been paid for. For this, too, we praise Jehovah's name!!

THE PUBLISHING HOUSE MEMORIAL UNDERWRITERS' COMMISSION

OBJECTIVE: Pay for Our New Publishing House

SLOGAN: Every Pledge Promptly Paid

Organization

1. A general Board of Promotion composed of the executive officers of the National Baptist Convention, the executive officers of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, the Board of Directors of the Sunday School Publishing Board, and the presidents of State Conventions.
2. (a) An Underwriters' Commission, composed of the members of the General Sunday School Publishing Board, and such others as may be appointed.
(b) A Woman's auxiliary, composed of the presidents of State Woman's Auxiliary Conventions, and such others as may be appointed.
(c) A Publicity Bureau.
3. (a) The officers of the commission to be chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and treasurer.
(b) The officers of the woman's auxiliary to be president, vice president, and secretary.
4. (a) The executive officers of the Convention, and the executive officers of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, and the Board of Directors of the Sunday School Publishing Board, and the officers of the Underwriters' Commission and the officers of the auxiliary commission, to constitute the Executive Committee, to direct the work of the commission.
(b) Seven members of the Executive Committee to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The Underwriters' Commission

This commission is known as the "Publishing House Underwriters' Commission."

Its duties (1) To solicit churches, Sunday schools, B. Y. P. U.'s, conventions, associations, women's auxiliaries, laymen and other organizations and individuals, to underwrite on the Publishing House debt. That is, voluntarily to agree to pay so much on its debt each year until the debt is paid.

(2) The debt underwritten, this commission through its individual members is to use its influence in its state in every way possible, in the interest of the Publishing House, to keep in touch with the underwriters in its state and to suggest and devise ways and means to help the underwriters to raise the amount they have underwritten; and to cooperate with the Executive Committee of the Commission to collect the moneys pledged.

The Underwriters

(a) The underwriters are known as the "Memorial Publishing House Underwriters."

(b) The underwriters are classified as follows:

CHURCHES, ASSOCIATIONS, CONVENTIONS, INDIVIDUALS

Class AA-1, \$1,000 a year; Class A-1, \$500; Class A, \$300; Class B, \$200; Class C, \$100; Class D, \$50; Class E, less than \$50.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS, B. Y. P. U.'s, MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

Class A-1, \$50.00 a year; Class A, \$25.00; Class B, \$15.00; Class C, \$10.00; Class D, \$5.00.

(c) The period to be covered is seven (7) years.

(d) Amount underwritten for each year by the churches, B. Y. P. U.'s and other local organizations, and individuals to be paid in two payments as follows: One-half or more on E. C. Morris Memorial Day, May 6th, and balance on Founder's Day, November 24th. Sunday schools will pay

amount they underwrite on Children's Day. Conventions, and associations and other organizations that meet annually will pay amount underwritten at their annual meetings.

(e) A local committee of three or five in each church, appointed by the pastor or church, to be known as the "Publishing House Committee," whose duty will be to raise the amount underwritten by the church, the same to be sent in on the dates fixed.

Reorganization of the Commission

For reasons deemed best the Underwriters' Commission and the Woman's Auxiliary will be reorganized at this session of the Convention. The task before us to collect the pledges made and to prosecute other ways and means to liquidate the debt on the Publishing House, demands that we look out for persons on this all important commission, who are absolutely saturated with zeal for the Publishing House, and who will be willing to make whatever sacrifice necessary to do his full duty as a member of the commission and cooperate in every way possible to put the program over. 'Tis not only a great honor, but a "high privilege," if you please, to be a member of this commission. Not only will he or she, who may be commissioned or privileged to have such a part in this final epoch in the history of the building of the Publishing House get the satisfaction in his own soul that he did "what he could," but when unborn generations come tripping upon the scene, and in the search of the records they find his or her name there they will call such an one "Blessed."

We are very much encouraged in the interest being shown by Mrs. S. W. Layten, President of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention. She has taken the lead in helping us to reorganize the Woman's Auxiliary Commission, and pledges full cooperation in the lining up of the women's forces behind this momentous task. Mrs. Layten is a great leader of women, and her followers hear her when she calls, for they know of her sincerity, interest and devotion in any effort for the advancement and progress of the National Baptist Convention, and of the Master's Kingdom. We are looking for wonderful results from the cooperation of Mrs. Layten and her forces.

To Pay for the New Publishing House Not the Task of the Sunday School Publishing Board Alone.

There is an idea being propagated, even among many of our leaders, and it seems to be gaining momentum, that to pay for the Publishing House is the task and sole duty of your Publishing Board. We want to correct this erroneous idea, and its propagation is making the payment of the Publishing House debt an awful burdensome task. This burdensome task, to meet the payments when they fall due, with no certainty as to where the means are coming from, with the lack of both in interest and contributions, intensified either by ignorance as to the situation or shortsightedness, is cutting short the life of those who are writhing beneath the weight of the responsibility to meet these payments when due.

Know ye not that the Publishing House debt is the debt of all the Baptists—resting upon all alike? The church is the unit, and it is the duty of the churches to do their part in helping to pay the debt. The pastor is the leader of the church. Of course the Sunday School Publishing Board, belongs to the Convention, and the Convention is made up of the churches, and the Convention has the right to direct how the profits from the operation of the Publishing Board are to be used, but it is unreasonable as well as unfair to expect the Publishing Board to operate, that is—to take care of its operating expenses, and build up and sustain its financial integrity in the business world; keep pace with other publishers in progress in religious education, and to do the peculiar education that is necessary to be done among our own group, and at the same time out of its profits alone, to build and pay for a Publishing House.

Of course, your Publishing Board shall continue with might and main to do all it can towards paying the debt of the Publishing House, but know ye, it is your duty as churches, as pastors who are the leaders, and as associate leaders to come to the rescue and to help mightily, right now.

(1) What is it that gives to our denomination its present commercial status—its our Publishing House.

(2) What is it that vindicates those who stand out for Convention ownership and control, in what can be achieved by the people—its our Publishing House.

(3) What is it that convinces the world of the ability of the National Baptist Convention to do big things as a mass—against the charge that we are unwieldy and unorganized—its our Publishing House.

(4) What is it that re-establishes confidence in our group in Negro cooperative efforts—its our Publishing House.

(5) What is it that has injected denominational pride anew in our own constituency—its our Publishing House.

(6) What is it that has established confidence in the business world in the ability of the Negro to do a sure enough big thing in a financial way, if just given a chance—its our Publishing House yonder.

(7) What is it that demonstrates the capabilities of Negro leadership—its our Publishing House.

(8) What is it that has given inspiration anew to Negro business; to the building of substantial, sanitary, beautiful homes, and better church houses—its our Publishing House.

(9) What is it that proves that the Lord is pleased, when we take the best of earth, the best of stone, the best of steel, the best of marble, the best of silver and the best of gold and put together in a building for him—its that Publishing House built yonder by us Baptists.

What then hath God wrought for us? The responsibility, therefore, rests upon every one of us individually to help pay for this house.

The Publishing Board in itself did not need this house, in order to supply the literature for the denomination required of it. The Publishing Board could operate under a tent, as it were—however inconvenient it might be. It did not need even to spend the thousands of dollars spent in equipment of machinery, printing outfit, etc. Know ye not that the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has been operating all these years, and does not even now own a stick of type nor a piece of machinery? And yet their last report shows that they did a business of more than a million dollars last year. Were it not for helping to pay the Publishing House debt the Sunday School Publishing Board would not have to appeal to the denomination for one penny to operate. But on the other hand we would be able to succeed all the other work of the Convention. But Ah! our task is different—or in other words we have an additional task. It must be borne in mind, that ours is the task in addition, to train and develop our people in the printing art. Our young men and women have not had the chance to learn the real printing art, nor do they have the opportunity to become real bookkeepers and accountants. Hence the necessity of our investing thousands of dollars in a modern printing outfit. Ours is the only well equipped and modern plant where our boys and girls can become real printers, and real bookkeepers, and accountants, etc. It is the policy, therefore, of the Sunday School Publishing Board, as soon as relieved of its present burdensome financial situation, to open a school there and give to our own boys and girls an opportunity to become first-class printers, linotype operators, efficient bookkeepers, accountants, etc.

What glory! What privilege! The glory is shared by every one of us alike. Every one, therefore, who fails to do his duty and his part, is recreant, to this trust and privilege given him. Arise ye, therefore, from your desultory, from your couch of ease, from your inclination to shift the responsibility on to your yokel-fellow; arise, to your duty, to your denominational pride, to your race pride, and join us in the strenuous effort to pay the debt now—so that even in your day you will be able to see our New Publishing House in its glory as it yonder stands.

Making History

The "Memorial 300" goes down in history as those through whose hands the money was given to pay for the ground on which the New Publishing House stands. The tablet promised, has been placed in the building to their honor and memory.

The faithful employees of the Publishing House go down in the record, as those who gave out of their "sweat" means the money with which the "Old Commercial Hotel" building was razed, and the ground cleared for the New Building. To the loyal Sunday Schools goes the credit for the money with which the foundation of the New Building was laid; and to both the loyal employees and the loyal Sunday schools goes the credit of furnishing the New Building. A tablet to their memory respectively will be placed in this building. There are many who did not get their names on the "Memorial 300" tablet. The opportunity for that has passed. A final chance however is now offered for everybody to get into the closing epoch of the record. Those who now underwrite on the Publishing House debt, and pay the amount underwritten, will be known as the "Memorial Publishing House Underwriters" and a tablet will be placed in the New Building as a tribute to their honor and memory, which will close the history of the building of the New Publishing House. Your name, the name of your church, or organization should be on record. We are ONLY REMEMBERED BY WHAT WE HAVE DONE.

In scanning the list of the "Memorial 300," or the names of that "300" who in response to the appeal made to them in times of doubt and discouragement, demonstrated their faith and loyalty by giving one hundred dollars each to secure the site on which our New Publishing House now stands, we strikingly note that 28 of them have passed from their labors and have been "crowned."

Some of them passed off even before the building was started; some saw it started but did not get to see it arise out of the "mud-hole"; some were permitted from Pisgah's lofty summit to see it almost completed, and realized that their faith and contributions were not in vain; others saw its glorious completion and, Simon-like of old, rejoiced in their departure in peace, having seen the salvation of his glory in this fruition of their hopes. List from Alabama—A. J. Stokes, G. L. Thornton; from Arkansas—E. C. Morris, R. A. Adams, J. A. Booker, M. Proffitt; from District of Columbia—M. W. D. Norman; from Florida—Josephine Stranghn; from Georgia—D. W. Cannon, Dan Wright; from Illinois—Chas. Stewart, S. E. J. Watson; from Indiana—F. K. White; from Michigan—M. J. Morris; from Missouri—Robert E. Bell; from Pennsylvania—W. G. Parks, Robert West; from Tennessee—A. D. Hurt, D. A. Townsend, C. O. Boothe, J. S. Bransford, Wm. L. Craft, D. Ingram, R. H. Koen, Walter Page, S. M. Strayhorne, Peter Verrees, W. W. Whitton. They are gone but they are remembered by what they have done—their names are found in the record.

On the other hand, we note that even a greater number of those who pledged a hundred dollars at that same time for this purpose, but who did not pay it, they, too, have gone to their reward, but their names are not in the record. We are "ONLY REMEMBERED BY WHAT WE HAVE DONE."

'Tis only in history—yea, in the written record, we are to live. In fact, we would not desire to live in monuments of brass, neither in shafts of granite, nor pillars of marble, for "death and decay, in all, around I see"—the inexorable law of nature.

They tell me that the marble pillars set up by Sesostris to mark his conquests have dissolved into dust; that the great tumulus over the heroes of the Plain of Marathon is almost gone; that the Sphinx of Africa is crumbling into dust; that the pyramids of Egypt are fast decaying; that the pillars set by the children of Israel to mark the event of their passage by the Red Sea have long since disappeared; that the stone lion at Thermopylae, and the statues and emblems which were intended to perpetuate the names of the mighty men of the past, have all perished amid the indistinguishable wrecks of time; that the Tombs of Alexander and Aeneas, and of Moses and Romulus are with those of the countless host of sleeping demigods which are marked on the world's great battlefields with the humblest and meekest unknown.

It is only by means of records within the unyielding embrace of history that the character and virtues of these men still live.

Arise and appeal now to you is,—get into the record. We are "ONLY REMEMBERED BY WHAT WE HAVE DONE."

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. TOWNSEND, Secretary

E. M. LAWRENCE, Chairman

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, INC., SUBMITTED AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, SEPTEMBER 5-10, 1928. I. R. BROWN, D. D., CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Mr. President, Officers and Delegates of the National Baptist Convention. Forty-eight years ago, our fathers, led by Rev. W. W. Colley, a returned missionary from the West Coast of Africa, met in Montgomery, Ala., and organized the Foreign Mission Convention for the purpose of giving the gospel to our benighted brothers across the sea. Noble was their purpose and great were their zeal and determination. That gathering was the nucleus of this great Convention that we now attend. We count our beginning from the first meeting of that organization. After forty-eight years of increasing service, your Foreign Mission Board comes to you to give an account of its stewardship for the past twelve months. It may be interesting to you to know that during the past month we received from Liberia the deed to one hundred and fifty acres of ground at Bendon, near Cape Mount, Liberia, West Africa, which includes the very spot where Rev. W. W. Colley, the father of this great Convention, labored.

We lift our hearts in gratitude to God for the successful operation of your Board during the past year. It was he who led us successfully over all obstacles and through all difficulties. He sustained us in the time of great need, giving us success at every turn of the road.

Your Board realizes that the work of Foreign Missions is the program of the church, as laid out by Jesus Christ, more than anything else in which the church could engage. The building of church houses and other material efforts on the part of the Christian church are not even second compared with the importance of preaching the gospel in the regions beyond. On the other hand, these material efforts may prove a hindrance, a grave hindrance, if pushed too far, to the progress of the Kingdom. As touching the work given to the church by the Master, your Foreign Mission Board can truly say, "This one thing I do." We are giving ourselves wholly to the preaching of the gospel to those who have not heard it.

We find much difficulty in trying to comprehend our mammoth task. As we read this report to you now, millions and millions of our group are slowly sinking in heathen darkness. Thousands of villages have never been touched with the Word of God. Millions and millions of the members of our group have never worn clothes. Many tribes haven't yet had their dialects reduced to writing. After reducing their languages in writing, the Bible has to be translated into many different dialects, so that the people may have a revelation of the love of God through his Son, Jesus Christ, as revealed in his Word.

For our twelve million Negroes in this country Negro Baptists alone provide about twenty-five thousand Sunday schools, while our two hundred millions in Africa, Negro Baptists furnish only 36 Sunday schools. For our twelve million in this country, the Negro Baptists provide some twenty thousand ordained preachers, and have built some twenty-five thousand church houses. For the two hundred millions of our group in Africa, we have built only ten chapels, and are providing only five ordained preachers from America.

Great is our task there. We have many schools and colleges in this country, but we have yet to establish a school in Africa that could be regarded as a recognized high school. There that vast population of millions of untutored, unschooled, untaught, unevangelized, are perishing. The task of our Foreign Mission Board is to mobilize the forces of Baptists in this country to go to their rescue and give them industrial and agricultural schools; to teach them the art of using their hands in clearing lands, in tilling their soil, in building homes and other useful structures, in carpentry, blacksmith and masonry work. We have to lead the Baptist forces to carry our Christ to the heathen land with all the earthly blessings that follow in the wake of our blessed Savior. We have to send primary and secondary schools, colleges and real theological seminaries there, until there come streaming forth from such institutions hundreds

of well trained ministers, as teachers, as evangelists, as carpenters, as blacksmiths, as electrical and civil engineers, and as ministers of the Word of God.

The call of the millions of sufferers in Africa is a call that we have to answer, without doctors, without nurses, and without medicines. It is a call that we have to answer at the hands of the "witch" doctors and hundreds of "medical men." Great is our task. We must not stand idly by and let other groups go to the rescue of our own group. We must go to the rescue with our knowledge of medicine. We must build hospitals, we must establish medical schools. This is our job. It is our God-given task. To this end God brought our forefathers and mothers into this country. To this end he put them through the great institution of slavery. To this end he broke the shackles of slavery from the necks and legs of four millions. To this end he has opened up the hearts of thousands of white philanthropists and noble missionaries who have peppered the South with institutions of learning, giving us a wonderful start. Jesus said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." It is a fact, much to our discredit, that for forty-eight years of endeavor as an institution, we do not have a single trained American-born colored man preaching Christ on the continent of Africa. Such a condition is a blot on our Christianity. It will make the world wonder if we are worthy of the name Missionary Baptists. It is our job as a Foreign Mission Board to change the situation. We must lift up our eyes and look on the field. We must visualize the sad condition of a lost world. We speak of Africa, because our first duty is Africa. Our first came unto his own. If Africa were saved and evangelized, we would be talking about China and India.

Mobilizing Our Forces

We have abundance both in men and means to place a thousand qualified workers into the heart of Africa, and thus begin speedily to give them the gospel; but our forces have to be mobilized. They must be trained. Until this is done, very slow progress can be made. We have not only to assist in establishing a missionary chair in every one of our theological schools. Your Foreign Mission Board hopes to make a beginning in this direction during the present year. We have no place in which to train our missionaries. Many of the young preachers who come from our theological schools are everything but missionary. They have no vision of the field. They visualize no extent the most needy places of the Master's vast world. Other groups have numbers of missionary training schools, from which they are sending most efficient workers. We have to get to the place where we will have a greater zeal to preach Christ where he has not been preached and build up a congregation rather than a material church house. During the past year we made a beginning in some of the directions indicated here.

Our Year's Work

The efforts of our Foreign Mission Board during the past year have been remarkable in many directions. More trained young people offered themselves to the Board for service than at any other period in the history of our denomination. A better class of workers was sent out. More highly trained missionaries were sent out than in any previous year. More board-rooms, schools and day schools were maintained. More children were kept in these schools. More boxes of clothing and foodstuffs were sent out for the use of the missionaries and native workers were sent out. A larger number of missionaries and native workers were sent out, and their salaries were paid more regularly. A larger amount of money was paid for missionaries' salaries than at any other period in our history. More substantial buildings went up, and more money was used in building than ever before. More Baptist churches gave to the cause of missions; more money was raised than ever before in our history. Lastly,

more medical work was done, more medicines were sent out, more saved, and a larger number edified. For all of these we praise God very much. We take no praise to ourselves, at all—He did it all. Your Board is very grateful to every church, every pastor and every individual who cooperated to any extent in helping to make the achievements of the past year possible.

South Africa a White Man's Country

The white people in South Africa are still hard on the job of enacting laws that will make South Africa a white man's country, and at the same time evade a world of criticism that comes from the Christian church whose spirit outlaws oppression. A few years back the South African Political Party, consisting largely of Boers, the old slaveholders, were contending for rigidly oppressive laws for the natives as a safeguard of the future of the whites in that country.

Among the oppressive laws passed during the administration of this party were the following:

One prohibiting colored people from attending the white Dutch Reformed Church.

A Defense Act, in which native colored people were barred from training for military service.

A Native Land Act, that practically allotted about 87 per cent of all the land of South Africa to the few whites and made it illegal for natives to either hire or buy any part of the same, but only to live among the whites as hired servants, not even being allowed to own cattle that would graze on a white man's land.

In local affairs and city government there were also oppressive laws, which were very humiliating and penalizing to poor native people. In many towns they could neither stay in their local huts, nor walk about the streets without having a number of passes, such as work passes, passes when they look for work, trip passes when they go to any place, and monthly passes, for all of which they had to pay. The unsympathetic police might knock at their homes at any hour of the night, wake all the inmates and demand passes.

In all the laws passed, regulating the mining and industrial affairs, there were clauses barring the colored man from activities—all terribly humiliating.

Then there were Urban Laws, in which native people were restricted from owning property in the towns where Europeans lived or anywhere on municipal ground. Formerly they were allowed to lease and build their own huts. Later laws were passed which prevented that. The city built houses for them and rented them to the urban dwelling natives.

While there were many restricting, oppressive laws prior to 1910, since that date (practically for the last two decades) there have been a series of un-Christian, oppressive laws, apparently aimed at crushing the spirit, yea, the very life of the poor, oppressed heathen people, who were unable to state their case or even to defend themselves in any way.

All the while opposing political parties, though far in the minority, have been raising their voices in protest against these oppressive laws. Sometimes this opposition came only for political reasons; at other times there were genuine men of soul, who were very humane. All along there have been missionaries and people of the Christian church in South Africa who are still immune to the fatal disease, race prejudice, and who continually fought the evil policy of race hatred in South Africa.

Great have been the sufferings of the black people in their restlessness, living under oppressive laws. The area for grazing their stock has been far too small, and they have lost millions and millions of stock dying for the want of grass. Their milk has been cut short. Often an entire village has less than a pint of milk for all the babies. They have been forced into the unhealthful gold, diamond and coal mines. They have contracted the dreadful disease, miners' thitis, a terrible form of consumption, from which there is no escape. As a result, thousands

die, until this very hour the death rate among natives is most appalling, while they have practically no medical care save that of the "witch" doctor, who kills more than he cures.

In spite of all of the oppressive laws passed, the white man has not achieved his purpose. The progress of the South African blacks terribly astonishes them. Even through contact, the black man is being educated. As he rises, he is crying mightily against oppressive laws. He is asking for a better, if not an equal, opportunity for a livelihood in the land of his birth.

The governing party now has begged that the native question be left out of politics, and all the white parties are being called together to settle the native question. The Prime Minister said in a recent speech that the black man is today at the stage of his civilization where the white man was two thousand years ago. He argues that he must be helped, but that his progress must be guarded. It must not be too rapid. The white man must look after him.

One might truthfully say that the greatest part of the white man's fear is that of the rapid progress of the native people. We asked a leading clergyman of Belgium why they were afraid for the American Negro to go to the Belgian Congo. He replied that there was a danger of his carrying the native people too fast. They must be carried slowly.

There is another side of this argument. The fact that it took the white man many thousand years to produce a beautiful home, an automobile, an airplane, a steamship, and the many other things that he is enjoying in his civilization, does not argue that the black man must take long time to benefit by the experiences and inventions of others. It may take one man years to study how to spray his vegetation so as to destroy the insects thereon. The same man may impart to another in one week all of his knowledge of spraying vegetables and the latter might keep his as free of insects as the former. The same thing is true of thousands of other inventions. The progress that the American Negro has made is an example of this fact. He has not taken two thousand years to live in a beautiful home, to become a part of this glorious civilization, and there are many of them as black as a boot, living in circumstances as refined as the most cultured white man.

The American Negro has reached a critical stage in his history. He was brought here as a slave from Africa to till the soil and to develop American industry. In the great institution of slavery he was most rigidly trained and disciplined. His freedom came at a great price of lives and money. Slavery has been his progress since the days of slavery. Thousands and thousands of acres of land have been acquired. There are today many fine agriculturists who have acquired their wealth through the tilling of the soil. In some countries of our States half of the ground is owned by people of color. Great also has been his progress in improving his home life. He now lives in beautiful bungalows and fine modern homes in which the black man now lives are a thousand miles in advance of the log hut in which the same man was born. Like the white man, in place of the ox-cart he had years ago, he now turns the corners of our mighty highways in the finest make of motor cars, dressed, not in brogans and jeans; neither is his head tied with a red kerchief such as many of our mothers used; far from the bare-footed boy and girl who once came from afar to school and church with mud covering their toes. They now wear the latest fashions in summer, fall, winter and spring clothing. They have school professors, doctors, lawyers, dentists, pharmacists, nurses, engineers, contractors, bankers and other business men by the thousands, while fifty years ago they had practically none. They are also each year getting into higher positions in City, State and Federal offices. In many of our cities we have assistant district attorneys and other high city officials. There is now every likelihood of colored men going to Washington as Congressmen after the next election. Truly the Lord has done great things for us. At a ladies standing about the grounds. These were the property of members of this church, and in many cases were owned by prosperous farmers who could afford them.

One thing that is making the white man close Africa against us is the progress of the American Negro. He really feels that we are going too fast; that the policy of the United States Government with the Negro is a very mistaken one. The late General Botha, once Prime Minister of South Africa, said to a great gathering: "We must not make the mistake with the native of South Africa that the United States has made with the American Negro. All agree now that the United States has made a mistake with the American Negro." Many white people are thinking that the Negro should never have been allowed to have an independent church or independent schools. Not only the white people across the seas in Africa, but many white people in America are feeling that a mistake has been made in giving the Negro so many privileges along religious, social, economic and political lines, and for many years have said so, and are still saying so.

We have reached a point in our history where we must be careful, otherwise our actions here will prove a handicap to our millions of black brothers across the sea. The whites in Africa are using our every mistake to justify their oppressive policies there. Whenever an institution is badly managed and there comes failure, they magnify it out there to justify their policy. Whenever those in charge of our affairs embezzle money and cause failure here, it is magnified out there. Every church meeting or convention of a disorderly character that we may have will react against our brothers across the sea. Whenever leaders of our group enrich themselves at the expense of the ignorant masses, it greatly hurts us. Magnifying our failures and pointing out our weaknesses, the white man has practically closed all the doors of Africa against us except Liberia. They argue that our religion is simply empty emotion, that there is nothing practical. They point to our poorly operated schools. They point to the few missionaries we have on the field and the poor way in which they have been supported. They ask us to show them our theological, agricultural and industrial schools we have erected in Africa; and the entire Negro group cannot point to one well established, well conducted high school for which it is responsible in all Africa. The same thing is true about hospitals. The more these facts are magnified, the tighter the doors of Africa are closed against us. Only Liberia is left. If we fail there, our failure will be irremediable. The greatest thing that the black man can do in America is not to build fine churches; not to erect magnificent banking institutions or even fine insurance companies here. All of these are very good in their places; but the very greatest thing the American Negro can do in the world is to redeem Africa. The Negroes of America should have so much love for the future of their race, so much patriotism and so much Christianity that they would have fifty thousand well supported workers in Africa instead of having less than fifty. Shall we fail our black brothers in Africa? Shall we fail our God?

We are at a critical place in our history. Making good in Liberia will be the best argument to the world that the doors of Africa should be thrown open to us. Let us go there in love, in the Spirit of Christ, well prepared, and erect hundreds of industrial, elementary and secondary schools, schools of higher training and hospitals. Let us give them our knowledge of agriculture. Let us turn the swamps and forests into harvest fields until we see corn, cotton, rice, oranges, coffee and other food products growing on the great stretches of land where reptiles and wild animals now hide in the thick forests. It matters not how high we go in America; it matters not how much we build; it matters not the heights we attain, if we fail to redeem Africa and share with her our progress and blessings, it will go down as the most terrible blot that has ever appeared upon the record of any human race.

Our Mission Stations

Liberia

This is our oldest field. Here we have twenty-three workers on our pay roll. All the American workers we send to Africa must be sent to this field, where they enter without molestation. We maintain three

schools and six mission stations there. Our three boarding schools have run constantly during the school terms of the year. Not one day school has been closed.

The Benton mission and boarding school has kept close to fifty children the year round. Rev. W. T. Blake is to be commended for the wonderful way he has worked and helped to feed the children from the produce grown on the mission ground. The workers at this station are Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Blake.

Suchu, headed part of the year by Miss Sarah C. Williamson, and from November until the end of the fiscal year by Miss Ruth G. Morris, has made a wonderful success. There we have our largest boarding school. Eighty-five children have been in attendance. It means much to clothe, feed and be responsible for eighty-five children, with practically no help from the parents. Six workers have been engaged at Suchu: Miss Sarah C. Williamson, Miss Ruth G. Morris, Mr. Frank Goll, Mrs. Frank Goll, Rev. John L. Spencer and Mrs. John L. Spencer. Additional workers are sorely needed as well as buildings. We may expect great things from Suchu in the near future. Miss Williamson's coming home meant much, not only in buildings but in equipment. The Deleo Lighting system has already been purchased for this institution. We have 325 acres of ground at Suchu and 1,200 very near.

The Baptist Industrial Academy, at Bassa, made fine progress during the year under the leadership of Rev. H. E. Connor. We have at this station four workers: Rev. H. E. Connor, Miss P. A. Bryan, Dr. R. M. Sisusa and Mrs. R. M. Sisusa, though Dr. Sisusa and wife are being sent to Bendoo to help at that point. Additional workers are to be sent to Bassa. They have had approximately fifty children enrolled during the year. There we have 300 acres of land.

At all of our schools the native-built houses, the corrugated iron and weather-board buildings are all badly in need of repair. New buildings are much needed, the old buildings having practically served their time.

The work at Cape Palmas has been much neglected since Rev. D. S. Nichols left, we being unable to send out another missionary or to secure a local worker.

The day school at Arthington, where we are supporting two teachers, has flourished. The workers there are Mrs. L. A. Hill and Mr. Solomon J. Askie.

Our Hospital

In Liberia, we have the only hospital built and directed by American Negroes in all Africa. In every way it has been a success. The building is practically completed and partially equipped. The medical staff had the hospital open about three months before the close of the fiscal year, during which time over one thousand patients were treated. Our dentist is the only one in all Liberia. Our hospital stands on one acre of ground. We have recently bought an additional adjoining acre. Our medical staff consists of Dr. Pauline E. Dinkins, Dr. A. F. I. DeWalt and Nurse Ruth O'connor.

Rev. E. H. Bouey, who directed the construction of our hospital, is also in Monrovia. He and his good wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Coles Bouey, have been laboring there during the past year, but during the coming year he is to direct agricultural development of our 2,000 and 1,200 acre farms. We hope from his activities to have plenty of food to supply the hospital and our boarding schools.

We have eighty acres of ground at Boyesville, but have been able to do very little at that station during the past year. A constant cry is coming, however, that we carry on a mission in that place.

The additional two thousand acres just out from Monrovia include all the land we have decided to our Board in those parts.

Annual Report of Rev. E. H. Bouey, Superintendent Foreign Field

"Father
We bless thee that thou dwellest not afar in heaven
Beyond and above thy tortured world,
Serene and carefree in thy cool Paradise;
But that thou art here amongst us in the sultry darkness."

We are indeed living in an age when and where progress is more and more demanded. The triumphant march of our blessed Redeemer must need be approaching. As one looks around and sees the marvellous changes and improvements since last year one can but see that,

"God is working his purpose out,
As year succeeds to year;
God is working his purpose out,
And the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea."

Progress of Liberia

Liberia has continued to move forward to the ranks of the bigger nations of the world. "Slow but sure" has seemingly been her motto. Many of the government officials and other prominent men and women are traveling and visiting other nations and seeing first-hand what other nations are doing, and as they return they are giving the country the benefit of their experience. The internal governmental developments have been many, while the citizens are constantly building new homes and more modern homes.

Conservation of Liberia

Liberia knows herself better than any other nation or individual. She knows her possibilities and feels very keenly her responsibilities, and as a result she has had to proceed rather slowly to higher attainments, regardless of what others think.

On studying the many problems of Liberia, it was indeed interesting and noteworthy to find that the Negroes of Liberia are laboring under the great and sad responsibility of Negroes the world over. They feel in this is the only Negro republic governed solely by Negroes, that it is a real test of Negro statesmanship and self-governing ability. And for this government to fail, would mean the absolute failure of the entire Negro race the world over.

Migration Is Welcome in Liberia

Whereas the Republic of Liberia does heartily welcome all persons of Negro descent, it should be clearly understood that Liberia is a struggling country with a vast undeveloped territory and resources, and it is to the undeveloped conditions you can be of greatest service to the country. President King has recently laid off a very large tract of fertile land bordering the big government highway, leading into the far interior. This tract is to be given to emigrants as a part of the twenty-acre homestead plan. The government gives all persons on becoming citizens. In the meantime it is my special purpose to encourage worthy emigrants of the western class or of means, and on the other hand to discourage the unwelcome Africa is one place of easy living. This idea has so prevailed that many persons seeking the course of least resistance have come to Liberia, hoping to find a land of milk and honey, and on finding the undeveloped conditions of the country they become discouraged and return, to the detriment and hurt of the country, by making unpleasant criticisms.

Liberia must know that they are simply going from one great task under white rule to another great task under Negro rule, and that the milk and honey of every nation has come about by hard sacrificial and persistent labor. Liberia is no exception.
Liberia is not the place for those who have failed elsewhere.

Educational Work in Liberia

The Liberian Government looks with favor and appreciation upon all missionary enterprises in her territory. The government is putting forth broader efforts in the education of her vast population. These efforts consist of more superior schools, better school buildings, developing more qualified teachers and a uniform course of books for graded work, the illustrations and teachings of which are Africa, and Liberia in particular. It is hoped that our Board will gladly cooperate with the government here and the other boards operating here in making this new work in our schools a success. Mrs. Bouey has done what she could to create interest and to help our day school teachers prepare for this much needed change in the school curriculum. The government is also aiding in regulating the work of the various denominational boards operating in Liberia.

The great factor in the improvement of school conditions is the policy on the part of the President to make education an important part of his official interest. The President has shown in many ways his faith in education. While the various works at all of our stations are getting along fairly well, yet, foreseeing and realizing as I do the increasing responsibilities upon us as a determining factor in the country's progress.

On invitation of Honorable B. W. Payne, Secretary of Public Instruction, Mr. Sibley was sent to Liberia by an American group (headed by Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, of the Phelps-Stokes Foundation) that was interested in educational and missionary work in Liberia to act in an advisory capacity to the government and all denominational groups operating in Liberia. Mr. Sibley was later appointed by His Excellency, the President, as Educational Adviser for the Republic of Liberia.

Work of the National Baptist Convention, Inc.

Since our last annual report our missionary staff has been lessened by the loss of one of our energetic workers: Miss S. C. Williamson and my own dear wife. But in Miss Mrs. Bouey with me means far more than I can say. Mrs. Bouey has understood the peculiar psychology of these people and consequently understands how to best get a good, honest and happy day's work out of them. She understood many of the phases of the building work and there was so much for which I could depend upon her. Our work has been an eye since God gave us to each other. I knew she had to return, yet I wish she could have stayed; but,

"Whenever I am prone to doubt or wonder,
I check myself and say, that Mighty One
Who made the solar system cannot blunder,
And for the best all things are being done."

We must continue to hope of the success of the operation on Miss S. C. Williamson. We trust that she will fully recover and grow strong and return to her old Salem Mission.

Our workers in our different stations and day schools have during the year made many contributions to the glory and honor of God. They all deserve commendation for their wonderful efforts. All of our works in Liberia have made the usual steady progress. At all our schools and boarding stations boys and girls have been under the constant training of the Christian workers. Our workers are not suffering from non-payment of salary. God is to be praised for this, and the loyal contributors of America to foreign missions together with our Board are to be given credit for so loyally supporting both work and workers.

of our Board both at home and on the field, I do feel and see wherein of our schools and stations can be of more help in their own support. I am with these indigent and undeveloped children must be developed morally, religiously, intellectually and physically to lift their own burdens, assume their own responsibilities, and do a full man's share of this world's responsibilities as God has ordained for every man. Otherwise the cost of our stations will be too expensive and such training will not be in line with the bigger purpose of this government, which is to build a great self-respecting, independent nation. I, therefore, hereby urge our Board take immediate steps to establish a summer program of support in connection with each station, emphasizing agricultural production.

Baptist Hospital

Our attention during the past year has been given largely to the erection of our hospital. In the capital city of Monrovia there stands today a beautiful three-story cement block building, 51x80, the first hospital to be erected by a colored board working in Liberia. With the hundreds of hundreds of people passing daily on and down the rivulets, suffering in such terrible conditions as large ulcers (some two to five years old), various stomach troubles, yaws and many skin and blood diseases which are very prevalent in this country, it is a blessing from God to have a hospital of this kind come upon the scene, where they may be relieved of their sufferings. The Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention should praise the Lord that our Heavenly Father saw fit to send them in the erection of this blessing to mankind. The Baptist hospital receiving most noteworthy praise for her structure, as well as her equipment and efficient staff. It is certainly proving a great success and making our help.

Mrs. Boney and I found building in this country a far greater task than building in America. There are no lumber yards here. Men have to be employed to go into the forest, cut down only hardwood trees and haul them into the needed parts. This work is all done with the old-fashioned hand saw and, of course, sawed very irregular. Green lumber cannot always be used immediately. It is always more than a problem to haul this lumber out of the swamps to the city of Monrovia. The slow and inefficient of workmen demanded the constant attention of both Mrs. Boney and me. During the rainy season we have both stood by our workmen, encouraging them to go on. It was not an uncommon thing to see Mrs. Boney with lever or square in her hands, helping the carpenter or mason to get some part straight while I was engaged in another matter. At times neither Mrs. Boney nor I was well, but so anxious were we that this great undertaking be a success, we neglected and forgot our own needs. We found such joy in laboring thusly together. We were happy, too.

"Burdens shared are light to carry."

We are thankful to God that the building has reached the stage where the object of the Foreign Mission Board is being realized in that the hospital has long since been in operation and thousands of treatments rendered and hundreds of sufferers relieved.

Let us pray that our efforts may not cease until the hospital is completed and equipped in every detail.

During the year there came to this building a great amount of help sent out by our Board in the persons of Dr. J. E. Dinkins, the dentist; Dr. A. F. I. DeWalt, the dentist; and Miss Ruth E. Beesley, the nurse. The ready the good derived from their efforts has been felt far and wide. Dinkins and Nurse Occumy have shown

"The best way to bear our own
Is to make another's lighter,
The best way to cheer ourselves
Is to make another brighter."

our dentist is at present the only one of his profession in all Liberia; and we can easily see what a blessing he brings.

Liberian Friends

The Liberians have cooperated with us most wonderfully in all of our undertakings. I take this opportunity to mention only a few of the many who have at all times encouraged us in whatever we have attempted for the Board and the good of the country: Chief Justice P. E. B. Johnson, Associate Justice T. E. Bysolow, Associate Justice A. W. Karnga, Associate Justice Henry Page, Judge E. Williams, County Attorney H. C. Karanda, Honorable C. H. Taylor, Honorable T. J. R. Faulkner, Captain J. K. Anderson, Dr. N. H. B. Cassell, President of Liberia College; Mrs. A. Cassell, President Women's Cultural Club; Mrs. H. E. B. Cooper and Mrs. I. K. Karnga. These people have encouraged us in a wonderful way, and we wish for them the greatest success in their different ambitions of life.

Recommendations

1. That a man be placed in charge and have absolute control of all labor and be responsible to produce a certain amount of the food consumed on the station.

2. That all stations be supported in proportion to the number of students actually present.

3. That the tract of land in Arthington be developed into a truck farm, catfish and poultry farm, with five acres planted each year in coffee for the maintenance of our hospital and other purposes.

4. That a new dormitory be given our Bassa station.

5. That the building begun at Sucha by Miss Williamson be completed. That the Bonloa station be given a boys' dormitory and a small boys' hall.

6. That the house at Boyesville built by Rev. J. B. Brandon be completed and a teacher supported for the work.

7. Our Arthington work has reached a stage where development is absolutely necessary. I, therefore, recommend an appropriation for a school building.

8. Our Krootown work is in need of another salaried teacher. That some place be provided for our workers in Monrovia when they come in town on business.

"God is working his purpose out,
As year succeeds to year;
God is working his purpose out,
And time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

"What can we do to work God's work,
To prosper and increase
The brotherhood of all mankind,
The reign of the Prince of Peace?
What can we do to hasten the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea?"

"All we can do is nothing worth,
Unless God blesses the deed;
Only we hope for the harvest-tide
But God gives life to the seed;

Yea nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

Yours for his greater service,

E. H. BOUEY,
Supt. Foreign Field, West Africa

From Diary of Dr. Pauline E. Dinkins

Liberia, West Africa, June 15, 1923.

June 15th—The sun and rain have been having a battle all day. If I were score keeper I should count it a tie. During the time that the sun shone, I made calls and went to get some medicine out of customs. A little boy who has been sick in the hospital a week went home today. He is a little Kru Roy and a boy scout, and often I had to beg him to be a true scout in order to make him a brave patient. Naturally, he likes to give way to every ill feeling, but he rallies to the colors if the appeal is made strong enough. This morning I was trying to get a patient to take a nasty dose of medicine. He wouldn't; he said he couldn't make it go down. I proposed a race, the simplest sort. I was to count five before he took the medicine. He took it at a gulp. A child likes to win! I have enjoyed reading the Boston Transcript today. Even more did I enjoy an article in the Birmingham Reporter describing the Bal Nege of Paris. Dr. East sent 60 pounds for the hospital building today. With this we hope to complete the work on the second floor.

June 16th—We have had a very busy day today. Now that it is over, I am wondering how we managed to do all the things we had to do. We had to rig up an intravenous outfit from an ordinary syringe. It simply had to be done, for the patient who needed it was prostrate with black water fever and this was the most potent method of treatment. The improvised affair worked famously; necessity is still invention's mother. It poured rain nearly all day today, but the patients came for treatment in spite of it.

June 17th—Everybody stirs early in Liberia. Before I could get dressed this morning, I heard voices on the porch. When I went out five patients were waiting there. We did not get our breakfast until ten o'clock. By this time, we had treated sixteen cases. After breakfast I went out to see patients who are sick at their homes. On the way I passed the church in the Bassa village. The minister was preaching and an interpreter translated the sermon for the audience. Everyone seemed very attentive. We have not been able to get to church today. This afternoon I told some of the boys who had been working here that I wanted to send him home. He seemed very much pleased. He seemed so interested in everything that is good. All day he is singing at his work and even though he has not had anyone to help him, he is as brave as can be and never expresses a bit of pity for himself. His is the faith that wins. We certainly do enjoy the organ that was given to Miss Occomy for the hospital. Some of the boys have quite a "sing" at night, after the day's work is ended.

June 18th—Today I have finished reading "What All the World A-Seeking" by Ralph Trine. It is a clearly written book and all the way through it stresses happiness through service and self-mastery.

June 19th—We have treated eighteen patients today. This evening we assorted some things which have been packed in boxes on the west of the first floor. This was a pleasant diversion. The plums from the neighborhood are several trees around the hospital and the children are so fond of them, we had hood seem never to get enough. They thoroughly enjoy them. We had breakfast for dinner today. I liked it today much better than I have liked it before. Mrs. Harris showed us how to prepare it so that it tastes like doughnuts.

June 20th—I am reading the story of Joseph Fels' life. He was evidently keen on the relation of taxation to prosperity. After all, a person

is seldom possessed of more than one big idea. We have had two lovely sunny days and they have given us opportunity to do some things that we can't do so well when it is raining. I rather like the rains, though. There's something delightful about a snug rainy day.

June 21st—We are having quite a time trying to get our plants and flowering things to grow. The cows and pigs tear up things as fast as we plant them. Just as I finished the last sentence a boy came to the hospital with a rash in his scalp and an abrasion on his elbow. He had fallen from the running board of a car. I hope that some day people will take pride in driving cars slowly. They don't do very much with the time they earn by speeding anyway.

June 22nd—A steamer from the U. S. brought one paper today. Nearly always we get some mail and sometimes piles of letters. It is great fun reading so much mail at once. It compensates for the lack of it for days and days together.

June 23rd—I have been trying to learn to talk the Pessy language. Some days I learn a few words, then I get busy and forget that I am to learn something every day. It is much more difficult to learn a language that has been almost wholly a spoken language than to learn one that is written and spoken. I have always liked to see words much better than I have liked to hear them. This morning I told a patient, in Pessy, to come back five days after tomorrow. Even though I pronounced the words correctly, he had no idea of what I was talking about until Dr. DeWalt told me how to give the correct accent to my speech.

June 24th—After we were through with the early patients, I had time for reading this morning. Just after breakfast a lady came to bring some body flowers. Lovely things they really were, with such deep coloring and dainty fragrance. Africa is truly a wonderful country, and the mountain bushes are truly "afire with God." A friend sent us some okra yesterday. We certainly did enjoy it at dinner today. Many of the vegetables that grow here are grown at home. Of the fruits, the pineapple, banana and orange are most delightful.

June 25th—As I was walking down the road this morning, my attention was attracted by the many types of dress that are to be seen at one glance. Some of the men are dressed in flowing robes that suggest the pictures I saw as a child in our Sunday school representing scenes in the time of Christ. Others are in modern dress. Besides these may be seen all sorts of modifications of ancient and modern dress. And then there are those who are altogether free from clothing.

June 26—Every day this week has been very busy. The terrible hand of disease never weakens here it seems. Every day they come seeking relief from all sorts of ailments. There is much work to do.

June 27th—It rained nearly all day today. Some patients braved the weather and some remained at home. Tonight the moon is shining clear and beautiful. Nothing is more beautiful than moonlight in Africa.

June 28th—The mason finished his work today. We are so glad to have this portion of the hospital finished. It means we are gradually getting through. I had thought we would have had all this work completed long ago, but things don't move very quickly here. It takes a long time to learn how slowly things can move.

June 29th—Some time in the middle of last night we were aroused by one of the boys telling us that a boy was sick upstairs. The sick boy's parents had not been home. Even though his agony was so intense, his illness was not very serious and he was soon relieved. One of the patients who came to the clinic this morning called iodine pepper. When I asked him how he was feeling, he replied, "Thank God." That was all he said. I have heard others say, "Thank God for life." Miss Occomy said she thought his reply was a brief form of the latter.

June 30th—We worked on the financial report of the hospital this morning after the rush of work was over. We are always glad to be able to finish the report with the going out of the month. If it is possible to keep pace with one's work, it certainly makes it go along more pleasantly. We have wanted so much to go to the beach during the past few days, but the

heavy rains have prevented. Today the sun is shining. I hope we go on the morrow. Yesterday the boys who work here built a nice table for themselves. They made benches to match. We bought spoons and spoons for them today and hope to be able to finish the table shortly. They are certainly pleased with the new arrangement. Carter wrote me that she was sending us a box for some of the people in a near-by village. I shall think of the work that we want to do in Africa as Mrs. Carter's very own, because she said she wanted to come to Africa herself. Since she could not come, I promised to represent her as far as one human being can do her own work plus another's. After I suppose I am only a proxy for all the people who have made my work possible. Yesterday I finished reading the story of Joseph Feis' life. I am now reading "The Greatness and Simplicity of the Christian" by Henry King. Dr. DeWalt's mother is not keeping so well now. I went to his home in Bensonville to visit her Thursday. One of Mrs. DeWalt's friends sent her a box of beautiful paper. Some of it had small pads which make wonderful prescription blanks. They are pink, white, lavender and grey. Anybody can easily imagine what a prescription file I have. Most of the doctors in Africa must fill their prescriptions. Indeed the doctor must often be physician, druggist, cook and director of housekeeping. One can use all sorts of knowledge here. I used to wonder why I was so long waiting for the time to go for me to go to Africa. I am glad that I had all the experience that came into my life before coming to Africa. I needed it. Ours is a busy, busy life. Our real happiness comes when we have helped Mother Nature a tiny bit to restore some of her children to health and when we have been able to show them how to live in the biggest way, to live, and to use the life that is given them day by day.

Monrovia, Liberia, W. Africa, July 9, 1911

Dear Dr. East:

At the close of this, one of the busiest days I have had for some time, I feel like going straight to bed; but I cannot, for I want to talk with you for a while, after which I must go to my laboratory to work on some matters before retiring.

Before I arose this morning there was a feeble tap on my door, hastened to respond, for I am becoming accustomed to such calls, only in the early morning, but at all hours of the night. Upon opening the door there stood a poor fellow from Krootown, who was appearing in so much agony that even the most heartless person upon seeing him would have been moved to tears. His face was so swollen that one of his eyes was almost closed, and he could scarcely open his mouth. I hastened about as rapidly as I could, and upon examining him I found that he had an infection that had gone on for quite a while. It was necessary for me to perform a surgical operation before I could clear up the condition. Necrosis had set in and there was a drainage of full a half pint of pus. After I had finished with the poor fellow he informed me that he felt much better, but had no money to pay. I informed him that our chief object here is not to make money, but to help suffering humanity. He went away rejoicing, while I thanked Almighty God for having made it possible for me to be connected with such an institution as this, which is doing so much good for suffering humanity and for Christ. By the time I had finished with this patient, others had begun to come in, and as they could get through with one there was another waiting. I got a chance to have a little breakfast at 9:30 while waiting for some water to heat. After breakfast I returned to the office and stopped only when it was necessary that we could not see.

July 13th—Since my last talk with you many and varied have been my activities. The very next day after the above mentioned case I went to the office a young fellow about fourteen years of age. He had been

and it was most apparent that he was in agony. Upon examining him I found that three teeth, including a six-year molar, were badly decayed and he was suffering from a bad attack of pericementitis, a result of his neglected condition. He, of course, came seeking extractions, but for various reasons I decided to treat the teeth instead. In the first place, the poor fellow was in no physical condition to stand extractions; and I thought it the best for him for the future. As most people over here do not know the six-year molar is the most important tooth in the head, I therefore every children. It acts as a guide for the other erupting teeth, and I thought to keep them in place as they come forth. To extract it too early would simply mean that the erupting teeth must come forth without support. This almost always results in malocclusion, and that is why we often see patients with what is commonly referred to as ugly mouths. In treating this young fellow and want you to pray that he may come

one of the greatest problems with which we have to deal here is that of preventing patients not to extract their teeth, but to have them treated and filled. It has been many years since there was a dentist here. The only thing that patients have known heretofore has been to endure the excruciating pain as long as possible and then take anything that is hard enough and remove the aching teeth from their mouths. Sometimes they are saved, but many a time it has simply meant the breaking off of the roots, the roots with exposed nerves being left in the sockets. Because of these conditions we find, first, that nearly every other patient who comes in has very difficult roots to be removed; and, secondly, that there is quite a demand for plate and bridge work.

Aside from the element that has never had any dental work done, there is another group composed of the more wealthy class and foreigners from other parts of the world who are here for commercial purposes. They come with all sorts of dental work, for repairs or replacement. It will probably sound strange to some to learn that there are demands out here for all kinds of work. A lady came to my office a few days ago with a certain baked bridge needing repairs. This calls for an electric furnace, as we have not been able to get any electrical connection here as yet. We are unable to do anything for this patient. We are working at a great disadvantage out here, because we do not have electrical connections. There are many classes of work which we are called upon to do, but are unable to do because of lack of this connection. Then, too, it is most taxing to stand day working a foot engine. I am praying and hoping that the Lord will through his divine providence soon open up an avenue unseen at present, whereby it might be possible for you to send us out a Decca plant that the hospital may more efficiently serve its great purpose out here in far away Africa.

There are many here who have absolutely no knowledge of toothbrush. A few days ago Dr. Dinkins sent me down into one of the villages in front of the hospital to demonstrate the use of the toothbrush and to distribute a few which she had on hand. Before doing so I was able to ascertain just how many present did know about the toothbrush. Upon counting I found that out of a room full of people, only a few knew about it. I gave them a brief lecture on the importance of the teeth, and the dangers of infected teeth, and how the toothbrushes were distributed. You should have seen their eyes to be used in this manner.

Had a rather sad observation this morning. As I passed by an old man on my way to the hospital, I heard a strange and curious sound. Upon entering I found a poor man, who was sick unto death. He was lying on the bare ground with one or two old rags by him and nothing with which to cover. His legs were paralyzed to the waist. He could not even move his head from side to side and groaned so pathetically that chills ran over my back and tears rushed to my eyes. Just how long he had been there God

only knows, but it is quite evident that he had suffered for days. Eager to ascertain all that I could about his condition, I leaned over, and there in spots I saw large patches, dark and different from his natural complexion. I went still closer, and behold, the insects were eating him up alive. There were patches of black ants that had gathered to feast off a dying human being—one of God's own, whose soul is as precious in the sight of the Lord as yours and mine. There were lizards running around in the one-cell room and on the floor in a pan near-by was a little cooked rice which had been there at least four days. This being the rainy season of the year, I am sure the poor fellow had been prostrated there during all of the rain storms that had been terrible for the last week or so. Because of the open condition of the old hut, which is only one of many that might be reported from various sections of the country, my mind went back to America, to the people there who live in ease and comfort, knowing not what their fellow creature is suffering in other parts of the world.

With post haste speed I rushed to the hospital and told Dr. Dinkins about the discovery. As soon as possible she and Miss Occomy made ready to go down to see what could be done for him, while I got busy trying to throw together something in the form of a bed so as to elevate him from the wet ground. Barquarre, a hired man, and I had just gotten started when word came back to us that it was useless—the poor fellow was dead. He was a young man—only about twenty-nine years of age—gone, having a most wretched, horrible death. Even as I write, it is with a trembling pen, and I pray God to give me the power and continued will that I may help serve my fellow man.

We are all reasonably well and working hard.

Yours truly,

A. F. I. DeWALT

Suehn Industrial Mission, Monrovia, Liberia, W. Africa

June 29, 1923

My dear Dr. East:

There are times in life when we are speechless at the mercy and love of our heavenly Father—when so many expressions of his love and care come that we scarce know what to say. This is just such a time in my little life, and I can only exclaim with David, "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations."—Psalms 89:1.

So many times I wonder why God has been so good to me—why he has blessed me so when I'm so unworthy—why the joy bells of heaven continue to ring in my soul day by day in the midst of the busiest duties.

The past eighteen months have been so full of joy and peace—and have passed so quickly. Sometimes I have to stop and wonder where they have gone! The precious friends in the homeland just won't let me be lonely, for every steamer brings lots of loving messages from them.

Father and mother write me every single week, and there are lots of messages from my darling sisters, Esther and Faith, and dear Sister writes faithfully too. I'm so happy that she will soon be back. I can tell how I've missed her during the past eight months, and yet she has been so near and real that it hasn't been nearly as lonely as I thought. My days are so full, from early morning when we still use the lamp to how to dress, until nine o'clock at night, when the children are asleep and it is quiet, my time is not my own. I try to do each day a thing for Eternity—some little task for Jesus that isn't easy or pleasant always and which some others might leave undone.

It's a glorious thing to be able to say at night, when weariness has well nigh claimed you for its own. "Thank God, I've done my best."

There's so much to tell I don't know where to begin. I feel that I will tell the rest of my life to tell all that God has wrought during my last year of service out here.

Oh, yes, let me tell you how beautifully school has been going on: We are closing our third month of work now and the monthly honor roll will be on the bulletin board for June. How eagerly the children look to seeing their names on it, and each month the list has been longer.

Each of our little staff of workers has certainly given faithful, loving service in building up our school. From the tiny tots, who perspire over the terrible (*) A B C's to the advanced boys and girls who are beautifully mastering compound fractions, and all the subjects given to them—the spirit to work has been wonderful! I've often told the children of the determination of Frederick Douglass, when a little slave boy, to master the alphabet. Of course, he wasn't supposed to know anything in his servitude—and he did.

At Suehn God has given us some mighty fine specimens of African youth. Our Christian training is preparing first the heart, then the head and the hand. Truly "Princes shall come out of Egypt, and Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God."

One dear little girl who has only recently come from a heathen mud hut with no knowledge of the Savior's love and unable to speak or understand a single word of English, shocked me by repeating nearly every one of the books of the Bible—Old and New Testament—the other day. Three months at Suehn have made a mighty transformation in this precious little life. Now, you little six-year-olds at home in U. S. A., beat this! There are many encouraging things to cheer our hearts as we plod on from day to day. All isn't dark by any means—lovely bright rifts show in the clouds.

My morning Bible class is just wonderful. I wonder who enjoys it most, the children or their teacher. Last year we spent much time on the Old Testament—and just to see how well they remembered, I asked last week for the chapter names, divisions, plagues, etc., of Exodus. Instantly they broke out with the answers in a way I never dreamed of, for we have out here what is called "West African memory," and we soon forget. But, I learned a deeper lesson—that which each of us is happier for having learned—when God's Word is taught prayerfully, lovingly and expectantly, it sinks into the heart and abides there. That's why David said, "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee." Africa has taught me that God does not let his Word return unto him void—and it is a wonderful lesson! We have recently concluded the life of Christ and are enjoying our study of the Acts of the Apostles.

Occasionally I see a wet eye and many agonized expressions on faces when we talk about the sufferings of the early Christians and their firm stand for God. Questions come quickly from the alert minds of these recently rescued boys and girls—and, asking God for wisdom, I try to answer them. Then comes my final question, "Children, what does God expect us to do in the light of his goodness to us?" The bell always has to ring before we finish our morning discussion.

I'm sure every missionary at Suehn enjoys his and her Bible class work as much as do I.

Wouldn't the folks at home love it? Tell them, Dr. East, to come on out and help—first be sure they are willing to bear his cross! Wouldn't it be different if many would hear his voice, and leaving all, come to help set these captives free? My heart yearns for them—my lips plead for them—alas! I'm so small and weak. Just a tiny candle, it seems, in the midst of a blackness—but even a candle, is needed where there's no light. At night—these long, dreary rainy ones such as only Africa knows—tomms and weird sounding instruments furnish music for heathen dances in Suehn Town just across the road from our school. Way out—often till daybreak—the noise grinds like sounds from the machine of war—and women—half crazed by gin—shriek and moan in the attitude of weariness from long continued dancing. Day breaks—pink light comes out to greet us after the night of heathen worship. The children file into our little sacred but sadly dilapidated chapel. Soon the

sweet strains of "My Jesus, I Love Thee" peal forth in thrilling notes—and once more we feel heaven near.

What a Contrast

Just to let you know, dear friends who read this, what African boys and girls can do for God, let me tell you this. Our Sunday school at Suehn is a living, wide-awake part of our school. Last year I was able to put up the modest monument in memory of our own sainted Miss Delaney, with coppers that our boys and girls raised in Sunday school. Also Sister, our beloved superintendent, was given a lovely gold pin in honor of her wonderful service while here. The children felt they wanted to do even more this year, and so without any money in hand they started planning.

Mr. Goll, our splendid superintendent, set aside the third Sunday in May for Sunday school rally day. We had just made a lovely new green velvet banner with the words "Bethel Delaney Sunday School" embroidered on it in white silk. And, of course, the class that raised the largest amount got the banner.

Well, they worked! Every time I turned around there were boys and girls—"God Sister, please let me work for two cents for the rally." Some wanted to work for six cents, some ten cents; some fifteen; and a few for even twenty-five cents. How they earned that money! I sent some out to cut grass; others got hoes and got busy; some washed; some ironed; many sewed; others cleaned and swept the campus—but all worked! Sunday afternoon at the rally those dear children turned in about nine dollars! This sounds like a small amount at home, but it meant heroic sacrifice for these poor children—and Jesus loved them for it. The boys got the banner—but next time my girls will get it (and we don't want to be selfish), but we shall try to keep it, too. Our Sunday school treasury is growing, and when school closes we hope to be able to buy a nice set of new Bibles for the school, or fill in some other gap where our little fund may be needed. Dear Mrs. Goll must pray lots over the keeping of our little treasury, for it seems to be like the loaves and fishes or the widow's cruse of oil.

Now, the folks at home don't have all the wonderful spiritual feasts on Sunday in our lovely churches there, for the Lord surely remembers little Suehn. Early Sunday morning we meet for praise and prayer and the day seems to be different after this service. At 11 o'clock we have our regular morning service, and everyone enjoys this. Our Lord's Supper is observed on the first Sunday in each month. On our last communion Sunday, June 3rd, we had a glorious day. Rev. Spencer gave the message and spoke touchingly of the suffering of the Savior. Every heart was moved and many tears ran. At the close of the sermon he asked if some who had recently come in new and were not Christians wanted to come forward for prayer. Instantly a number filled the front seats. All of us were busy giving a word as to how to find the Savior. Then we just prayed and sang, and trusted. The Holy Spirit did the rest. The children found Jesus that morning. But the rest weren't satisfied to be left unsaved, so, of their own accord they remained in chapel with me, deeply concerned Christian boys and girls to pray through. At 6:30, on B. Y. P. U. hour, they were still in earnest, and, while everyone else must just trust Jesus, "Get up, Nellie," and "All you must do is believe," I looked—stared in dumb amazement as I saw three little girls here, over tiny Nellie Goll, who wanted to find Jesus. They had found a quiet spot where perhaps few would notice them—and there they were pouring out their little hearts over their playmate and friend. Imagine my surprise

and joy when I heard my own little girl, Phyllis Wheatley, say in deep, earnest tones, "Jesus will save you now," when a few months ago she was wrapped in heathen darkness and God gave me the privilege of rescuing her. A few weeks later she was gloriously converted—and now already a soul-winner! Does it pay? Yes!

"A little child shall lead them." That night six more found Jesus. Needless to add—little Nellie was one of the six. Perhaps I shouldn't add this, but I do want you to share it. When little Nellie gave her testimony that night, I asked her if she believed Jesus had saved her. Instantly came the startling reply (and how many of us born in America have said things just as absurd!) "Yes, God Sister, and—and—I saw Jesus in a long white nightgown—and—and he told me to go—and he saved me."

Of course, everybody smiled out loud, but it didn't matter—Nellie had seen Jesus! I might say this too—on the wall hangs a picture of the Savior in a long, flowing robe, and he is healing the sick. Evidently this had strongly impressed little Nellie.

We have ideas all our own in Africa! I wish I had time to tell you some of the amusing things that happen out here. Missionaries—real live ones—have time to laugh, and do it.

Dr. East, you've been so kind about getting funds to me with which to keep things going. How can I thank God for it all? The rice situation hasn't been near as serious lately as it was two months ago. I've been able to buy about 1,600 pounds and pay cash for it. It was so kind of you to ship me 19 bags. God bless you. With this and what I have I had hoped to get through this school year—but now again we're up against it. The bags of rice, large box of clothes and supplies, for the school, and the other box you sent have all passed Liberia, because of a serious strike, and gone on down the coast. It may be three months or more before the goods are returned, and I am told that they seldom return in good condition. It's a pity they weren't landed here, but God knows best. So I won't worry. He won't let these children suffer—no.

I have 82 enrolled in school, and my hands and heart stay full. Plum season at Suehn is just over. We had lots of luscious fruit. Our coffee has been fended in so the goats couldn't strip the scions. Next month we hope to set it out. We have so many limes on the trees this year. Some day I hope Suehn will have every fruit growing on its land. It will mean so much.

God has so wonderfully been with us during the past three weeks. Death has lurked very near us at Suehn. Suddenly an epidemic broke out among our boys and many were taken seriously ill. Some physicians say it is the same "flu" that took such an awful toll of life some years ago. raging fevers, sudden chills, coughs, pains in the chest and side were the common symptoms. Oh, how sick they were! We had twelve very ill at once. Pneumonia seemed to be very near, and it was a terrible time. Several girls were down and so many boys. There were many times when any doctor, and with but a meagre supply of medicine on hand, I reached a boat down in Monrovia for medicine—thanked God for a jar of Vick's salve that had just come in a box from dear women in Washington, D. C. Rev. and Mrs. Goll and Rev. and Mrs. Spencer did all they could—and it did wonders. I went over to the boys' dormitory to do what I could. I rubbed the sick with Vick's salve, gave them medicine for the cough, I felt they would need during the night in case they got worse. I rubbed the fever, gave them hot soup to nourish them, and left what

We know—all the boys and I in earnest prayer for the recovery of the sick, and I went over to work on the girls then. My heart was a little heavy, but I couldn't despair and doubt. Several girls were very ill during the night and I lay awake praying. Finally, morning came, and with it health in many who had been so ill.

God is faithful! All are up and out except three now, and they are rapidly improving. Do you wonder that I love Him? "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

And God has been good to me in so many ways. He knows even the little things we desire so much out here, and which it is impossible to get

except from home. I've always been blessed with many precious friendships, but I never knew how loyal friends could be until I came to Africa. Two weeks ago several wonderful parcels came, containing articles for the use of all our children and myself. My father's church secretary, Miss Thebna Ward, of Richmond, Va., sent our boys and girls one hundred prophylactic tooth brushes and one hundred and forty-five sample tubes of Colgate's tooth paste. You should have seen the children's joy on receiving their useful gifts. Also, Miss Ward sent some candy, which I personally have been guilty of doing justice to—with a little assistance.

A young public school teacher, Miss Lucille Pauley, of Dayton, Ohio, has had all the children in her class send tablets, pencils and personal letters to all our Suchn boys and girls.

The B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School of Bethany Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., have recently remembered us with a lovely box. Some dear ladies of Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., have sent us a wonderful supply of toilet articles and useful notions. They surely must have been led of God to send that jar of Vick's salve, for it came as a gift from above when we had so much sickness. Mrs. Howard sent these gifts to us.

Some time ago my precious baby sister, Faith, had the little girls in her club to make 17 beautiful dresses for our Suchn girls. Now again she has sent us rubber balls, candy—and she sent "Big Sister" some beef cubes for beef tea so I can get well again. Isn't she dear?

But this isn't all. The ladies of Pilgrim Baptist Church in St. Paul, Minn., have been quietly planning a big surprise for Suchn for a long while. Since last fall they have been working faithfully to get 100 new dresses made for our Suchn girls. God always does the "exceeding abundantly" and so when the dresses were ready to be shipped there were 154 beautiful ready-made garments. I was speechless and fearful when I opened the big box two weeks ago and found, not only dresses for the girls, but some for Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Goll, ten for Baby Juanita Goll, and several for me. I've been paid with liberal interest for the ones that I've given our girls from time to time. We first opened the box in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Francis—for Pilgrim Baptist is our U. S. A. minister and his wife's home church. You see how good God is! Doesn't it pay to serve him!

Father, whose heart is so tender toward Africa, has been unwilling for a single child to be turned away for lack of food. He sent me \$50 week before last so I wouldn't have to say "No" to one who might otherwise have to be sent back to heathen darkness. He also added: "Be sure, dear, to win each one for Jesus." Both he and mother have been so loving and unselfish in every sacrifice since I've been out here, and long before I came, too. I can't express my gratitude for all that Dr. East has done to enable me to keep Suchn going for God, and I'm so thankful to every friend who has assisted in this glorious task.

May I just say in closing we are depending on you. We must soon finish Strong Hall; a little more sacrifice will do it. We are buying up lumber for Morris Hall. Will you help us to continue? How we need a new house of worship, and we are trusting God for it.

All is well, and there are no complaints or criticisms. When we are busy in everything there's no time to be unhappy.

For some time I haven't been well—won't you pray for me? The hospital is looking fine. Dr. Dinkins, Dr. DeWalt and Miss Occoay are as busy as they can be. Isn't it wonderful to be honored with God's service out here? Who wouldn't be a missionary?

My love to everyone who prays for us.

Happy in his service,

RUTH G. MORRIS

Bendoo Industrial Mission, Liberia, W. Africa.

Rev. J. E. East, D. D.,
701 S. 19th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. East:

We have had a real hard rainy season this year. It rained so much it seemed to hinder the yield in our farm products. We have planted a

large farm of potatoes and are still planting. We are expecting an abundant yield as the rains are now almost over.

We have forty-five bright, healthy children. We told them that you promised to give us a good building here when the dry season comes, and they are so glad that the rains are almost over, so that our building can be commenced. Every one that comes to, or passes by, our station seems to become hypnotized. There was an American gentleman—a millionaire—from New York here last month, and he really did admire the place. He said among other things that it was such a beautiful site.

The fame of our station has spread far and wide. Some of the folks are sending their children from Bassa here, about two hundred miles, more or less.

We received the money sent through Rev. Boney, the Superintendent, for our salary, and also the fifty dollars sent for the work, for which we thank you so very much. It came at a very needy time. There were some money problems to be solved, and I just didn't know where the money was coming from to solve them; I told the Lord about it. After I had told him I felt that he would send it from somewhere, and he did send it, just at the right time. I found, as I do always find,

"Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take him at his word."

Pray for us.

I am yours in the Master's service,

W. T. BLAKE.

Bible Industrial Mission, Fortsville, Grand Bassa, Liberia.

May 9, 1928.

My dear Dr. East:

I received your letter dated March 3rd, also amount from Rev. Bouey for salary, which paid me up for 1927. Thanks very much. I am pleased to inform you that the general outlook of the work is very pleasing.

Our farms are flourishing. We are gathering potatoes planted in November and preparing another farm to be planted in June. About an acre of land was cut in January and planted in February and March with castor and eddoes. Another small farm is now planted with eddoes, also 700 cashew plants set out. From the coffee farm 25 barrels of green berries are picked and almost cured, of which I am sending a sample.

Second, the school resumed work in March, having at present 32 students, with Miss Bryan as head teacher, assisted by Dr. Sisusa and wife. I teach Scripture and fill the place of any one sick or absent. Miss Bryan is asked to take this place, from her long experience as a government teacher at home, also her interest shown in the work here. The highest grade is fourth.

The children that are taken in school this year are all under contract, signed by parents or guardians to remain five, six or seven years. The boys are anxious to learn to trade, and we are the only ones that do not have a trades department. Brewerville, under the direction of Dr. Thomas, has a carpenter shop and printing press. Rev. Horton had a printing press here and turned out many printers, some of whom are working in Monrovia today. This press was abolished after he left. Now, at B. I. Mission is to be set up in new, we must have some inducements for the boys that are coming in now. For the first start, I am planning to have a tailor shop; but, better, a milliner. This is now waiting your order.

Third, and last, but best of all; for the call and commission of Jesus was the soul winning (Mark 1:17; Matt. 28:19). This work is very encourag-

ing. Ten visits were made in March, including prison at Upper Buchanan. The prisoners were all robust and lively, although wearing a heavy ball and chain around the neck. Nevertheless, they were willing to listen to me attentively telling the story of the cross through the interpreter, after which twelve surrendered to Jesus. April 1st, six souls were immersed for Christ at the mission. April 9th and 10th, visit to Lloydsville, 17 converts. Returned to mission 11th inst. April 14th and 15th, visit to Savory village. We had a great meeting, talking about the Redeemer and His love to all mankind without respect of persons. Forty-eight acknowledged Jesus, saying, "I love Him, I will live for Him." Returned to mission next day. Went to Lloydsville April 28th, preached Sunday, 29th. Eight converts; they were immersed that afternoon with seven others. Returned to mission May 1st. Blessed be the name of Jesus, who is directing and giving the increase. His call is perfect. His commission is gracious, and His promise is firm. Pray for us.

I am pleased to be informed of Miss Williamson's wonderful success. May the Divine blessings rest upon her. We need more Williamsons, Bowers, Bryans, Morris—women who will see Jesus only, having no fear for opposing forces, but march on just as those women that early Sunday morning. Obstacles will remove when your plans are the will of Jesus.

Yours faithfully,

H. E. CONNOR.

NIGERIA

In Nigeria the work has moved on nicely under the leadership of Rev. Samuel Martin. There we have two workers supported by our Board, and one locally supported. Our workers there are: Rev. Samuel Martin and Mr. B. I. Aniakoh. Like the rest of Africa, great opportunities for service present themselves in Nigeria. The great cry is, "More help."

THE CAMEROONS

We have simply assisted some native pastors in the Cameroons, who were in distress for support, due to the Germans having to leave the country and leaving them without assistance or support. Being a Baptist mission, we came to their rescue. We have supported two ministers, Rev. Jos. E. Burnley and Rev. Laban Moki. Rev. Burnley's church is of an independent nature, while Brother Moki's church is a part of the German mission. We understand that the Germans are being permitted to return, and perhaps we shall soon cease to send any assistance to Brother Moki.

Victoria, Cameroons.

Dear Dr. East:

I hope that my last report has reached you and that it has met your requirements.

I have now the pleasure of reporting that a very interesting event took place here in connection with our church on the 9th and 10th, just the celebration of our Harvest Festival.

On Saturday, October 8th, the chapel was tastefully decorated with palm branches, flowers, fruit, vegetables, etc., that were given by the members of the church and congregation as harvest thanks offering.

At 9 o'clock on Sunday morning the harvest sermon was preached by Rev. J. Hofmeister, of the German Baptist Church, Loppo Station, to an overcrowded congregation.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock another service was held, presided over by G. C. Boyle, Esq., Chief Government Dispenser, who was supported by six other gentlemen. You will see by the enclosed program that from pastor to Sunday school children all took part in this service. And I am very glad to report that it proved very interesting and successful.

On Monday a bazaar was held in the chapel yard for the sale of the cocoa, fruit, vegetables, poultry, firewood, etc., given by the farmers and others for the harvest. In addition to the sales the ladies of our Dorcas Association and the Young Women and Girls' Bible Class animated the gathering with their palatable tea tables. I am thankful for being able to report that the festival has proved more successful than had been anticipated, and that every one has enjoyed it to the full. Total proceeds, \$48.11 pounds.

Pray for us, that while we give to God the fruits of our labors as an acknowledgment of His providence and blessings we are enjoying, we may also be led by His Spirit to offer up ourselves living thanksgiving to Christ for what He has done for us on Mt. Calvary, so that when his time of harvest comes we may also be among the sheaves that will be gathered into his garner.

With Christian love and every good wish for yourself and the brethren, I remain

Yours in his service,

JOS. E. BURNLEY.

SOUTH AFRICA

In this field, where we have a large number of workers, the attitude of the South African white government to prevent American Negroes and American Negro influence from having any effect on the South African natives has steadily grown. Not only does the government prohibit American groups from going out there as missionaries, but it is doing everything possible to block native people from coming to America. Natives are required to make a very large deposit of money with the government if they would leave the country for even a brief stay in America. Our native teachers and leaders have labored on nobly during the year. Despite all these hindrances, there are still about fifty children in school at Middle Drift. There are fourteen mission stations with the following workers: Fred Vockerott, Mrs. P. V. Vockerott, Mrs. Linda Sunjica, Miss Beatrice Msweli, Quanda, Middle Drift, Cape Providence; Rev. Fred Vockerott, East London; Rev. John Ntshaba, Beth, Transvaal; Rev. Josie Ntshaba, Lebodi; Rev. Ernest Ntshaba, Ntshaba; Rev. E. B. P. Koti, Harding; Rev. Luke Tshatata, Middle Water; Rev. Joseph Bhollani, Herschel; Rev. Chas. Papu Capetown; Rev. L. S. Mahlanga, Kiptown; Rev. J. J. Lephe, Swinburne, Daniel Khena, J. M. Nkomo, Stephen Khomo, J. P. Selepe, E. Selepe, B. Gina, Johannesburg; Rev. Philip Mahlanga, Pretoria; Rev. Daniels, Capetown.

Kiptown, Transvaal, South Africa, June 18, 1923

Dr. J. E. East,

1015 N. 33rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. East:

I had with me a survey of my work and the work of the American "dollar."

It was on the day you ordained me to the gospel ministry June 12, 1922, at Middledrift, Cape Colony. From that ever living spot I came to my native Transvaal. In those days things were very stiff because of the World War.

I started my work properly here in Kiptown October 17, 1922. Then I found eight members in good standing. I started the struggle at once. My people heard the gospel ringing every Sunday and prayer meeting on Wednesday and Friday. The fire of the Holy Spirit seemed to take hold of

many hearts. As a result of these services, many confessed that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God, the Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth. In this way our church was planted all over the country. In no time I found myself the pastor of five hundred souls. Fourteen out stations were organized.

Still the work was moving on slowly for the lack of support. When you, Dr. East, went over to America, you knew how our work was suffering for the lack of support, and you did not lose time in bringing the bleeding African map before the public of America. In due time our work received help from the Board. Your mind and your pen were hard at work to tell the people of America how the miserable, wretched, naked African heathen are groping in darkness. To this noble message we as gospel workers cannot help but say "Amen." So the American dollar came to our help. It is evident that the American dollar which is sent to this mission field enabled us to keep these stations like a lighthouse on dark nights. These dollars must pass through some personality, some life, on their mission to save somebody for Jesus' sake. Through the native preacher the school teacher and Bible women's circles it touches the raw human life. In many cases these raw human lives immediately change into Christianlike beings because of this dollar circulating from hand to hand. Your dollar joins hands with our British money which we raise from our Christian people who understand that the work of God must be supported by God's children. So this money sends somebody to the naked heathen without Jesus, groping in superstition and helplessness. Dr. East, I assure you that I make it my duty to see that this American dollar is sent to the end which I believe is its mission and objective from home. This money from our great Baptist family in America made us able to keep open the school doors all the year round here at our main station.

Leaving out the Orange Free State, where one of our Kiptown Mission sons is a faithful preacher and pastor of Harrismith Baptist Church, embracing Zululand (confining myself in my state, as I have given over the Orange Free State work to Rev. Joseph Joshua Lapele), we have one very distant preaching station (Basutoland). The rail miles are 284 from Kiptown, the main station. There the dollar has kept the gospel fire burning. I am leaving on June 21st to go to baptize and serve the Lord's Supper to those dear ones.

We have Standerton preaching station. Here we have our faithful brother supported by our Foreign Mission Board. At this field we have over a hundred members. J. P. Selepe is looking after this station. Here we have a parsonage. There are two substations. At Eastwood, Pre-ora Brother Mahlangu is in charge.

Krugerdsorp is one of our most promising stations. Here we have over twenty souls to be buried with Christ in baptism as soon as I return from Basutoland. At this station we are erecting a parsonage; the walls are finished. We are in need of the roofing material. We would be grateful if the Board could kindly meet us half way in this direction. We need only \$50. This will shelter William Tyirana, our worker here.

At Evaton we have Brother Ezekiel Selepe, supported regularly by our Board. Our full members here number thirty. It is a slow growing station, yet with a bright future and possibilities. Here we have a church building on private property. The natives here are allowed to own property. We need a proper church site.

New Clare is a big Johannesburg location. Here our station is not what it ought to be. This location has adjoining plots for sale to the public. We need to strengthen our station and we need a good church here. We hope the Board will help us buy and build the largest church in our Transvaal work.

At Sophin Town we have recently received one of our very old members. His congregation is not yet included with our members, but will soon be on the list.

Our work in general is encouraging. We can truthfully say that God has blessed us. We have taken the second teacher in our station.

hope somebody will help us to pay the teacher.
May God bless you and the Board.

Your humble son,

J. S. MAHLANGU.

Swinburne, S. Africa, April 25, 1928.

Dr. J. E. East, Cor. Secretary,
701 S. 19th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. East:

I wish to submit here my annual report for the year 1927. This has been a full, busy year. I can only say from the depths of my heart, God be praised! I am now pastoring two churches.

Harrismith Baptist Church

Old number of preaching stations, 8; this year, 12. Our helpers were 9; this year, 18. Baptized during the year, 15. Received by letter, 79; otherwise, 44. Old number of members last year, 205; this year, 343. Day school enrollment, 24. Sunday school enrollment, 13.

Church property collected, value 15 pounds. Support of pastor, 10,6.7 pounds. Salary from Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, 40 pounds, for which I thank the Board very much.

Vrede Baptist Church

Places of worship, 4. Helpers, 6. Members in good standing, 88. Baptized during the year, 6. Awaiting baptism, 10. Money for support of the pastor, 2,30 pounds. Church property value collected, 6 pounds.

Here is a great opportunity to do work for the Master. I am sure there is no room for worship. We are still applying for a church site. God bless you, Dr. East; keep praying for us. God will take care of us, and not one of his children will be forgotten. Praise his name! May the Lord

Dr. East, our great helper in Africa. May the Lord bless all the churches and all the good people of America who are doing all in their power to help us in dark Africa. The Lord shall answer and say to them: "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren (my children in great darkness in Africa) ye have done it unto me." Best wishes.

Your child in his name,

Joseph J. Lapele.

NYASALAND

No foreign field presents greater opportunities for service than Nyasaland. Dr. D. S. Mankubu's recent report of conditions there is really a challenge to Christianity. We have more members of the church there than in other stations. We have the largest school there, and the natives really more in trying to support themselves than in any other part. Dr. Mankubu and his wife are doing wonderfully. We have recently added to this station nine native workers. We have been unable to give the support we desired to give for the upbuilding of the stations, though prayers for help have been most touching.

We shall have to centralize on some one place more and more, and make good at that place, and after that branch out. We fear sometimes we are attempting big things in too many places. It is difficult for us to build a hospital in one place. Many of our workers in Africa feel that we should build many hospitals at the same time, erect many other buildings, and conduct many schools for higher education, when we are hardly able to do these things in one place. We are doing the best we can.

We have at the Providence Mission in Nyasaland ninety-seven acres of ground. The workers there at present are: Dr. D. S. Malekebu, Mrs. H. S. Malekebu, H. T. Scott, Eric Msuseni, Mrs. A. R. Lawrence, Amon Mwa Kettle Chilwe, Timothy Chinangwa, Youngson Nnmpatiwa, John M. Lawrence, H. Starchan Skin.

Providence Industrial Mission,
Chiradzulu, Nyasaland, Africa.

My dear Dr. East:

I wish to thank you very much for the \$200 draft that you cabled me a few weeks ago, also a draft of \$100 from our friend, Mrs. Lucy Moore, of Nashville, forwarded to you by Mrs. M. H. Flowers.

The work is going on. The boys' dormitory is going up very rapidly. It is 60x20 feet. One part will be for boys and one part for the teachers, and a large dining hall. This building is also a brick one. The road is now finished, and we are waiting to hear that the motor truck will soon be on the way. I walked so much and hard the last month that my feet bled when I went to see about our work at Mlanje. Men are still hard at work making brick. We have burned one oven already. We were allowed to cut down one mahogany tree, but I am afraid for the price the measure is taken, but what will the price be? The school is in full force.

Two young men have applied from South Africa. They went from here to school there. One has finished seventh standard, and took two years in the Training Course. I believe he is preparing for the ministry. If we are successful in getting these men, we shall have a splendid faculty for our main station. I am looking for them to be here by December, this year. I will write you more about them later. I am writing to Mrs. Moore, thanking her for the money mentioned above, which has gone on the boys' building. I hope you have received my cable. We hardly have a moment to spare for writing, yet this must be done. The National Convention is now going on; we pray for success for you, that great good may be done as never before.

We are moving on. Mrs. Malekebu and members of the church join me in sending our best wishes and love to you and the Board. I am

Yours in the Master's cause,

D. S. MALEKEBU.

The following is the report of the Government Inspector (white) on our Providence Industrial Mission in Nyasaland, Africa.

General—I visited Dr. Malekebu at the Providence Mission, Chiradzulu, on Monday, May 30th, arriving shortly after 10:00 a. m.

Dr. Malekebu informed me that he had opened a school for children, but that it had only been in existence for three months, and was not in session until afternoon, when the children had finished their day's work. There were 340 children on the roll. He holds a teachers' school each morning, and I therefore agreed to inspect the station and the teachers' classes, and to return in September or October to examine the children's school after the completion of a six months' course.

Buildings and Grounds—There is a brick church large enough to accommodate over 300 people, in which the school assembles on week days. The lighting and ventilation are good. There are brick benches, tables, chairs, blackboard, etc. Dr. Malekebu's own house is well built of brick with very good doors and windows and a small front veranda. The other buildings are being extended, and two small rooms added, which might be used as class rooms for teachers' classes.

There are one or two houses in the square near the church, and one house in course of erection, but I believe that the majority of the teachers live in the neighboring village.

The large space between the church, Dr. Malekebu's house, and the other houses is extremely clean and the road and paths are well kept. The station is a new one, but I understand that a school garden will be started as soon as possible.

Teachers' Classes—There were twelve teachers present, including one girl, divided into standards III, IV and V. Dr. Malekebu conducts the teachers' school, assisted by Mrs. Malekebu, who is an educated woman. In each standard the teachers were able to read fairly fluently from English readers and comprehended the subject matter. The standard of writing and simple arithmetic was satisfactory. The girl teacher, who was in Standard V, was distinctly average in intelligence, and knew English very well. The teachers appear to have been recruited from various Societies, including the Church of Scotland and the Seventh Day Adventist Missions.

Discipline and Tone—The discipline on the station was good and the teachers were interested in their work. I addressed the teachers and endeavored to explain to them the influence which a teacher could exert by means of example, and emphasized the value of training boys not to despise agricultural and manual work.

The teachers told me that Dr. Malekebu had already pointed this out to them, and Dr. Malekebu himself corroborated this by recounting to them his experiences in America, telling them how he had to work in a coal mine to earn money for his education.

Chiradzulu, Nyasaland, Africa, March 14, 1928.

Dr. J. E. East,
201 S. 19th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. East:

First of all, I wish to thank you for your promptness in sending us our salary. On January 18, 1928, you cabled 40 pounds for our salary. We do thank you very much for the amount of \$200. May God continue his richest blessings upon you.

It has been a very, very long time since I wrote you and our friends abroad, due to my long period of illness from a nervous attack, heart trouble and other ailments of which time does not permit me to write at present, because I am very anxious for this letter to be mailed for the train and steamer on tomorrow. Of course, you know that I was always a faithful writer; but as I have been so ill from July, 1927, until now, Dr. Malekebu has had to do almost all the writing aside from all the hard work on the mission.

May I continue to say that God is still with us here in East Africa, so far away from relatives and friends. When we are very sick and nearing death's door, and troubles and trials and persecutions are pressing us on every side, we cannot call on mother or sister or friends, so far away from us, but it is a blessed thought to know that we can call on God, who hears his children whenever they cry unto him in spirit and in truth. The work is growing, and is continuing to grow every day far beyond our reach. We are very weak. Spiritually, we never fail to ask him for more of his love and strength and grace and patience. Financially, indeed, we are far from having sufficient means to aid us in this great work; but we do get somewhat discouraged at times, yet we never give up, but pray always for more faith in God, for he certainly comes to our aid in time when our burdens seem so hard to bear.

Thousands of men are pouring in on all sides and from all parts of the country, seeking a way into the fold. Many are being added unto the church

daily through the preaching and teaching of the love of him who shed his precious blood for us all.

The sick, with their many diseases and pains, are being relieved one by one through the help of the Greater Physician.

Our school opened again in full February 1, 1928, with an enrollment of over 300, and more coming in every day. Yes, our hands are full. There is no time for grieving and sighing; God has given us his work to do, and indeed we, as his poor, weak children, are doing it to the best of our ability.

Now, Dr. East, we wish to thank you very much for that great hospital you have built in Liberia, West Africa. You have done a wonderful thing by putting it up, so that our poor, sick and worn-out missionaries and other sufferers may have some quiet place in which to lay their fevered brows and aching bodies. I wish it were possible for all of our stations in different parts of Africa (belonging to the National Convention) to build such a building as that. We are praying always that the Lord will help you greatly in equipping it and bless the new staff of workers with good health and strength; for we all know that without a strong body one is unfit to accomplish very much.

I am not blessed with perfect health, but when God helps me at times to acquire a little strength, I try to go ahead doing his bidding; for we have so many people—men, women and babies—dying around us every day.

Dr. East, please do not forget us, your missionaries in far-away Nyasaland. We know you are working hard for the hospital, but just remember us a little in our work over here; we are depending upon no one but you and God for financial support. A Baptist church in Africa is not like a small church in America, to say nothing about a big one. There is nothing for us to depend upon here, because these countries have too much famine, and everywhere now, here, the crops have all been destroyed by the burning African sun. The people cry for rain, but none comes. The "witch" doctors say they have danced and prayed and killed and eaten one another, thinking that with all that God will send down the rain; but still he knows better than we do. "His ways are far beyond our comprehension, and we dare not question." We, your missionaries, are looking always to you to help us rebuild this Providence Industrial Mission as it was in years past, and we want it to be even better, through God's help.

May the Lord bless you and restore your family to health again, and give you needed and sufficient strength, physically and spiritually, and add more Christian and broad-hearted friends for the work of saving bleeding and sinful Africa.

Yours in the Master's cause,
FLORA E. Z. MALEKEBU.

THE INCREASE IN GIVING TO OUR FOREIGN MISSION WORK

During the year several churches have increased their donations to our foreign mission work. The Metropolitan Baptist Church of New York, Dr. W. W. Brown, pastor, has given more than ever before and promises to do greater things for God. She stands ready to buy a \$1,000 farm in Africa if the Board can properly arrange the purchase. The Central Baptist Church of Brooklyn, Rev. J. B. Adams, pastor, has pledged \$100 to at least \$50 per month towards the support of our nurse, Miss Pecorum. This good church is already supporting a trained nurse in Africa and we already begun to pay its pledge. The Second Baptist Church of Detroit, Rev. R. L. Bradby, pastor, has recently voted to pay the whole salary of \$65.00 per month for Miss Louise Reid, who is to sail for Africa in the very near future. The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Rev. T. J. King, pastor, increased its contributions by almost \$800 during the past year. There were notable increases in several other churches which we will not take space to mention here.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1927 to June 30, 1928

Receipts

Real Estate Income	\$ 1,105 00
Sales Payable	2,300 00
Contributions	74,504 62
Printing	30,270 61
Sale of Literature	5,310 98
Legacies	734 88
Returned Checks Paid	1,467 15
Sundries	718 47
Total Income	\$ 116,426 71
Cash Balance June 30, 1927	1,096 05

Payments

Notes Payable	\$ 1,800 00
Interest Payable	286 00
Accounts Payable	35,621 75
Mortgage Payable	1,260 00
Missions	46,738 64
Printing Plant	7,940 87
Returned Checks	1,250 18
Insurance	146 28
Sundries	72 15
Total Expenses	\$115,121 97
Cash Balance June 30, 1928	2,041 69

BALANCE SHEET—June 30, 1928

Assets

Cash Balance, June 30, 1928	\$ 2,401 69
Accounts Receivable	4,113 76
Land and Buildings	78,702 07
United States	
Foreign	\$29,149 50
Printing Plant	49,552 57
Furniture and Fixtures	11,543 57
Accrued Insurance	2,764 51
Books, Periodicals	452 60
Brown and Stevens (Receivers)	994 07
	4,190 51
Total Assets	\$105,162 78

Liabilities

Salaries Payable	\$11,400 00
Notes Payable	500 00
Accounts Payable	5,381 12
Accrued Taxes	186 00
Salaries	50 25
Total Liabilities	\$ 17,523 97
Net Assets	87,639 41
Total Assets	\$105,162 78

STATISTICAL RETURNS—Continued

STATION AND LOCATION	MISSIONARY IN CHARGE	Church Membership		Additions to Church		Dismissals		Sunday Schools		Enrollment		Boarding Schools		Enrollment		Buildings		Value of Property	
		A-Other	W-Workers	By Baptism	Otherwise	By Death	Otherwise	By Day	By Night	By Day	By Night	Chapels	Houses	Other Stations	Other Stations	Other Stations			
South Africa																			
Barotsani, Middledrift	Fred Vockerodt	17	435	42	2	2	3	78	3	150	10	1	11	25,000 00					
Quesstown	Ernest B. Ndazi	5	65	3	1	1	2	80	1	80	2	1	2	1,000 00					
Quesstown, Natal	E. P. Koti	5	242	21	1	1	20	20	2	30	2	1	10	2,100 00					
Klip town	J. S. Mhlangu	22	248	132	6	4	4	4	1	73	2	1	8						
Pretoria, Transvaal	Philip Mhlangu																		
Gungquana, Libode	Josie Ntshia	32	436	42	4	10	22	124	2	163	4	4	9	2,350 00					
Xwili, Transkie	John Ntshia	10	532	116	16	4	0	1	22	5	102	2	13	575 00					
Wolfswater	L. J. Tshata	4	168	21	1	1	14	3	57	1	33	3	3						
Wolfswater	Fred Vockerodt	4	168	21	1	1	14	3	57	1	33	3	3						
Wolfswater	Charles Papi	4	168	21	1	1	14	3	57	1	33	3	3						
Tellandaba	J. M. Shodiani	136	22	1	3	4	4	76	2	35	1	1	3	1,540 00					
Barotsani, Orange F.	J. J. Lepelle																		
Capetown	Rev. Daniels																		
Capetown	Rev. Daniels																		
Barotsani, British W. I.	F. I. Bumborne	106	2305	457	37	21	51	18	511	17	680	22	1	56	32,565 00				
Barotsani, Dutch	Amarike			6		5	3				7			9	\$14,050 00				
Barotsani, American	Nellius Neus			9	1	1	4												
Grand Totals		128	3740	750	94	58	59	29	1340	24	1531	1	83	36	7	80	\$93,665 00		

No Report. *Independent Work. **These statistics are very incomplete, reports from many of our missionaries and native workers not having reached us in time before going to press.

THE COMING YEAR

We wish to suggest fixing in our minds some things as our goal which we desire to achieve during the present year. We do not want to aim too high. We want to put at least five acres in one place under cultivation in Liberia. This does not mean that endeavors will not be made at our several stations there to clear land, but we are simply stating a goal that we are determined to reach during the fiscal year. Then we must make a good start to properly use the four thousand acres we have in Liberia. We must put at least \$2,500 extra into agriculture this year, looking forward to the feeding of the many children we are to house in our boarding schools in the near future.

During the present year our hospital must be altogether completed with a DeLee System and pump for water. In addition to this, it must be thoroughly equipped. It will take more than \$5,000 to do this. At least three new buildings must go up, two at Suehn and one at Bendoo. Aside from completing and repairing other buildings, not less than \$7,000 must be spent in this direction during the present year. We should like to increase our enrollment of boarding students by fifty additions during the present year. To feed, clothe and house these little children will cost \$4 each. Here we have \$2,000 extra expense. We are hoping to employ fifteen additional native workers and at least three American. Nine of the fifteen have already been employed to help Dr. D. S. Malekebu, in Maryland, East Africa. This will be a new expenditure also a great cost at least \$4,700. Then we certainly need to set aside at least \$2,000 to help establish a mission chair in one of our American schools for training ministers. We must have a place to train our prospective missionaries. Much money has been wasted by sending them to the field without first trying them out here and finding out whether they are prepared for the foreign field. Missionaries should be well trained and carefully observed in a good school while they are here in America.

Then, we must get an automobile for Dr. Pauline Dinkins, so she can get out from Monrovia to some of our out-stations and conduct clinics. No doubt, it will cost at least \$700 to send out the cheapest car. Then, there are other things that we must do; but the sum of money required to do the things mentioned above will be \$24,000. This amount we need in addition to the regular amounts we raise during the year. That is, instead of our receipts being \$116,426.71 next year, they must be this sum plus \$24,000 for us to carry out the above program.

If the churches who have not been giving regularly and have not been giving at all would respond, we could do this. Note the Metropolitan, Union, Ebenezer, Central and Pilgrim Baptist Churches that are giving over thousands of dollars and the many other churches that are giving so largely. If these other thousands would co-operate with us, we could easily put over our program during the fiscal year. May God give the thousands of pastors and churches that are now standing idly by, a spirit of heaven Africa and to do greater things for him during the coming year. Our goal has been set very conservatively. May God help us to work and pray that we may reach it.

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TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL B. Y. P. U. BOARD

To the Officers and Members of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A.

The progress of the work of this Board has been steady and continuous, not by leaps and jerks and spasms. We realized from the beginning we had a difficult task to perform; and consequently addressed ourselves to the huge problem in a most serious manner. We undertook to build from the ground upward. The results of such systematic endeavor have been seen and felt in all our denominational activities.

This Board has done the rare and exceptional thing to maintain itself at its own charge; to popularize its work; to organize and extend its study courses; to operate a healthy and compensatory missionary program; to publish and disseminate its characteristic literature; to purchase and pay for its own quarters, and render much needed and helpful assistance to other departments of the Convention.

The Movement Essential

The need of this special work becomes more and more apparent as we observe conditions among our young people.

We are still wont to complain about the profligacy and degeneracy of youth. Dr. Charles Cadman says "In too many homes the old standards have been abandoned. They have been forsaken at a crisis when mechanical and materialistic elements assert themselves on every side, and the result that much shallowness and cynicism mar the joys of life, and youthful but prematurely stale souls become inert and useless before their

life has well begun. Nervous depression, crime and even suicide ravage youth unfortified by domestic religion and its faith in a righteous and loving God. The old Biblical formulas are not accepted by modern youth; materialism has had some form of triumph; materialism has been overdone, the attainments of science have been used too much to promote physical welfare and comfort, and the new learning and much of current literature are too much devoted to inculcating an individualistic philosophy of life.

We here confront conditions which measurably justify the complaint that the new learning has shaken traditional domestic morality. What is labeled education frequently omits the high attainment, and temporal prosperity breeds a haughty type of manhood which prevents the unselfish service to which youthful idealism inclines."

Increasing Spirituality

We still recognize the duty of the church through its ministers, its teachers, its workers to properly develop the spiritual lives of its members. There is still a wide difference of opinion among us as to what is the meaning of the terms "spiritual growth," the "spiritual life," things of the Spirit, etc., etc. In our effort to reconcile these conflicting opinions we swing rapidly from one extreme to the other. Some insist that the undue superstitions, the overworked traditions, the religious hallucinations and exciting physical demonstrations which are commonly known as "hunting," are the most conclusive and convincing evidences of advancement in the things of the Spirit. Others insist that cultural processes, fashionable service, well equipped church plants, and material progress are the most substantial evidences of spiritual growth and development. This latter opinion seems to dominate.

It seems evident that our material resources have outgrown our spiritual powers. On all hands there is a recognition of a moral deficit. Thoughtful persons pronounce humanity's chief need to be vision and conscience to live in friendship and to employ our many and increasing powers for the common good. There is widespread interest in religion as a likely source of supply for our ideas for rewards of character for the reinforcement of man's spirit to manage his body healthily and to make him master of his possessions.

In order to retain its prestige, the church must be firm in the conviction that it exists as a spiritual center of influence, a moral dynamic. Everything that weakens its spirituality lessens its real power. We recognize the fact that in our churches there must be service as well as sacrifice, work as well as worship; yet it is also plain to us that the supreme need of to-day is a revival of the spirit of worship. The little church with open doors through which the distant altar may be seen, with groups of busy people entering for a few moments of prayer, may mean more for the cause of religion than a busy ecclesiastical organization whose ministers spend his time with committees and clubs and points with pride to his identification with all the complicated paraphernalia of community house activity. Some of these things are good, very good, but the real need today is a recollection of the message of the prophet that in quiet and confidence is our strength.

We live in a world of material progress; in which we have built up a great industrial and commercial system. Unless we can give it spiritual convictions, it may become a monster suddenly endowed with power which we can no longer control, or a swift revolving car that will grind us to powder. We have learned by the hard facts of experience that we cannot depend upon human legislation, or social organization for securing human betterment; that it is impossible to get golden conduct out of leaden motives. The real success of any great social undertaking will be determined by the extent to which we are able to educate the individual in self-reliance, self-knowledge and self-control. One of the great mer- chant princes of this country, known throughout the nation for his in-

terest in progressive social movements recently declared that he had finally come to the conclusion that nothing was so much needed as a revival of religion. The reign of the Spirit is as essential to the growth and progress of the militant church as the reign of the King Eternal is to the grandeur and glory of the church triumphant.

Training for Service

Our department has been correctly denominated the "Baptist Training Camp."

Not only are workers needed—trained workers are needed most. The word servant sums up all that Christ demanded of his followers in their relationships with the world and with their fellow men. When his disciples had spent much time arguing about who should be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven, he called them to him and saith unto them, "Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them and they that are great exercise authority among them. But it shall not be so among you; but whosoever will be great among you let him be your minister and whosoever will be chief among you let him be your servant."

It is essential that our young people should know what is implied by Christian service. Christ is our greatest example, for that reason we insist that they study his life and character and become acquainted with the manner in which he served. We urge that as a result of such study they will find that Jesus had no false pride, no fear of losing caste by making himself too readily accessible; that he was at home amongst common people and they fell at home with him; that he knew no distinctions of class or social standing; that it was enough for him that a man or woman needed what he had to give; that he never dreamed that his great powers were to be used for selfish ends.

We strive to help the young people to know what powers they possess, and what is their special gift and capacity; to think of themselves as stewards entrusted with certain gifts, for the possession of which they can claim no credit and for the use of which they shall one day have to render an account. All that a Christian should ask is that he may be useful and do something to make life better for those less fortunate than himself. With such an ideal he will refuse to keep himself aloof from his fellows or to shut up his talent in a napkin. It may be that he has been born into a certain social class; that he has enjoyed perhaps, a liberal education; his natural gifts may have brought him to the front, but he will allow none of these accidents to form a barrier between himself and others.

The very advantages which a Christian man enjoys are a perpetual challenge to him; they cry aloud to be shared with others; and in order that he may share them he must be one with his brethren, of whatever class, for he can only understand their needs by entering their lives. It is not through some paid agent, but with his own hands that his service must be rendered.

If we can induce the young man to get these principles before him, he will find endless opportunities for service in the common round of life. He will come to see his daily work from a different angle and learn to regard it chiefly as a means of rendering service to the community at large. He will find his chief happiness in devoting the greater part of his energy to some form of social work. There are a thousand little possibilities of service which most of us pass by unheeding. A kindly word, a helping hand, a cheering smile are small things in themselves, but many a man and woman has been saved by so small a thing as that. And only those who, for the sake of Christ are seeking to save their brethren are likely to see and seize such opportunities.

Henry Drummond helps us to illustrate the manner in which we hope to stimulate young people for service by giving us this significant and suggestive paragraph: "To move among the people on the common street, to meet them in the market place on equal terms; to live among them not as saint or monk, but as brother-man with brother-man; to hear the

demands of society and relieve its needs; to carry on the multitudinous social, political, philanthropic movements in Christ's spirit and for his ends—this is the religion of the Son of man.

Promoting Bible Study

We still adhere rigidly to the belief that one of the most substantial foundations on which to build Christian thought and life is the Bible. We strive earnestly, therefore, to "edify the young people in Scripture knowledge," for which, in our opinion, there can be no adequate nor efficient substitute.

The Bible gives us a bird's eye view of the development of civilization. It begins with the origin of the earth and for the first eleven chapters it deals with the human race as a unit. Coming down to the time when races were grouped and nations arose, it traces the development of a particular people through their beginnings, their conquests, their emergence into national life, their rise to splendour under kings, their overthrow of captivity and the reestablishment of their national worship. Its recital of these activities brings us finally into definite touch with the civilizations of Greece and Rome, the latter being the dominant power throughout the whole period of the New Testament. Considered simply as an historic outline, the Bible challenges respect. No one can claim to know history who has not read the Book carefully and made diligent efforts to understand it.

The Bible contains some of the greatest literature of all ages. It contains the greatest of all poems, one of the greatest dramas, one of the finest collections of proverbs which in varying phraseology has entered into the common-sense philosophy of nearly every modern nation.

The Bible is the best of all textbooks in human nature. One of our most distinguished college professors says, "I thoroughly believe in a college education for both men and women; but I believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without the Bible. For in the Bible we have profound thought beautifully expressed, we have the nature of boys and girls, of men and women, more accurately charted than in the work of any modern novelist or playwright. You can learn more about human nature by reading the Bible than by living in New York."

The Bible contains the story of the most successful life that ever lived on this planet, a life that changed the course of human thought and that still is able, after more than nineteen hundred years, to transform individual minds, communities and nations. A passable knowledge of a book which contains all this is more to be desired than fine gold. Another beautiful tribute to this Book is paid by that eminent Bible scholar, Rev. G. E. Lee, D. D., who says, "Beyond all books, as a river is beyond a rill in reach, as the sun is beyond a hollow dip in brightness, as the wings of an eagle are beyond the wings of a sparrow in strength, as a tree is beyond a twig in fruit-bearing is the Bible. Marvelous book! Book of the church triumphant! Book of the church triumphant! Book of our mothers stained with grateful tears! Book of our fathers touched with reverent hands! Book that unfolds the panorama of creation! Book that gives the lofty imagery of the prophets, the portraiture of Christ, the philosophy of salvation, the facts of sin and the fact of a Saviour, the truth of man lost and redeemed, the fact of death as 'the wages of sin,' the truth of eternal life as 'the gift of God.'"

In breadth and sweep of theme it is more vast than any other book; in height more lofty; in depth more profound. Upon it reformers fed the fires which flamed in their bosoms. It kindled the lamp of hope in the eyes of the slave. Fountains, from which the streams of true liberty flow, in it the historian has found his most thrilling chapters, the artist his sweetest conceptions, the poet his loftiest themes, the prophet of his divinest messages, ethics her greatest authority, philosophy its

profoundest inspiration, oratory its most beautiful quotations to bewail its grandest blights, writers suggestions and themes that have dropped from their pens like golden pollen from the stems of shaken lilies, legislation unsmothered fires of truth."

The Bible is such an invaluable agency in the development of the church and the growth of the spiritual life that we view with alarm any effort to minimize its worth or to lessen its influence. We realize that there is determined, relentless, organic effort to decrease the output of Bibles and Testaments and to impede the progress of Bible study throughout the nation.

In view of this organized opposition to its publication and distribution we feel that the church should multiply its energies to increase its circulation and to have its contents taught properly and effectively. Here is one striking illustration of this organized opposition. THE AMERICAN ANTI-BIBLE SOCIETY, has undertaken to stamp out confidence in the Bible, and, as part of its immediate program, to have the Gideon Bibles taken out of all the hotels. This Society plans to spend ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS for that purpose this year. Propaganda literature is to be sent to every commercial traveler and to every hotel keeper in the country, and every member of the Society is pledged to place in every Bible he sees a sheet containing pictures of Old Testament patriarchs with a bit of alleged history. For instance under one of these pictures Moses is caricatured as murderer, confidence man, originator of the infamous law against witches, as ordering the slaughter of innocent women and children, but saving all the young girls for immoral purposes. It is gratifying to note that the Gideons are not worried about this assault on the citadel of belief. Up to June 30, 1928 they have placed 1,000,000 Bibles in hotel rooms, and within easy reach of thousands who necessarily seek hotel accommodations. The New York Bible Society has placed 100,000 Bibles in hotel rooms during the past ten years. The American Bible Society has circulated one million copies in one year, establishing a new record in circulating the Book in every nook and corner of the world.

Your Board has an humble place in the ranks of the persons and organizations that have made faithful efforts to increase the circulation of the Book and to promote the study of its helpful contents. By means of Bible Conferences, Christian Workers' Institutes, Systematic Bible Reading Courses, etc., etc., we have been able to stimulate the activities of our young people in the direction of Bible study on a large and increasing scale. The good efforts of such stimulation are seen in increase of Bible knowledge and the more skillful and efficient use of it on the part of the leaders, teachers and workers in charge of the Young People's movement. We cheerfully commend our Daily Bible Readers' Course as it appears in our Senior B. Y. P. U. Quarterly.

Teaching Baptist Doctrines

There is increasing demand that the young people of our churches be given thorough instruction in the doctrines and history of our denomination. As a distinct denomination, differing in most respects from all other evangelical Christian denominations, we have beliefs that matter and doctrines that must be upheld firmly. We should continue to make a distinction of those things which are most surely believed among us, earnestly and persistently "contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints."

It is held by some that no doctrine or practice should be classed as distinctive which has at any time been shared, in whole or in part, by any other denomination. But this limited sense of the word "distinctive" is too narrow for ordinary speech or common sense. For their doctrine Greek church and the Baptists both practice immersion, but their doctrine of baptism is widely different from ours. Authority, subject and manner all enter as much into the validity of this ordinance as the act itself. More than mere immersion is necessary to constitute New Testament bap-

tism." Again, says he "The Congregationalists agree with Baptists in the form of church government, but their doctrine of the church is widely different from ours." Yet again, the statement of Chillingworth, "The Bible and the Bible alone, the religion of Protestants, is widely different from the Baptist principle, "The New Testament, the only law of Christ."

The great scholar and theologian continues, "All through the Christian ages—from dark and noisome dungeons, from the lone wanderings of banishments and expatriation, from the roaring and sickening conflagrations of martyr fires—there comes a voice—shouted here, whispered there, sighed, sobbed or gasped elsewhere—a Baptist voice, clearer than a silver trumpet and sweeter than the chime of bells, a voice that freights and glorifies the breeze or gale that bears it.

That voice proclaims,

(1) The New Testament is all the law of Christianity.
 (2) The sole responsibility of decision and action rests directly on the individual soul—there are no sponsors or proxies.
 (3) There must be restraint or constraint of the individual conscience—neither parents nor government nor church may usurp the prerogative of God as Lord of the conscience. In their petition to Chas. II. Baptists urged: "It is much in our hearts to hold forth a lively experiment, that a most flourishing civil state may stand, and be maintained, with a full liberty of religious concernment." So when their charter came it provided: "No person within the said colony, at any time hereafter, shall be in any wise molested, punished, disquieted or called in question, for any difference in opinion in matters of religion; every person may at all times freely and fully enjoy his own judgment and conscience in matters of religious concernment." And the charter of their great school, now Brown University, has a clause of equal import, a thing unknown at that time in the chartered schools of the whole world.

(4) Salvation is essential to baptism and church membership—here, if anywhere else, Baptists stand absolutely alone.

(5) The church is a spiritual body. None but the regenerate should belong to it. It is not a savior, but the home of the saved.

(6) The officers of the church are bishops and deacons, the first charged with spiritualities and the second with temporalities.

(7) The ordinances of the church are but two, baptism and the Lord's Supper, neither as a means of grace, but both purely figurative and commemorative. The elements of validity in baptism are:

(a) It must be by proper authority.
 (b) The subject is a penitent believer or saved person.
 (c) The act is immersion.

(d) The design is a declaration or confession, symbolizing the cleansing from sin and commemorative of the resurrection. The Lord's Supper is a festival observed by the church as a body, and commemorates the suffering death of our Lord and anticipates his second advent.

These above are distinctive principles of the Baptists for which they have borne witness. Obadiah Holmes was whipped, imprisonment and confiscation of his property. William was banished, Clark was imprisoned and Roger was banished. Baptists can neither sacrifice nor compromise these principles.

Among intelligent people there are beliefs that matter: if these beliefs are not vigorously upheld the civilization takes a backward step and its present problems become more difficult. There are some striking evidences of this in our own history in the history of human progress.

In the revolutionary period against what is sometimes called the crudities and errors of denominational teaching, there has developed a false individualism which has emasculated Christianity. Chesterton reminds us that in the days of the Roman Empire the world nearly died of broad-mindedness. All gods were given recognition, and none was given real devotion. That the educated classes drifted into an amiable, religious indifference, which soon degenerated into laxity of morals, and eventually ended in a

degradation of character which brought the ancient civilization to its death agony.

Your Board undertakes to sustain you in your efforts to indoctrinate by formulating and promoting study courses, by prescribing suitable textbooks on Baptist Doctrines and History, and by conducting periodical examinations and issuing certificates when these prescribed courses are completed.

Developing the Missionary Spirit

We have been anxious all these years to develop the missionary spirit among our young people in a systematic manner. We have suggested Mission Study Courses, Mission Conferences, Christian Workers Institutes and many other devices for the increase of missionary zeal and fervor. We recognize this as one of the most substantial needs of the church in modern times. We strive to impress the young people with the idea that the missionary spirit is essentially the spirit of Christianity. When the apostles heard the Master's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, they looked forth upon a world to be conquered, and their faith was to bring it in subjection to their King.

Christians who go forth with the disciples on this world-conquest are fulfilling the purpose of the Founder of their religion in carrying Christianity into every sphere of social life and into every day of the week.

The original plan of the gospel is intensely missionary as is evidenced by the manner in which Christ began his public career. With the opening of the Galilean ministry Jesus made a missionary circuit of all the towns of Galilee. He went about teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing in his manner of sickness, and all manner of disease among the people. Later he chose twelve apostles (missionaries) set them apart for missionary work, and gave himself to their training and preparation. On his second missionary journey he took His Training School with Him as he went throughout every city and village preaching and showing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. He makes a third itinerary, these missionaries with Him, and then, their training being sufficiently advanced, he sends them out by themselves, two by two, on their first home mission-enterprise.

It has been said that Jesus organized the first "League of Pity." On this latter itinerary, He saw the anxious crowds and was touched with compassion because they were distressed and were fainting on the ground like sheep without shepherd. He said to His disciples: "The harvest indeed is plentiful, but the laborers are few, therefore, entreat the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest."

In this connection your Board has endeavored to educate the young people on the subject of Christian Missions, by formulating and prescribing mission study courses, recommending appropriate textbooks and the distribution and study of the proper kind of missionary literature. We believe that there is much merit to certain of the textbooks which we recommend for the study of this important subject. Among these are: The Bible and Missions, Montgomery; Missions in the Plan of the United States, Carver; The Bible a Missionary Book, Horten; New Testament Studies in Missions, Beach; Missionary Programs and Incidents, Trull; Two thousand Years of Missions before Carey, Barnes; The New Horoscope of Missions, Dennis; African Missionary Heroes and Heroines, Kimb.

There are one or two consoling evidences of the effectiveness of our work in this department. Each year there are increasing contributions to the missionary work of the denomination through regular contributions. Local B. Y. P. U. societies contribute in a more systematic manner to the classes of missionary work. Reports submitted by these agents and states contain numerous healthy contributions from young people organizations. Representatives of Mission Boards have learned to do not appeal in vain to these societies for sympathy and help in their operation. Added to this is the significant fact that a growing number of our young people are manifesting a willing disposition to heed the

call to service on foreign fields. At the recent session of the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress, thirty persons voluntarily registered themselves at the disposal of our Foreign Mission Board. If your Board could do nothing more than develop the missionary spirit in this manner it would amply justify its existence.

Social Phases

We invite the young people to make a serious study of the place that amusements ought to take in their life. If we are taking life seriously, we clearly our duty to adopt some principles to guide us in the use of our leisure. It has been wisely said that one of the chief tasks to be undertaken in the present age is that of teaching men how to employ the hours in which they are their own masters. There is a large number of people in every station of life who obviously take for greater interest in their amusements than in their work, and not a few whose whole life is devoted to pleasure of one kind or another. The author of a recent volume of memorials takes a gloomy view of the situation. She says: "Pleasure used to be regarded as a side-show. It is so regarded no longer. Pleasure is everything, not a side-show, but the glittering drama of life. It is the reason for being alive." There is a good deal in what the writer says. One has only to study the pages of our daily papers to realize the place which games and amusements hold in the minds of intelligent people nowadays. One has only to talk to the young to learn what pleasure means to them. One has only to mark the ubiquity of places of amusement in every town to estimate its importance in the lives of the majority of men.

Our amusements are meant to recreate us. We cannot put either physical or mental powers at high pressure without feeling that the virtue has gone out of us. It is said today that this is true even of inanimate objects, there is, we are told, such a thing as the fatigue of metals; machinery must be allowed periods of rest and recuperation. Such a condition is far more likely to be true of the delicately balanced human machine.

Amusements are not a side-issue, they are related to the main stream of life. They have a quite definite part to play in the living of a complete and useful life and this being so the Christian will be as anxious to regulate them on fixed principles as he is to harmonize every other part of his life with the rules of the kingdom as laid down by Christ. There is too much amusement today that is definitely harmful and destructive. It has always been so, and for this reason at various periods there have arisen movements in the Christian System which have endeavored to establish the principle that all so-called worldly amusements should be avoided by Christian people. Those who have adopted that view have taken their stand upon the injunction of the Apostle Paul that we should avoid every appearance of evil. They have found evil in many of the pleasures of the world and have, therefore, thought it right to turn their backs upon them altogether. Conspicuous amongst such movements were that of the Montanists under the leadership of Tertullian in the third century, and, more familiar to most of us, that of the Puritans and of their spiritual descendants, the Evangelicals, in times quite near our own. The latter put a ban upon theatre-going, card-playing, dancing and even, in extreme cases, upon such an innocent recreation as a concert.

We cannot but give some thoughtful consideration. Their attitude developed out of a sense of the absolute distinction between the secular and the sacred, and a conviction that the Christian virtue, as distinct from temperance and self-control, has never been contaminated by anything of the world. It is based upon the belief that the world is fundamentally evil and that the only right relation with the world, is to escape from it.

It is a principle, if it is a right one, would carry us much further than the amusements of the world. Politics, commerce, art are none of them free from much that is evil, and the ascetic, if he is consistent, will cut himself off from these and indeed from most other worldly occupations as well, and not from its amusements only. This is what Bunyan makes his

pilgrims do when they come to Vanity Fair; they refuse to have part or lot with anything that goes on there, and from the strictly Puritan point of view they are quite logical in their behavior.

But Christ never taught that asceticism was a rule of the Christian life, nor did He practice it Himself. He mixed freely with the world, but He never shared in any pleasure which would do harm to those who had part in it, and His followers, while they are not called to forewear amusements, are in duty bound to observe that rule themselves.

Christians ought to discriminate between what is good and bad in the matter of amusements more carefully selected than they have sometimes done in the past. By means of carefully selected textbooks and the young people to discriminate between amusements that help and distribution of the proper kind of literature will aid materially in helping those that work injury to the cause of Christianity. We consider this phase of our work helpful in a large way to faithful pastors, who are making sincere and honest efforts to increase intelligence among their young people and at the same time develop their spiritual lives in an orderly, systematic manner.

Cooperative Processes

Our cooperative work has not undergone any material changes. We still undertake to work jointly with the State B. Y. P. U. Boards. We employ no organizers that are not selected by these State Boards and recommended to us for joint appointment. Occasionally we have applications from individuals for appointment independent of these State Boards; but knowing that it will lead to endless confusion, we refuse to make such appointments. There are some complications in the present system which we hope to work out in the near future. We find the State Boards, as a rule unable or unwilling to assume any portion of the salary of these joint missionaries; despite the fact that they get credit for all the money raised on the field and for fifty per cent of the proceeds for literature and merchandise furnished by this Board. This unfortunate condition furnishes one discouraging aspect of the cooperative scheme which has become a debatable question with the members of our Executive Committee.

The prevalence of the State Depository or the "Branch House" idea also militates against the scheme. State organizers clamor for the "Branch House," giving many eloquent and cogent reasons why it should be established; but as soon as it is put into operation they cease to create new organizations or to hunt new business. They solicit the business of patrons already on our books, and by appeals to their "State Pride," cut them off from the National headquarters. Our present system must be modified in such manner as to protect the Board against this injurious process.

There are also several instances in which the State Boards have endorsed missionaries who subsequently defaulted in their accounts. In all such cases (except one) these boards positively refuse to make good this shortage; but nevertheless hold grievances against your Board because we withhold appointment from missionaries or agents subsequently recommended by them.

Under our present system of cooperation we have obtained the following results during the last fiscal year:

Number of days labored	3620
Number of miles traveled	2800
Number of B. Y. P. U. societies visited	200
Number of Senior Unions organized	10
Number of Junior Unions organized	15
Number of City Unions organized	5
Number of District Unions organized	2
Number of B. Y. P. U. Encampments organized	1
Number of Study Classes organized	10
Number of addresses concerning B. Y. P. U. work	100
Number of tracts and leaflets distributed	1000

This department should make a better showing, but the income for missionary work is too small to justify efforts to expand. Very few local societies send in any missionary money and very few district or state conventions make any appropriations for that purpose.

Baptist Young People's Congress

One of the most helpful agencies in the development of every phase of this work is the Young People's Congress. This is a school of methods in which every phase of the B. Y. P. U. work is discussed, studied and illustrated. Leaders and teachers who are thoroughly prepared and wholly consecrated lead in the study and solution of all the problems involved in the development of this phase of the work. Pastors are advised that their churches and auxiliaries cannot make a wiser nor more profitable investment of money than by making provisions for the workers in Young People's Societies to attend the annual sessions of the Congress. Messengers to the recent session held in Milwaukee, Wis., testified that they had received much help and greater inspiration for their work as leaders, teachers and workers in their respective churches. Many of our pastors overlook the merit and worth of his splendid organization. Such indifference would be overcome should they attend a few sessions of the Congress and study the work at closer range. We have many testimonials from observant pastors that when their young people return from the session of the Congress, they show renewed vigor, and increasing confidence in themselves as leaders.

We earnestly beseech our pastors to give the Congress more generous endorsement and more liberal support.

Christian Workers' Institute

We are anxious to reach a greater number of the leaders and workers in B. Y. P. U. societies and to render them greater assistance in the study of this problem. For that reason we have planned the resumption of our Tri-state Conference and Christian Workers' Institutes. According to our original plan we would hold a Conference in each state annually. Experience has taught that this plan will not work effectively; our revised plan is to hold Tri-state Conferences, bringing together the workers from three states once each year and giving the benefit of lectures, demonstrations, etc., from experts in this line of work. We plead earnestly for active cooperation.

Feeling of Gratitude

This Board has come a long way since the day of its organization. It was in its long career in 1893, with the proverbial unlucky sum of FIFTEEN DOLLARS, which was every cent the Convention was able to raise at that time. We went forth in the name and by the authority of the Convention. With its good will, endorsement and cooperation we secured access in every Baptist church in the country. Pastors who had no special fondness for the movement which we represented, gave access to their churches, contributed liberally to our success, and permitted us to organize their young people. This hearty cooperation was given us with the distinct understanding that we were building for the denomination what we did. All the charters, by-laws, deeds and other documents drawn up by concerted ownership and control to the Convention. On that record we stand. We have done our best. We earnestly solicit your sympathetic cooperation and pledge ourselves to a more faithful discharge of this trust during the year that is ahead.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Year Ending June 30, 1928

RECEIPTS

SALES:

Senior Quarterlies	\$ 20478 13
Junior Quarterlies	5704 34
Total Quarterlies	43587 60
B. Y. P. U. Records	748 10
Manuals, Guides, Cards	738 23
Buttons, Badges, Banners, Pins	393 00
Advertisement	488 14
Caps and Gowns	348 75
Total General Merchandise	\$ 2766 22

BOOKS:

Song Books	\$ 7916 25
Denominational Books	94 98
Theological Books	95 00
Books in General	826 47
Total Books	8336 70
Pennants, Certificates and Charts	\$ 213 60
Report Blanks	47 95
Stars .50; Bells \$1.75; Blackboard \$3.50	
Cleaners .55; "Specs" .05	
Collection Envelopes	19 15
Total Sales	\$ 3887 33

OTHER RECEIPTS:

Accounts Receivable	\$ 7974 71
Merchandise	6563 47
Material	55 60
Rent (Back)	
Total	14592 78
Notes Receivable	32 18
Nat'l. Bapt. Congress Advt. Matter and Service	62 00
Rent, Office Space	62 00
Rental on Caps and Gowns	111 29
Use of Telephone	
Unclassified (Not Adjusted)	

SUNDRIES:

Doubtful Accounts	\$ 18
"Overs"	274 08
Transfer Orders	93 16
Future Order Credits	111 29

REFUNDS:

Bad Checks	\$ 61 87
Merchandise	1 05
Stamps	27 07

Total Sundries

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Individuals	43 40
Associations	755 47
Churches and B. Y. P. U.'s	1138 49
Conventions	1883 91
Sundry	8 19
Total	3829 46

NOTES PAYABLE:

Banks	\$ 11895 62
Other Sources	1323 27
Total	\$ 13218 89
Total Receipts	\$ 71609 16
Cash Balance—Forward June 30, 1928	1173 81
Grand Total Receipts	\$ 72782 97

DISBURSEMENTS

SALARIES:

E. W. D. Isaac, Sr.	\$ 4017 57
E. W. D. Isaac, Jr.	1817 74
Back Salary—Rev. Craft's Account	250 00
Editorial Department	1328 50
Employees	7753 50

Accounts Payable	\$ 15167 31
Printing	27320 57
Sale Allowance	645 00
Telegrams and Telephones	50
Freight and Drayage	286 43
Postage	336 45
Shipment	
General	\$ 459 50
	1583 18

Water and Ice	\$ 2042 68
	62 04

REFUNDS:

Future Order Credits	77 95
"Overs"	92 16
Bad Checks	142 63
Donations	1 00
General	194 88

Commission	\$ 508 62
Cooperative Mission Work	2250 23
Insurance	4031 31
Light	204 18
Office Supplies	178 57
	100 45

NOTES PAYABLE:

Purchases	\$ 50 00
Banks	\$ 12421 20

Otherwise	1200 11
Interest	200 55
	\$ 13071 86
Sundry Loan	623 27
TRAVELING EXPENSES:	
E. W. D. Isaac, Sr.	\$ 643 33
E. W. D. Isaac, Jr.	156 12
L. R. W. Johnson	60 62
Sundry	206 35
	\$ 1066 42
Delivery Equipment Expenses	477 41
Orders Transferred	83 00
Repairs	337 81
DONATIONS:	
On Orders	30 00
General	84 73
	\$ 114 73
Advertising	120 65
Legal Expenses	58 35
Purchases	409 34
Labor	6 00
General Office Expenses	13 90
Cuts and Plates	15 28
Rent	30 00
Office Furniture and Fixtures (Runner)	7 75
Sundries	460 13
	\$ 7854 83
Total Disbursements	1923 14
Cash Balance June 30, 1928	
Grand Total	\$ 7282 91

BALANCE SHEET

Year Ending June 30, 1928

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash Balance June 30, 1928	\$ 1923 14
Accounts Receivable	3140 50
Notes Receivable	508 86
Inventories:	
Merchandise—Song Books	\$ 2636 00
Merchandise Gen'l. Books	2148 76
Merchandise, Periodicals	5150 00
	\$ 9934 76
Merchandise, Cap Department	891 20
Merchandise, (Paper, Envelope)	2422 59
Total Merchandise	13246 46
Supplies, Cuts and Plates	\$ 3964 10
Less Depreciation	792 80
	\$ 3171 30
Bookkeeping Department	71 60
Total Inventory	\$ 16483 36
Total Current Assets	22371 86

FIXED ASSETS:

Furniture and Fixtures:	
Secretary's Office	\$ 490 00
Assistant Sec'y Office	285 00
Field Sec'y Office	392 00
Mailing Department	1266 00
Stenographic Department	1044 00
Bookkeeping Department	1487 80
Director's Room	192 00
	\$ 6137 30
Less Depreciation	\$ 306 86
	\$ 5830 44
Building (Est.)	24500 00
Less Depreciation	490 00
	\$ 24010 00
Improvements on Buildings	\$ 1000 00
Grounds	4800 00
Heating Plant	950 00
Less Depreciation	50 00
	\$ 800 00
Total Assets	\$ 36440 44
	\$ 58811 50

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Accounts Payable	\$ 7465 70
Payable	\$ 15 00
Individuals	528 75
Banks	590 00
	\$ 1133 75
Total Liabilities	\$ 8599 45
Net Worth	\$ 50212 85

Respectfully submitted,
P. JAS. BRYANT, Chairman
E. W. D. ISAAC, Secretary

S. S. AND B. Y. P. U. CONGRESS REPORT

Milwaukee, Wis. Meeting

June 20-24, 1928

At the National Central Convention
I submit the following report:
This was one of the finest Congresses ever held in the history of the work. The most adequate building for the meeting. The most hospitable people both white and black found anywhere. The Department better organized and more effectively carried out. The lectures and sermons were of the highest type; they were edifying and soul feeding. Our 14 different departments were greatly helped.
The Spirit of the Gospel was manifested in the consecration Service when the worthy and educated Christians including high school and college graduates offered their lives for the foreign fields.

Every Board was given full representation before the young Christians and they gave each Board an offering. The Congress raised \$5723.12.

The Cannon Foundation Fund Commission reported on hand \$251.24. Three thousand persons including delegates and visitors accompanied us to Milwaukee and we held the best session in the history of the Congress.

Our next session in 1929 will be held in the City of Charleston, S. C., Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in June. We are asking the pastors to send the leaders of their young people to us each year and we will send them back to you with a broader vision, greatly inspired and more consecrated to the work of the Master.

After clearing all accounts we were able to give the following to the participating Boards:

B. Y. P. U. Board \$1300 00
 Sunday School Publishing Board \$653 00

Total \$1953 00

Harmony and peace reigned throughout the whole session and young people received untold benefits and went home better prepared to assist their pastors and churches in their programme.

W. H. JERNAGIN, President
 H. T. SIMS, Secretary

REPORT NATIONAL BAPTIST VOICE

Rooms 425-49, Morris Memorial Building

Year Ending June 30, 1928

EXHIBIT I

RECEIPTS

Advertisement	\$2602 28
Subscriptions	3713 17
Delivery Losses	85 69
Sales Per Copy	53 35
Paid Articles	4 70

Total \$6458 09
 Deficit (To credit Sunday School Publishing Board) 2880 90

\$3577 19

DISBURSEMENTS

Commission:	
Subscriptions	\$166 50
Advertisement	183 21
Sale of Papers	26 00
Paid Articles	1 05

\$ 376 78

Magazines, News Service Aids 51 00

Through Sunday School Publishing Board:

Salaries, Editor and Clerical Help	\$2855 33
Mailing	275 00
Travelling Expenses	155 66
Clerical Supplies	27 60
Printing	5585 81
Plates (4000)	12 50

\$8911 90

\$ 4339 70

EXHIBIT II

SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLISHING BOARD

PAYMENTS MADE FOR VOICE

During Year Ending June 30, 1928

Salaries, Editor, Clerical Help	\$2855 33
Travelling Expenses	155 66
Office Supplies	27 60
Alloy Plates (4,000)	12 50
Mailing	275 00
Printing	5585 81

Total \$8911 90

PAYMENTS MADE BY VOICE TO SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLISHING BOARD

During Year Ending June 30, 1928

Advertisement	\$1897 70
Subscriptions	3000 00
Delivery Refund	95 00
Cash	1038 24

Total Payments Made \$6030 94
 Balance due Sunday School Publishing Board Current year 2880 96

\$8911 90

NATIONAL BAPTIST VOICE

BALANCE SHEET

Year Ending June 30, 1928

EXHIBIT III

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Advertisement:	
National Baptist Congress	\$405 00
Less Cash Paid	100 00

Home Mission Board	\$ 305 00
Roger Williams University	149 17
Cradle Roll (Mrs. Sims)	138 60
Benefit Board	95 20
Foreign Mission Board	54 53
Women's Auxiliary and National Training School	42 79
American Baptist Theological Seminary	128 27
National Baptist Convention	112 53
Educational Boards	401 54
	8 84

Total Current \$ 1407 47
 Other Advertisers (Some adjustments pending) 1434 90

of Advertisement	\$2862 37
Sale of Papers	13 60
Paid Articles	2 50
Jacob's Accrued Advertisement, not yet due	25 47

\$2904 94

MINUTES

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable, Sunday School Publishing Bd. \$2880 96
 Net Worth 24 47

\$2904 43

PROCEEDINGS

Board of Directors

Louisville, Kentucky, September 4, 1928

President L. K. Williams called the Board to order, and after prayer by Rev. W. F. Graham, D. D., Pennsylvania, proceeded to the business of the Board.

Rev. A. Hawkins, D. D., Ohio, read a resolution touching on the conventional pro-rata of churches and messengers being changed in the Constitution.

Prof. E. D. Pierson was called on to make a statement concerning his reports and the disposition of the officers of the Convention whose accounts were opened to his scrutiny or examination towards him personally. This statement was made in a written brief with his comment. The Benefit Board seemed to be particularly in question. Rev. W. H. Jernagin, D. D., District Columbia, moved that the report of the Benefit Board be tabled until Mr. W. H. Holloway, Secretary of the Board arrived.

Auditor Pierson gave the report of the Home Mission Board.

Rev. W. H. Moses, D. D., spoke of his slaying in the office as long as there was something to keep him there. Dr. A. L. Boone, Ohio, questioned Dr. Moses concerning the methods of the office, the sending in of monies and the going out and getting it and how it was used. Dr. Moses spoke on the importance of the Board and stated that it is not properly supported.

Dr. Jernagin spoke of the report of the Board being printed, saying if such was done it would hurt. Rev. J. E. East, D. D., stated if the report was printed it would not only hurt the Home Mission Board but all of the Boards. Rev. W. F. Graham, D. D., suggested that the Benefit Board and Home Mission Board be abolished, that they were of no service. Rev. J. F. Westbrook, D. D., Indiana, moved that the Board receive the report with the disapproval of errors and that they be corrected. Adopted.

Auditor Pierson submitted report of the Foreign Mission Board.

Rev. I. S. Powell, D. D., Colorado, moved that the report be adopted. Rev. J. E. East, D. D., Secretary of the Board, offered a rebuttal of the report, especially the part concerning the "Herald". Attorney C. A. Roberson moved that the rebuttal be deferred.

The Educational Board's report was made by Auditor Pierson. The same was adopted. Rev. R. W. Coleman, Secretary of the Board, spoke on the report. The report of the Theological Seminary was submitted and adopted.

The report of the National Training School was submitted and adopted.

The B. Y. P. U. Board's report was adopted as submitted.

The report of the Sunday School Publishing Board was adopted.

Rev. W. H. Moses, D. D., asked to be relieved as secretary of the Home Mission Board and pledged his loyalty to the Convention.

Rev. R. W. Coleman stated that twenty denominational schools had pledged themselves to a federation.

By motion, the Educational, Benefit and Home Mission Boards were ordered not to organize until definite directions from the Board of Directors.

The president announced a meeting of the ushers for 8:45 Wednesday morning.

MINUTES

The president spoke to the Board as to the importance of the meeting of the Convention and asked that they pledge loyalty to the work of the Convention.

The meeting adjourned.

September 9, 1928

The Board of Directors of the National Baptist Convention met pursuant to call in the Armory Committee Room at 1:45 p. m. Rev. J. C. Love, D. D., New Jersey, offered prayer.

Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D., was reelected chairman, R. B. Hudson, secretary, and J. M. Nabritt, assistant secretary.

The invitation from Akron, Ohio, to hold the winter Board Meeting was accepted. Rev. H. A. Jones, extended the invitation for the committee, \$500.00 and free entertainment were offered as a token of appreciation.

The Finance Committee submitted report as follows:

We your Committee on Finance beg to submit the following:

Churches	\$7695 00
Associations and Conventions	2211 33
Door Receipts	484 75
Laymen's Movement	200 00
Historian	24 05
Blind	28 68
Sunday's Collection	198 53
Seminary Collection	152 92
Special	140 00
Sale of Badges	133 40
Visitors' Badges	44 00
Sale of Minutes, etc.	22 60

Received since adjournment of Convention \$11,314 96
 35 00

\$11,349 96

The Business Committee submitted report of disbursements of Conventions and offered recommendations for such accounts as it was unable to pay in full.

A motion that a committee of three be appointed to notify the secretary of the Publishing Board that the printing bill for auditor's reports be scaled. Committee: Drs. D. V. Jemison, Alabama, A. D. Wilkerson, Georgia, O. C. Maxwell, Missouri.

The disbursement report was approved.

A motion prevailed to authorize the president and secretary to borrow \$20,000 to meet the deficit of the Convention.

The Board recessed until 4:00 p. m.

The Board met in the basement of Lampton St. Baptist Church at 7:40 p. m., pursuant to adjournment. Rev. S. H. McKenzie, D. D., Arkansas, offered prayer.

Rev. A. B. Williams, D. D., submitted his resignation as treasurer of the Convention. On motion of Rev. I. S. Powell, D. D., Colorado, the resignation was accepted to take effect after Treasurer Williams had closed his books.

A discussion of the affairs of the Education Board was entered into and Secretary Coleman made an explanatory talk. Secretary Coleman was elected at a salary of 75 per cent of collections until he has received \$2,000 and expenses 25 per cent of his collections must be sent to the Seminary.

The motion next propounded related to the Benefit Board. A list of officers was submitted and after a discussion a motion was made to adopt striking out the field secretary. The same passed.

A Committee on Jubilee was named as follows: A. L. Boone, Ohio; J. G. Love, New Jersey; D. S. Klugh, Massachusetts; W. L. Petty, Illinois; D. F. Westbrook, Indiana; O. C. Maxwell, Missouri; W. H. Jernagin, District of Columbia; G. W. Robinson, Iowa; W. D. Carter, California; T. O. Fuller, Tennessee, and G. P. McKinney.

The winter session of the Board was voted for early in December at Akron, Ohio, the date to be fixed by President Williams, keeping in mind the meeting of the Federal Council of Churches.

Rev. A. M. Townsend, D. D., was authorized to draft an appeal for assistance on the \$50,000 debt and send same to President Williams.

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Denver, Colorado, Rev. I. S. Powell, D. D., Pastor, paid \$10.00 to President L. K. Williams, for representation.

It was voted that Prof. J. D. Crenshaw be re-elected subject to restrictions, and that he write an editorial commenting upon the matters over which differences arose.

Dr. A. M. Townsend made a statement.

The Board adjourned.

Benediction.

I. K. WILLIAMS, Chairman
R. B. HUDSON, Secretary
J. M. NABRITT, Assistant Secretary

Disbursements Ordered

Expense President's Office	\$1150 07
Loans by Secretary	836 17
Expense Secretary's Office	1052 46
R. B. Hudson, Secretary, Salary	1000 00
E. D. Pierson, Auditor, Expense	206 67
C. M. Roberson, Attorney, Expense	575 00
Sunday School Publishing Board, Printing	361 54
S. S. Publishing Board, Dr. L. G. Jordan	135 12
Vice-President at Large, Expense	47 37
Selma National Bank	1000 00
Douglass National Bank	500 00
Peoples Bank and Trust Co.	1600 00
J. W. Gayden, Note	100 00
Bethel Bapt. Church, Note Virden Lbr. Co.	200 00
Rogers and Son, Morris Monument	100 00
L. G. Jordan, Balance on Account	500 00
C. H. Parrish, Statistician, Expense	160 00
J. M. Nabritt, Assistant Secretary	50 00
E. Arlington Wilson, Assistant Secretary	40 00
E. H. McDonald, Assistant Secretary	40 00
T. O. Fuller, Assistant Secretary	40 00
J. M. Nabritt, Expense, Milwaukee Meeting	31 95
Reporter, Associated Press Service	75 00
A. D. Williams, Treasurer, Expense	254 00
Local Expense of Convention	34 75
W. H. Stewart, Enrollment Committee	115 00
W. F. Graham, Finance Committee	165 00
Lshers	243 00
J. H. Branham, Transportation Commission	50 00
Edward Boatner, Chorister	300 00
Sunday School Publishing Board, Seminary Loan	500 00
Fourth and First National Bank, Nashville	500 00
O. L. Hailley, Seminary Loan	400 00
Wrenne Banking Co., Seminary Loan	250 00
L. S. Bowman, Seminary Loan	15 00
W. G. Hynes, Expense advertising	76 50
S. S. Publishing Board, Bradley Account	

Bank	\$ 403 00
Advance Expense President's Office	200 00
Total	\$13,121 46

Not Paid

Selma National Bank	\$1000 00
R. B. Hudson, Secretary, salary	1000 00
Douglass National Bank	500 00
Total Disbursement	\$2500 00
Total Disbursement	\$10,621 46

1928 ENROLLMENT

ALABAMA

First, Alabama City, Rev. O. B. Burton, D. D., Gadsden	\$10 00
Mt. Zion, Anniston, Rev. Thos. J. Bellingier, D. D.	10 00
Friendship, Anniston, Rev. R. J. White	10 00
10th Street, Anniston, Rev. B. B. Williams	10 00
St. Mary, Anniston, Rev. P. M. Davis	10 00
Mt. Zion, Attala, Rev. O. B. Burton, D. D., Gadsden	20 00
Jerusalem, Bessemer, Rev. B. Jackson	10 00
West Bessemer, Rev. O. F. Thomas, Powderly Sta., Birmingham	20 00
18th Street, Birmingham, Rev. C. L. Fisher, D. D.	10 00
11th Street, Birmingham, Rev. W. C. Crosby	10 00
11th Street, Birmingham, Rev. J. B. Matthews, D. D.	10 00
Abraham, Birmingham, Rev. W. E. Burks	10 00
Warman Street, Birmingham, Rev. R. B. Martin	10 00
New Hope, Birmingham, Rev. W. L. Boyd, D. D.	10 00
10th Street, Birmingham, Rev. J. H. Martin	10 00
New Hope, Birmingham, Rev. E. M. Morton, D. D.	20 00
St. James, Birmingham, Rev. Wm. Almore	20 00
St. James, Birmingham, Rev. M. Thornton, D. D.	10 00
St. James, Birmingham, Rev. J. H. L. Smith, D. D.	10 00
St. James, Birmingham, Rev. C. W. Wilson	10 00
St. James, Birmingham, Rev. J. P. Prichett	20 00
St. James, Birmingham, Rev. G. D. Hill	10 00
St. James, Birmingham, Rev. C. S. Bebbick, D. D.	10 00
St. James, Birmingham, West End, Rev. R. W. Weatherly, D. D.	10 00
St. James, Birmingham, Rev. W. M. King	10 00
St. James, Birmingham, Rev. M. O. Bettis, Uriah	10 00
St. James, Bladen Springs, Rev. C. H. Rain, Selma	10 00
St. James, Birmingham, Rev. W. L. King	10 00
St. James, Birmingham, Rev. J. L. Matthews	10 00
St. James, Birmingham, Rev. H. H. Lovell	10 00
St. James, Dothan, Rev. C. C. H. Denson	10 00
St. James, Ensley, Rev. J. T. Simpson, D. D.	10 00
St. James, Edgewater, Rev. J. H. Rose, London	10 00
St. James, Ensley, Rev. J. C. Taylor, D. D.	10 00
St. James, East Lake, Rev. J. C. Cunningham, D. D.	10 00
St. James, East Lake, Rev. R. K. H. P. D.	10 00
St. James, East Lake, Rev. J. W. Watkins, D. D.	10 00
St. James, Gadsden, Rev. H. Harris, Three Notch	10 00
St. James, Gadsden, Rev. E. W. Walton	10 00
St. James, Gadsden, Rev. S. A. Harvey	10 00
St. James, Gadsden, Rev. S. M. Hall, D. D., Birmingham	10 00
St. James, Gadsden, Rev. J. M. Butler	10 00

Mt. Zion, Lapine, Rev. H. Smith	10 00
First, Livingston, Rev. P. F. Ware	10 00
Franklin Street, Mobile, Rev. U. J. Robinson, D. D.	10 00
Union, Mobile, Rev. S. J. Laws	10 00
Mt. Sinai, Mobile, Rev. C. A. Jackson	10 00
Liby, Mobile, Rev. A. Nettles	10 00
Airmwell, Mobile, Rev. E. Bizelle	10 00
Truevine, Mobile, Rev. B. M. Lovett	10 00
Mt. Pleasant, Mobile, Rev. B. M. Lovett	10 00
Stone Street, Mobile, Rev. M. C. Cleveland, D. D.	10 00
First, Montgomery, Rev. Spurgeon Davis, D. D.	10 00
Maggie Street, Montgomery, Rev. B. F. Oiler	10 00
Bethel, Montgomery, Rev. E. B. Tyson, D. D.	10 00
Hutchinson Street, Montgomery, Rev. G. W. Williams	10 00
Beulah, Montgomery, Rev. H. D. Parker, D. D.	10 00
Lilly, Montgomery, Rev. John McIntosh	10 00
Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, Rev. F. W. Jacobs, D. D.	10 00
New Zion, Northport, Rev. J. A. Johnson	10 00
Poplar Springs, New Bracton, Rev. E. T. Gamble	10 00
Live Hope, Pratt City, Rev. H. R. Pearson	10 00
First, Pratt City, Rev. J. T. Smiley	10 00
Mt. Moriah, Pratt City, Rev. T. L. Lawson	10 00
Cedar Grove, Prichard, Rev. J. B. Williams	10 00
Peace, Parrish, Rev. C. H. Denson, Brookside	10 00
Bethlehem, Rock Springs, Rev. C. A. J. Mallory	10 00
First, Selma, Rev. C. T. Hayes, D. D.	10 00
Tabernacle, Selma, Rev. D. V. Jemison, D. D.	10 00
West Trinity, Selma, Rev. L. J. Benson	10 00
Green Street, Selma, Rev. G. H. Connor	10 00
Green Street, Sheffield	10 00
First, Shorter, Rev. M. J. Burton, Tuskegee	10 00
Mt. Pilgrim, Talladega, Rev. W. M. Margina, Lovick	10 00
First, Tuscaloosa, Rev. E. E. Edwards, D. D.	10 00
Liberty, Tuscaloosa, Rev. A. Bishop	10 00
Mary Magdalene, Tuskegee, Rev. Wm. E. Burton	10 00
Friendship, Tuskegee, Rev. Wm. E. Burton	10 00
First, Troy, Rev. E. B. DeYampert, D. D.	10 00
Second, Wetumpka, Rev. I. H. Rose	10 00
Mt. Canaan, Wetumpka, Rev. J. P. Phillips	10 00
Hopewell, Westfield, Rev. S. H. Ravizee, Birmingham	10 00
Bowen East Assn., Rev. F. L. Sanders, D. D., Nashville, Tenn.	10 00
Peace Association, Rev. C. H. Taylor, D. D., Ensley	10 00
Alabama Baptist State Convention, Rev. D. V. Jemison, D. D., Selma	10 00

ARKANSAS

St. John, Augusta, Rev. J. T. Mitchell	10 00
St. Paul, Augusta	10 00
St. Paul, Biscoe, Rev. B. W. Woody	10 00
Mt. Zion, Brinkley, Rev. J. M. Washington	10 00
First, Brinkley, Rev. W. S. Hayes	10 00
New Hope, Brinkley, Rev. G. A. Burk, Wheatley	10 00
Zion Hill, Camden, Rev. Wm. Crimer	10 00
St. Paul, Camden, Rev. Wm. Anderson	10 00
New Home, Colton Plant, Rev. S. H. McKenzie	10 00
St. Paul, Dermott, Rev. W. J. Allen	10 00
Mt. Olive, Duvalls Bluff, Rev. S. H. McKenzie	10 00
St. James, Earle, Rev. E. W. Taylor	10 00
First, El Dorado, Rev. Wm. P. Mitchell	10 00
First, Eudora, Rev. G. W. Owens, D. D.	10 00
14th Street, Forth Smith, Rev. Wm. Erby	10 00
First, Ft. Smith, Rev. C. A. Bean	10 00

First, Solomon, Ft. Smith, Rev. C. H. Whittington	10 00
First, Forrest City, Rev. G. W. Dudley	10 00
Spring Star, Gurdon, Rev. E. W. Wilson	10 00
Central, Helena, Rev. J. S. Drew, D. D.	10 00
First, Helena, Rev. H. R. Stevenson	10 00
First, Helena, Rev. A. M. Samules	10 00
First, Hope, Helena, Rev. D. S. Shadd, D. D.	10 00
Beautiful Zion, Helena, Rev. G. W. Simmons, D. D.	10 00
First, Light, Helena, Rev. A. M. Hardy	10 00
First, West Helena, Rev. H. R. Jelks	10 00
First, Hot Springs, Rev. J. H. Henderson, D. D.	10 00
Hot Springs, Rev. Jos. T. Hill, D. D.	10 00
Hot Springs, Rev. R. S. Shorty	10 00
Paul, Helena, Rev. O. C. Thomas	10 00
First, Kco, Rev. L. B. Lyden	10 00
First, Little Rock, Rev. J. H. Hamanous	10 00
First, Little Rock, Rev. B. M. Caver, D. D.	10 00
Bethlehem, Magnolia, Rev. J. F. Kelley	10 00
First, Marianna, Rev. L. W. Newsome, Forrest City	10 00
Second, Marianna, Rev. Wm. P. Beaves	10 00
First, Grove, Marianna, Rev. O. B. Jones	10 00
First, Marianna, Rev. O. B. Jones	10 00
First, Mayflower, Rev. S. C. Collins	10 00
First, Morrilton, Rev. J. R. Jamison, D. D.	10 00
First, Newport, Rev. A. L. Higgins	10 00
Bethlehem, Osceola, Rev. J. H. Pugh	10 00
Central Grove, Osceola, Rev. C. H. Payne	10 00
First, Pine Bluff, Rev. W. E. Watson	10 00
First, Pine Bluff, Rev. W. H. Wiley	10 00
First, Pine Bluff, Rev. J. F. Clark, D. D.	10 00
First, Prescott, Rev. W. M. Bennett, Camden	10 00
First, Stamps, Rev. J. F. Kelley	10 00
First, Stuttgart, Rev. C. B. Knox	10 00
First, Texarkana, Rev. G. R. King	10 00
First, Texarkana, Rev. W. C. Howell	10 00
First, Texarkana, Rev. L. E. Muse	10 00
First, Wheatley, Rev. J. B. Moore	10 00
First, Wheatley, Rev. G. A. Burke	10 00
First, Warren, Rev. W. M. Mack, Secretary	10 00
First, Wynne, Rev. B. W. Woody	10 00
First, Wynne, Rev. T. T. Lovelace, D. D.	10 00
First, Marion Assn., Rev. A. L. Taylor, Marvel	25 00
First, West Assn., Rev. J. T. Roc, Pine Bluff	25 00
First, West Assn., Rev. G. W. Hollis, Morrilton	25 00
First, West Assn., Rev. A. J. Jackson, Arkadelphia	25 00
First, West Assn., Rev. H. R. Stevenson	25 00
First, West Assn., Rev. J. F. Clark, D. D., Pine Bluff	25 00
First, West Assn., Rev. G. W. Dudley, Forrest City	25 00
First, West Assn., Rev. W. E. Grant	25 00
First, West Assn., Rev. S. S. Odum, D. D., Brinkley	25 00
First, West Assn., Rev. J. W. Washington, Dumas	25 00
First, West Assn., Rev. J. H. Bentley, Brifkey	25 00
First, West Assn., Rev. C. A. Bean, D. D., Ft. Smith	25 00
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First, Los Angeles, Rev. F. H. Prentiss	10 00
First, Los Angeles, Rev. L. M. Curtis	10 00
First, Los Angeles, Rev. W. F. Botts, D. D.	10 00
First, Los Angeles, Rev. W. H. Rozier, D. D.	10 00

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Metropolitan, Los Angeles, Rev. J. E. Pius	10 00
Second, Los Angeles, Rev. T. L. Griffith, D. D.	10 00
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Second, Riverside, Rev. W. M. Thomas, D. D.	10 00
Providence Assn., Rev. W. H. Rozier, D. D., Los Angeles	10 00
Western Assn., Rev. W. D. Carter, D. D., Pasadena	10 00

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New Hope, Denver, Rev. G. Wm. Ward, D. D.	10 00
Mt. Pleasant, Denver, Rev. I. S. Powell	10 00
Inter-Mountain State Assn., Rev. I. S. Powell, D. D., Denver	10 00

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Union, Hartford, Rev. J. C. Jackson, D. D.	10 00
Con. State Union, Rev. J. C. Jackson, D. D., Hartford, Rev. R. B. Harris, South Norwalk	10 00

DELAWARE

Eighth Street, Wilmington, Rev. H. M. Chapman	10 00
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Gethsemane, Washington, Rev. J. T. Harvery	10 00
Friendship, Washington, Rev. B. H. Whiting	10 00
Florida Avenue, Washington, Rev. W. A. Taylor, D. D.	10 00
Liberty, Washington, Rev. H. T. Gaskins	10 00
Metropolitan, Washington, Rev. E. C. Smith, Deacon L. E. Murray	10 00
Mt. Carmel, Washington, Rev. W. H. Jernigan, D. D.	10 00
Mt. Zion, Washington, Rev. Jas. E. Green, Ballston, Va.	10 00
10th Street, Washington, Rev. Geo. A. Parker	10 00
Providence, Washington, Rev. Aquilla Sayles, D. D.	10 00
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Mt. Bethel Convention, Rev. Jas. E. Willis, D. D.	10 00
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Elizabeth, Arcadia, Rev. G. P. McKinney, Sr.	10 00
Macedonia, Coconut Grove, Rev. E. G. Guilford	10 00
First Union, Deland, Rev. G. W. Carr	10 00
Piney Grove, Ft. Lauderdale, Rev. J. H. Stokes	10 00
New Jerusalem, Hollywood, Rev. J. E. Nicholson, Miami	10 00
St. Paul, Homestead, Rev. R. D. Powell	10 00
Central, Jacksonville, Rev. Jerome D. Harris	10 00
First New Zion, Jacksonville, Rev. I. C. Brown	10 00
Tabernacle, Jacksonville, Rev. W. C. Brown, D. D.	10 00
St. Paul, Manatee, Rev. A. R. Starling, D. D.	10 00
St. John, Miami, Rev. J. W. Drake, D. D.	10 00
Mt. Zion, Miami, Rev. J. R. Evans, D. D.	10 00
St. Luke, Miami, Rev. J. H. Long	10 00
Shady Grove, Ocala, Rev. S. Brown, Martin	10 00
Mt. Zion, Orlando, Rev. H. K. Hill, D. D.	10 00
Mt. Tabor First, Palatka, Rev. W. R. Mack	10 00
Greater Mt. Zion, Pensacola, Rev. Broadus H. Hogan	10 00
John the Baptist, Pensacola, Rev. Geo. O. Summer, D. D.	10 00
New Hope, St. Petersburg, Rev. C. H. Hawkins	10 00
1st Institutional, St. Petersburg, Rev. Raymond A. Cronwell	10 00
Bethel, Tallahassee, Rev. C. T. Stamps, D. D.	10 00

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St. John, Warrenton, Rev. J. W. Webb	\$10 00
Rev. J. M. Coleman, West Palm Beach	10 00
Central Baptist State Convention, Rev. W. C. Brown, D. D., Jacksonville	100 00

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Arden, Rev. L. H. Munn	\$10 00
Arden, Rev. R. C. Crough, Moultrie	10 00
St. Albans, Albany, Rev. T. J. Simpson	10 00
St. John, Atlanta, Rev. J. M. Nabrett, D. D.	10 00
Deacons, Atlanta, Rev. A. D. Williams, D. D.	10 00
White Street, Atlanta, Rev. J. Jas. Bryant, D. D.	10 00
Orphan, Atlanta, Rev. Wm. Phillips, Macon	10 00
Liberty, Atlanta, Rev. C. N. Ferry	10 00
Self Street, Atlanta, Rev. E. P. Johnson, D. D.	10 00
San Hill, Atlanta, Rev. J. T. Johnson	10 00
South, Atlanta, Rev. L. A. Pinkston, D. D.	10 00
Traders Rest, East Atlanta, Rev. M. L. King	10 00
Antioch, North Atlanta, Rev. T. H. George	10 00
St. Paul's First, Athens, Rev. W. H. Perry	10 00
Rev. Bethlehem, Ashburn, Rev. G. J. Lane	10 00
St. Zion, Ashburn, Rev. W. F. Johnson	10 00
Springfield, Augusta, Rev. W. F. Sanders	10 00
St. Zion, Augusta, Rev. W. H. Lindsay	10 00
Antioch, Augusta, Rev. J. W. Whitehead	10 00
Overlook, Augusta, Rev. D. F. Thompson	10 00
Bethel, Augusta, Rev.	10 00
St. Zion, Atlanta, Rev. J. T. Dorsey	10 00
St. John, Blackshear, Rev. T. J. Thomas, Moultrie	10 00
Central, Benning, Rev. S. A. Bostic	10 00
St. Paul, Bainbridge, Rev. W. W. Washington	10 00
St. Zion, Cartersville, Rev. G. W. Woodson	10 00
Friendship, Calhoun, Rev. Z. M. Wright	10 00
Friendship, Columbus, Rev. R. K. Paschal	10 00
St. Columbus, Rev. J. N. Brown, D. D.	10 00
North Street, Columbus, Rev. H. Harris	10 00
High Grove, Columbus, Rev. J. F. Brooks, D. D.	10 00
St. Dublin, Rev. J. C. Adams	10 00
Prospect Grove, Douglas, Rev. T. J. Thomas, Moultrie	10 00
St. Mt. Moriah, Eastman, Rev. J. H. Evans, D. D., Macon	10 00
St. Elmo, Godfrey, Rev. M. Tate, Madison	10 00
St. Olive, Hahira, Rev. C. O. Davis, Valdosta	10 00
Friendship, Hamilton, Rev. W. A. Reis, D. D., Columbus	10 00
St. Bryan, Lakeland, Rev. S. E. Coachman, Nashville, Tenn.	10 00
St. Paul, Macon, Rev. Wm. Phillips	10 00
St. Luke, Macon, Rev. Wm. Phillips	10 00
Mount Temple, Macon, Rev. L. M. Terrell	10 00
St. Moriah, Macon, Rev. W. M. Hall	10 00
St. John, Macon, Rev. E. D. Cunningham	10 00
St. Macon, Rev. J. H. Gadson, D. D.	10 00
St. Macon, Rev. J. L. Lomax	10 00
St. Olive, Macon, Rev. J. H. Evans, D. D.	10 00
St. Paul, Macon, Rev. T. J. Thomas	10 00
St. Paul, Newnan, Rev. R. L. Jones	10 00
St. Paul, Pelham, Rev. R. C. Crough, Moultrie	10 00
St. Paul, Quitman, Rev. N. B. Wright	10 00
St. Paul, Ponce, Rev. O. C. Thomas	10 00
St. Paul, Savannah, Rev. E. O. S. Cleveland	10 00
St. Paul, Savannah, Rev. L. M. Glenn, D. D.	10 00
St. Paul, Savannah, Rev. E. G. Thomas, D. D.	10 00
St. Paul, Savannah, Rev. S. D. Ross, D. D.	10 00

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Greenwood, Shadydale, Deacon J. D. Williams	9 10 00
Mt. Calvary, Shellman, Rev. O. C. Kelley	10 00
First, Thomasville, Rev. G. T. Martin	10 00
New Jerusalem, Thomasville, Rev. John King	10 00
Siloam, Union Point, Rev. Wm. Jackson	10 00
Morning Star, Valdosta, Rev. C. B. Johnson	10 00
St. Peters, Waycross, Rev. P. P. Read, Albany	10 00
Bethel, Walkinsville, Rev. B. C. Cash, Madison	10 00
Mt. Carmel, Winfield, Rev. G. W. Harrison	10 00
Antioch-Lilbourn Assn., Rev. J. T. Dorsey, Atlanta	25 00

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Antioch, Argo, Rev. E. D. Dillard, Chicago	110 00
Holly Lee, Chicago, Rev. J. H. L. McCoy	10 00
Macedonia, Chicago, Rev. L. H. Gore	10 00
Bethesda, Chicago, Rev. E. T. Martin	10 00
Hopewell, Chicago, Rev. H. B. Dixon	10 00
Monumental, Chicago, Rev. Wm. Madison, D. D.	10 00
St. Luke, Chicago, Rev. E. L. Randall	10 00
New Mt. Zion, Chicago, Rev. I. S. Fountain, D. D.	10 00
Liberly, Chicago, Rev. D. Z. Jackson	10 00
New Hope, Chicago, Rev. F. W. Williams	10 00
New Hope, Chicago, Rev. R. W. Warren	10 00
Cedar Grove, Chicago, Rev. J. W. West	10 00
Mt. Moriah, Chicago, Rev. J. H. Smith	10 00
New Galilee, Chicago, Rev. L. W. Shepperd	10 00
Mt. Pleasant, Chicago, Rev. W. M. Haynes	10 00
Mt. Olive, Chicago, Rev. E. J. Jarrell	10 00
Original Providence, Chicago, Rev. J. Wesley Carter	10 00
Pilgrim, Chicago, Rev. J. C. Austin, D. D., Rev. James Moore, Desca	30 00
H. S. Holt	10 00
Little Zion, Chicago, Rev. Jos. M. Foster	10 00
Trinity, Chicago, Rev. A. B. Hawkins	10 00
Union Tabernacle, Chicago, Rev. C. H. Holloway	10 00
Mt. Zion, Chicago, Rev. J. T. Dorsey	10 00
New Era, Chicago, Rev. J. B. Whitaker	10 00
Mt. Moriah, Chicago, Rev. W. L. Petty, D. D.	10 00
Olivet, Chicago, Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D., Rev. J. H. Branham,	10 00
Rev. C. A. Lewis, Rev. T. A. Steward, Deacon G. J. Scott, D. R.	10 00
Tyler, J. T. Carothers, Mesdames Jennie Williams, H. B. Lewis,	10 00
Jessie Mapp	10 00
First, Chicago	10 00
Zion Hill, Chicago	10 00
Greater Shiloh, Danville, Rev. W. L. Harris	10 00
Mt. Zion, East St. Louis, Rev. L. M. Johnson	10 00
Second, Evanston, Rev. I. A. Thomas, D. D.	10 00
St. Paul, Freeport, Rev. G. W. Nesby	10 00
Mt. Pleasant, Harrisburg, Rev. Wm. Graves	10 00
Mt. Olive, Joliet, Rev. L. A. Weaver, Chicago	10 00
Second, Joliet, Rev. J. R. Spivey, D. D.	10 00
Second, Kankakee, Rev. Harry Anderson	10 00
Pilgrim Rest, Mounds, Rev. W. L. Dearman	10 00
Pilgrim Rest, Rockford, Rev. W. H. Jackson	10 00
First, Waukegan, Rev. W. H. Irvin	10 00
Union Association, Rev. W. M. Bennett, Chicago	10 00
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Friendship, Anderson, Rev. S. D. Turner	10 00

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Antioch, East Chicago, Rev. W. A. Lee	\$ 10 00
First, East Chicago, Rev. J. M. Royston	10 00
East Chicago, Rev. J. H. Davenport	10 00
East Chicago, Rev. W. L. Phillips	10 00
Crawfordsville, Rev. C. E. Richards	10 00
Liberly, Evansville, Rev. J. S. Smith	10 00
First, Gary, Rev. James H. Gornett	10 00
Gary, Rev. W. F. Frazier, D. D.	10 00
Gary, Rev. A. T. Allen, D. D.	10 00
Gary, Rev. W. F. Lovelace, D. D.	10 00
Gary, G. R. Beckwith	10 00
Gary, Rev. W. W. Wines	10 00
Fl. Wayne, Rev. C. A. Pugh, D. D.	10 00
Greater St. John, Indianapolis, Rev. S. S. Reed, D. D.	10 00
Mt. Zion, Indianapolis, Rev. S. B. Butler, D. D.	10 00
Indianapolis, Rev. B. J. F. Wesbrook, D. D.	10 00
Indianapolis, Rev. J. H. Dotson	10 00
Indianapolis, Rev. J. H. Abernathy, D. D.	10 00
LaFayette, Rev. J. A. McPherson	10 00
Mt. Moriah, Bithruond, Rev. J. S. Crittendon	10 00
Mt. Zion, South Bend, Rev. J. L. Mason	10 00
Second, Terre Haute, Rev. E. W. Moore	10 00
First, West Baden, Rev. G. W. Gore	10 00
Rev. W. M. Davis, Chicago, Ill.	10 00
Northern Indiana Assn., Rev. W. F. Frazier, D. D. Gary	25 00
Indiana Dist. State Convention, Rev. G. W. F. Oldham	50 00
General State Convention, Rev. B. J. F. Wesbrook, D. D.	100 00
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IOWA

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First, Armourdale, Rev. G. W. Barnes	\$10 00
Maple Street, Independence, Rev. C. Teal, D. D.	10 00
Union City, Rev. G. T. Rainey	10 00
Princeton, Kansas City, Rev. Geo. McNeal, D. D.	10 00
First, Levee	20 00
Wesley Hill, Kansas City, Rev. Augustus Washington	10 00
W. L. Kansas City, Rev. J. P. Holmes	10 00
Wesley Hill, Kansas City, Rev. P. A. Felder	10 00
Wesley Hill, Kansas City, Rev. L. I. Cady	10 00
Wesley Hill, Kansas City, Rev. A. A. Booker, D. D.	10 00
Wesley Hill, Kansas City, Rev. W. H. Young, D. D.	10 00
Wesley Hill, Kansas City, Rev. L. S. Bullen	10 00
Wesley Hill, Kansas City, Rev. S. E. Douglass	10 00
Kansas State Convention, Rev. W. A. Bowren, D. D., Kansas City	100 00

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Mt. Hermon, Adairville, Rev. J. B. Bratton	\$10 00
Bethel, Anchorage, Rev. J. Ernest Brown	10 00
Bethel, Anchorage, Rev. W. H. Hopkins	10 00
Bethel, Athens, Rev. P. W. Jackson, Lexington	10 00
Bethel, Bowling Green, Rev. W. P. O'Fall, D. D.	10 00
Bethel, Crestwood, Rev. E. C. Locust	10 00
Bethel, Crestwood, Rev. J. M. Caldwell, Bowling Green	10 00
Bethel, Crestwood, Rev. J. M. Caldwell, Bowling Green	10 00
Bethel, Crakesboro, Rev. Ernest Estell	10 00

Mt. Zion, Earlington, Rev. Z. M. Stevenson	\$ 10 00
First, Eminence, Rev. P. A. Carter	10 00
Mt. Zion, Flemingsburg, Rev. W. H. Howard	10 00
First, Frankfort, Rev. Wm. H. Ballou	10 00
Macedonia, Graham, Rev. B. M. Willon	10 00
First, Lagrange, Rev. A. L. Pearson	10 00
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Portland, Louisville, Rev. L. A. Offutt, D. D.	10 00
Beargrass, Louisville, Rev. G. H. Winstead	10 00
West Chestnut, Louisville, Rev. W. M. Johnson	10 00
Lampton, Louisville, Rev. J. M. Williams	10 00
Mt. Lebanon, Louisville, Rev. V. W. McLawler	10 00
Green Street, Louisville, Rev. H. W. Jones, D. D.	10 00
Calvary, Louisville, Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D.	10 00
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Hebron, Louisville, Rev. Henry Washington	10 00
Zion Hill, Louisville, Rev. Wm. Jones	10 00
Zion, Louisville, Rev. Wm. M. Craighoad	10 00
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Bethel, Maysville, Rev. H. T. Keeton	10 00
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New Guide, Baton Rouge, Rev. T. A. Levy	10 00
New Sunlight, Baton Rouge, Rev. J. J. Anderson	10 00
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Zion Hill, Ferriday, Rev. S. H. Williams	10 00
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Blooming Grove, Downsview, Rev. S. D. Armstrong	10 00
Progressive, Lake Providence, Rev. S. A. Cooper	10 00
Central, Lake Providence, Rev. J. Kent	10 00
Mt. Pleasant, Monroe, Rev. W. P. Darrington	10 00
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St. Mark, New Orleans, Rev. I. H. Perkins, D. D.	10 00
Progressive, New Orleans, Rev. J. L. Burrell, D. D.	10 00
Ebenezer, New Orleans, Rev. M. Lewis, Sr.	10 00
New Hope, New Orleans, Rev. M. Lewis, Jr.	10 00
Second Mt. Zion, New Orleans, Rev. G. H. Hendricks	10 00
First Free Mission, New Orleans, Rev. J. C. Nicholas	10 00
Plymouth Rock, New Orleans, Rev. Chas. W. Brooks, A. M.	10 00
Pleasant Grove, Newellton, Rev. S. F. Douglass	10 00
Nozerene, Plaquemine, Rev. S. Lundy	10 00
Olive Branch, Rayville, Rev. W. L. Gaten	10 00
New Hope, Ruston, Rev. D. M. Brown	10 00
Midway, Shreveport, Rev. S. Simms	10 00
Avenue, Shreveport, Rev. L. Allen, Jr., D. D., Hon. Chas. M. Roberson	10 00
Evergreen, Shreveport, Rev. J. D. Evans, D. D., Mr. J. A. Stenden	10 00
Antioch, Shreveport, Rev. J. H. May, D. D.	10 00
At Rest, Shreveport, Rev. A. H. Samuels	10 00
Mt. Zion, Simmsboro, Rev. S. L. Holland	10 00
Harmony, Sterlington, Rev. A. L. Carpenter	10 00

Mt. Mary, Vidalia, Rev. G. L. Washington	\$ 10 00
Triumphant, Vidalia, Rev. D. Woods	10 00
Mt. Zion, Vidalia, Rev. M. Smith	10 00
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Macedonia, Winnsboro, Rev. H. K. Griffin	10 00
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District Convention	25 00

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Luzon, Detroit, Rev. J. H. Robinson	10 00
Olive, Detroit, Rev. J. B. Glover, D. D.	10 00
Tabernacle, Detroit, Rev. E. S. Goldsby	10 00
Michigan, Detroit, Rev. Robert H. Pittman	10 00
Compton Avenue, Detroit, Rev. C. G. Marshall	10 00
Warren, Detroit, Rev. J. H. Mastin, D. D.	10 00
Michigan, Detroit, Rev. Moses Williams	10 00
Central, Detroit, Rev. R. L. Bradby, D. D.	10 00
Mt. Zion, Detroit, Rev. J. S. Williams	10 00
of the V. M. S., Detroit, Rev. W. H. Thompson	10 00
Michigan, Detroit	10 00
Michigan, Detroit, Rev. A. C. Williams, D. D.	10 00
Michigan, Detroit, Rev. Lee T. Clay, D. D.	10 00
Michigan, Detroit, Rev. W. M. S. McCutcheon, D. D.	10 00
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Michigan, Grand Rapids, Rev. P. A. Pinckney	10 00
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Michigan, Grand Rapids, Rev. J. W. White	10 00
Michigan, Grand Rapids, Rev. E. A. Robertson	10 00
Michigan, Grand Rapids, Rev. F. B. Bird, D. D.	10 00
Michigan, Grand Rapids, Rev. H. P. Ladin	10 00
Michigan, Grand Rapids, Rev. G. L. Schattin, D. D.	10 00
Michigan, Grand Rapids	25 00
State Convention, Rev. R. L. Bradby, D. D., Detroit	100 00

MINNESOTA

Association, Rev. L. H. Harris, D. D., St. Paul	\$ 25 00
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Pilgrim, Omaha, Rev. A. F. Martin	20 00
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Omaha	
Bethel, Omaha, Rev. J. H. Jackson	10 00
Zion, Omaha, Mrs. Georgia Thomas, Clerk	10 00
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Salem, Jersey City, Rev. F. W. Means, D. D.	10 00
Bethsaida, Jersey City, Rev. Thos. H. White, D. D.	10 00
Union, St. Clair, Rev. J. C. Love, D. D.	10 00
East Kinney, Newark, Rev. G. R. Pratt	10 00
Mt. Sinai, Newark, Rev. Thos. J. Jenkins	10 00
Zion Hill, Newark, Rev. J. A. Pullin	10 00
Hopewell, Newark, Rev. H. T. Borders, D. D., Rev. E. L. Wilson	20 00
Friendship, Newark, Rev. Joseph Hutchins	10 00
Holy Trinity, Newark, Rev. S. H. Little	10 00
Bethsaida, Newark, Rev. C. T. Welcher, D. D.	10 00
Bethany, Newark	10 00
Pilgrim, Newark, Rev. Page Beverly	10 00
Ebenezer, Orange, Rev. W. T. Watkins, D. D.	10 00
Mt. Zion, Passaic, Rev. L. J. Wilders	10 00
Second, Perth Amboy, Rev. C. H. Church, B. D.	10 00
Mt. Olive, Plainfield, Rev. Arthur D. Jones	10 00
Second, Babway, Rev. C. H. S. Walkins, Philadelphia, Pa.	10 00
Mt. Bethel, Ridgewood, Rev. W. D. Yerby	10 00
Fountain Summit, Rev. H. R. Cooper, D. D.	10 00
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Afro American State Convention, Rev. J. C. Love, D. D., Mt. Clair	20 00

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Friendship, Buffalo, Rev. D. Robinson	10 00
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Zion, Cincinnati, Rev. B. F. Reid, D. D.	10 00
Antioch, Cincinnati, Rev. W. H. Williams	10 00
Mt. Bethel, Cincinnati, Rev. W. H. Williams	10 00
Metropolitan, Cincinnati, Rev. J. F. Walker, D. D.	10 00
Providence, Cincinnati, Rev. B. Zanders	10 00
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King Solomon, Cincinnati, Rev. J. J. Bruce, D. W.	10 00
Revelation, Cincinnati, Rev. W. H. Thomas, D. D.	10 00
Gospel Temple, Campbell, Rev. P. L. Herod	10 00
Neonium, Cleveland, Rev. J. W. Williams	10 00
Second Mt. Olive, Cleveland, Rev. J. E. A. Wilson	10 00
Shiloh, Cleveland, Rev. A. L. Boone, D. D.	10 00
Antioch, Cleveland, Rev. W. H. McKinney	10 00
Liberty Hill, Cleveland, Rev. M. Washington, D. D.	10 00
Friendship, Cleveland, Rev. A. Hawkins, D. D.	10 00
Babel, Cleveland, Rev. J. B. Wilder, D. D.	10 00
Providence, Cleveland, Rev. J. W. Ribbins, D. D.	10 00
Mt. Herman, Cleveland, Rev. B. G. Glover, D. D.	10 00
New Hope, Cleveland, Rev. N. L. Shaw	10 00
Shiloh, Columbus, Rev. J. H. Burke, D. D., Mrs. Louise Pickens	20 00
Zion Grove, Columbus	10 00
Shiloh, Dayton, Rev. E. Wm. Wright, D. D.	10 00
Zion, Dayton, Rev. T. J. Smith	10 00
Mt. Pisgah, Dayton, Rev. S. J. Jackson	10 00
Second, Hamilton, Rev. J. L. Francis	10 00
Second, Highland	10 00
Mt. Calvary, Mansfield, Rev. H. Teague	10 00
Mt. Zion, Toledo, Rev. E. Benton	10 00
Eried Stone, Sharline, Rev. A. Steel	10 00
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Union, Youngstown, Rev. J. D. Jones, D. D.	10 00

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Friendship, Enid, Rev. W. L. Humphrey	10 00
Friendship, Guthrie, Rev. S. A. Clark, D. D.	10 00
Pleasant Grove, Isabel, Rev. M. S. Stinson	10 00
Mt. Calvary, Muskogee, Rev. E. C. Crockett, D. D.	10 00
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First, Oklahoma City, Rev. J. D. Provo, D. D.	10 00
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First, Rentiesville, Rev. N. A. Robinson	10 00
Union, Shawnee, Rev. J. W. Hawkins	10 00
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Collate District Association, Rev. T. T. Love, Wagoner	5 00
Creek District Association, Rev. E. L. Barbour, Muskogee	5 00
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Bethlehem, McKeesport, Rev. A. O. Bell	10 00
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Shiloh, Philadelphia, Rev. W. R. R. Powell, D. D.	10 00
Mt. Olive, Tabernacle, Philadelphia, Rev. Marshall L. Sheppard	10 00
Tasker Street, Philadelphia, Rev. J. T. Smith	10 00
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Union, Philadelphia, Rev. Jas. E. Kirkland	10 00
North Penn., Philadelphia, Rev. J. H. Dwelle, D. D.	10 00
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Bethel, Philadelphia, Rev. C. C. Scott, D. D.	10 00
Bethlehem, Pittsburgh, Rev. J. A. Johnson	10 00
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Jerusalem, Pittsburgh, Rev. J. T. Green	10 00
Central, Pittsburgh, Rev. C. A. Ward, D. D.	10 00
Shiloh, Pittsburgh, Rev. D. B. Russell	10 00
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First, Steelton, Rev. O. P. Goodwin, D. D.	10 00
Mt. Zion, Steelton, Rev. Warner Brown, D. D.	10 00
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Verdonia, Memphis, Rev. C. J. Barton	10 00
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Verdonia, Memphis, Rev. A. M. Scott	10 00
Verdonia, Memphis, Rev. H. Green	10 00
Verdonia, Memphis, Rev. L. E. Miller	10 00
Verdonia, Memphis, Rev. B. J. Wilson	10 00
Verdonia, Memphis, Rev. G. W. Dudley	10 00
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Verdonia, Memphis, Rev. G. W. Hayes	10 00
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Mt. Zion, Ft. Worth, Rev. A. W. Pryor	10 00
Olive Branch, Giddens, Rev. J. S. Simmons, Beaumont	10 00
New Hope, Greenville, Rev. O. C. Colbert	10 00
Macedonia, Houston, Rev. J. W. Edwards	10 00
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Bethel, Longview, Rev. J. E. Campbell	10 00
St. John, Marshall, Rev. R. T. Harris	10 00
New Bethel, Marshall, Rev. R. T. Harris	10 00
Bethsaida, Marshall, Rev. T. L. Ballou, D. D.	10 00
Rev. W. F. Bledsoe, D. D., Marshall	10 00
Hickory Hill, Nash, Rev. H. M. Edwards, Texarkana	10 00
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10th Street, Huntington, Rev. Miles Mark Fisher	10 00
New Lorado, Rev. James B. Eaton	10 00
New Hope, Louisa, Rev. I. L. Powell	10 00
St. John, Raleigh, Rev. Wm. Jackson, D. D.	10 00
St. James, Welch, Rev. M. C. Williams	10 00
First, Williamson, Rev. L. A. Perkins	10 00
Zion, Parkersburg, Rev. C. H. Woody	10 00
New River Assn., Rev. D. C. Hunter, East Beckley	25 00

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Galilee, Milwaukee, Rev. B. L. Matthews	\$ 10 00
Mt. Zion, Milwaukee, Rev. L. D. Bunn, B. D.	10 00
General Association, Rev. Boyd C. Winchester, Racine	25 00

WYOMING

Cheyenne, Rev. W. C. Sample	\$ 10 00
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OF THE
Twenty-eighth Annual Session
OF THE
Woman's Convention Auxiliary
TO THE
NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, INC.
Held With the
LAMPTON BAPTIST CHURCH, HANCOCK STREET
Between Walnut and Chestnut, Louisville, Ky.
September 5-10, 1928, Rev. James Williams, Pastor

ON REVISION OF CONSTITUTION

We, the women of the churches connected with the National Baptist Convention, Inc., desirous of establishing and transmitting a missionary spirit of giving among the women and children of the denomination, and aiding in collecting funds for missions and education to be distributed as ordered by the Convention, organize and adopt the following:

Article I—Name

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Incorporated.

Article II—Object

The object of the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Incorporated, shall be to engage in missionary and educational work among the women and children in the United States of America in the establishment of a National Training School, Washington, D. C., and (upon the Continent of Africa, and elsewhere,) in the establishment of a hospital at Monrovia, Liberia, by fostering the cause of education, publishing and circulating literature, and finding the necessary ways and means for carrying on such work.

Article III—Membership

Section 1. The members of this Convention shall consist of state and district conventions and missionary societies, young people's organizations of Baptist churches, children's bands, life and annual members.

Section 2. Any missionary Baptist woman's convention, state and district, missionary society, young people's organizations and children's bands of the churches connected with the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., may become members of this Convention by paying the required representation fee.

Section 3. Representation.

- (a) State conventions shall pay fifty (\$50.00) dollars and be entitled to two (2) delegates for each \$5.00.
- (b) District conventions shall pay twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars and be entitled to two (2) delegates for each \$5.00.
- (c) Missionary societies shall pay ten (\$10.00) dollars and be entitled to two (2) delegates for each \$5.00.

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- (d) Young people's department, state conventions shall pay twenty (\$20.00) and be entitled to two (2) delegates for each \$5.00. District conventions shall pay ten (\$10.00) dollars and be entitled to two (2) delegates for each \$5.00. Local societies shall pay five (\$5.00) dollars and be entitled to two (2) delegates.
- (e) Children's bands shall pay two (\$2.50) dollars and fifty cents and be entitled to one delegate. They shall represent through the young people's department.
- (f) Any one in good and regular standing with a Missionary Baptist church may become a life member by paying ten (\$10.00) dollars.
- (g) All officers shall pay five (\$5.00) dollars and be entitled to badge.
- (h) Annual members shall pay two (\$2.00) dollars.
- (i) All messengers shall pay one (\$1.00) dollar and be entitled to badge, to be collected through state presidents.

Article IV—Officers

Section 1. The officers shall be a president, first and second vice-presidents, a corresponding secretary, a recording secretary, assistant recording secretary, state president, state directors, treasurer, historian, legal adviser, parliamentarian, musical director, pianist, a director of young people, and two regional directors, Executive Board member, a committee of nine (9), the majority of whom shall reside in or near the city where the corresponding secretary is located.

Section 2. These nine (9) shall constitute the Advisory Committee in the management of the Woman's Convention. Five of them shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 3. All officers, including the Advisory Committee of nine (9) shall be elected annually by ballot.

Article V—Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for the election of officers and transaction of business shall be held each year at the same time and city as the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc.

Article VI—Conduct of Meeting

Every session of the Woman's Convention shall be opened and closed with religious exercises.

Article VII—Amendments

The Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting, thirty days' previous notice having been sent by the corresponding secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention to each state, through its state president.

BY-LAWS

Article I—Duties of Officers

Section 1. The president shall preside at the annual meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention and at all meetings of the Executive Committee; shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, shall organize new societies, shall be an ex-officio member of all standing committees of the Executive Committee, when in her judgment needful, or at the request of five (5) members of the Executive Committee.

In her absence the vice-presidents, any of the state presidents or state directors present may be selected to preside. State presidents or state directors shall represent the interest of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention or state conventions and state missionaries.

Section 2. The vice-presidents, state presidents and state directors shall be considered as the Advisory Board of the Executive Committee, who are entitled when present to vote at its sessions.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the corresponding secretary to send to the corresponding secretary of each state and to the societies where there is no state organization, three months before the annual meeting a blank for the report of each organization, and from their reports, the corresponding secretary shall collect the annual report. She shall conduct the correspondence of the Executive Committee and shall be authorized to organize societies and transact all necessary business connected therewith.

Section 4. The recording secretary shall keep a faithful record of all proceedings of the annual meetings, compile and distribute the minutes, and see that the minutes are sent to all members, whether life or annual, and keep a correct record of all proceedings of the Convention, and at the close of each annual session, a copy be kept on file for future reference, and a copy be given to the corresponding secretary and president.

Section 5. The assistant recording secretary shall assist the recording secretary in the discharge of her secretarial duties, and in her absence keep a record of all proceedings.

Section 6. The treasurer shall receive all moneys collected on the field or at the Convention. The treasurer shall pay out no money without an order from the recording secretary, signed by the president. An accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money as reported or received by her shall be kept; she shall present a detailed account of all moneys paid out by her, to whom, for what, and the amount turned over to the Boards.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the historian to gather all historical data bearing on the rise and progress of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention and report the same to this Convention annually.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the parliamentarian to advise or guide the Woman's Auxiliary Convention in correct parliamentary rules and usages (according to Robert's Rules of Order), when in her judgment needed.

Article II—Expenses

Section 1. All designated moneys shall be reserved for the purpose for which it was designed.

Section 2. Special committees raising finance are to receive not more than 10 per cent nor less than 5 per cent of their net receipts.

Section 3. The president shall have her expenses to the annual and Executive Board meetings, and \$100.00 compensation annually.

Section 4. The first vice president shall have her expenses to the annual meetings.

Section 5. The second vice president shall have her railroad expenses to the annual meetings.

Section 6. The recording secretary shall have her expenses to the annual meetings, and \$50.00 compensation, annually.

Section 7. The assistant recording secretary shall have her railroad expenses to the annual meetings and \$25.00 compensation annually.

Section 8. The corresponding secretary shall have her expenses to the annual meetings.

Section 9. The treasurer shall receive her expenses to the annual meetings, and a compensation of \$50.00 annually.

Section 10. The pianist shall receive twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars annually for services rendered.

Section 11. The compensation for services of the musical directors shall be ten (\$10.00) dollars.

Section 12. The Executive Board shall be empowered to pay the legal adviser for her services as from time to time may be required.

Section 13. The historian shall receive twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars compensation annually for services rendered.

Section 14. The parliamentarian shall receive twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars compensation annually for services rendered.

Article III

A full and concise report of the Woman's Convention shall be made on Monday to the Parent Body (The National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Incorporated) through the president and corresponding secretary, or some one empowered by the Woman's Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Mesdames J. C. Mapp, Chairman; R. L. Bennett, I. F. Bates, Sec'y.

OFFICIAL ROSTER

President	Mrs. S. Willie Layton, Pennsylvania
First Vice-President	Mrs. Edna Strickland, Texas
Second Vice-President	Mrs. J. C. Mapp, Illinois
Recording Secretary	Mrs. V. W. Broughlon, Tenn.
Assistant Recording Secretary	Mrs. M. E. Goins, Missouri
Corresponding Secretary	Miss N. H. Burroughs, Dist. of Columbia
Treasurer	Mrs. Mary V. Parrish, Kentucky
Historian	Mrs. E. Arlington Wilson, Texas
Parliamentarian	Mrs. W. D. Carter, California
Legal Adviser	Mrs. Gertrude Rush, Iowa
Field Secretary	Mrs. E. E. Whitfield, Dist. of Columbia
Pianist	Mrs. W. F. McKinney, Georgia
Chorister	Mrs. M. J. Parker, Arkansas

State Directors

Mrs. E. Pitts-Anderson	Alabama
Mrs. I. A. Drew	Arkansas
Mrs. C. D. Robinson	California
Mrs. I. S. Powell	Colorado
Mrs. E. H. Roberts	District of Columbia
Mrs. Janie Morris	Florida
Mrs. S. Fisher-Brown	Georgia
Mrs. Eva Dean	Illinois
Mrs. Eula Westbrook	Indiana
Mrs. C. H. Gaddie	Indiana
Mrs. Emma Gaines	Kansas
Mrs. F. R. Givens	Kentucky
Mrs. M. T. Wells	Louisiana
Mrs. Deleta Prim	Maryland
Mrs. I. Lexa Caston	Missouri
Mrs. Anna Bryant	Michigan
Mrs. M. E. Flynn	Mississippi
Mrs. Georgia Thomas	Nebraska
Mrs. Nannie C. Davis	New York
Mrs. V. A. Johnson	New Jersey
Mrs. C. E. Mahardy	Oklahoma
Mrs. Anna O. Jordan	Minnesota
Mrs. Amanda East	Pennsylvania
Mrs. F. P. Cooper	Tennessee
Mrs. S. J. Alsbrooks	Texas

Executive Board

M. M. Gibbs	Alabama
M. L. Barnes	Alabama

Mrs. L. C. Delony	Arkansas
Mrs. B. C. Carter	California
Miss Nancy Lyles	Colorado
Mrs. Lillie Maxwell	District of Columbia
Mrs. Viola Hill	Florida
Mrs. S. J. Fluker	Georgia
Mrs. C. D. Trice	Illinois
Mrs. C. D. Shaw	Indiana
Mrs. Annie D. Winston	Indiana
Mrs. Gertrude Rush	Iowa
Mrs. Ida Frazier-Bates	Kansas
Mrs. M. V. Parrish	Kentucky
Mrs. J. P. Harding	Louisiana
Mrs. J. L. Wilson	Mississippi
Mrs. Manie Johnson	Missouri
Mrs. Ida Pope	Michigan
Mrs. Ellen Golden	Minnesota
Mrs. Catherine Jackson	Nebraska
Mrs. E. Thomas	New Jersey
Mrs. G. Richardson	New York
Mrs. A. M. Smyth	Ohio
Mrs. Alice Tucker	Pennsylvania
Mrs. M. H. Flowers	Tennessee
Mrs. L. J. McNorton	Texas

Young People's Department

Mrs. L. L. Craig, National Director	Georgia
Miss Ella Versa, Eastern Division	District of Columbia
Mrs. W. H. Young, Western Division	Kansas
Miss Columbia Johnson, President	California
Miss Emmie Hamilton, Corresponding Secretary	Georgia
Miss Gladys Howell, Treasurer	Texas

State Directors

Mrs. C. M. Wells	Alabama
Mrs. M. J. Parker	Arkansas
Mrs. B. C. Ward	Colorado
Mrs. Bertha King	District of Columbia
Mrs. Hattie Harris	Georgia
Mrs. L. H. Wilson	Illinois
Mrs. Mattie P. Long	Indiana
Mrs. Lillian Ward	Iowa
Mrs. Elnora Starks	Kentucky
Mrs. H. W. Johnson	Louisiana
Mrs. C. B. Covington	Mississippi
Mrs. Estella Diggs	Missouri
Mrs. Ruth James	Michigan
Mrs. B. Borders	New Jersey
Mrs. Little Rose	Oklahoma
Mrs. M. L. Batchelor	Oklahoma
Mrs. Carrie Keith	Texas
Miss J. D. Holman	Texas
Mrs. S. M. Jones	Texas

PROGRAM

(Arranged by the Executive Committee)

Convention Theme—"The World's Challenge to the Christian Church and How to Meet It."

FIRST DAY—Wednesday, September 5, 1928

Morning

- 9:30 Opening Session. President S. W. Layten, Pennsylvania, presiding. Praise service and devotions led by Mrs. E. T. Martin, Chicago, Illinois.
- 10:15 Greetings:
For the state, Mrs. Manie E. Steward, President State Educational Convention.
For the white Baptist women of the city and state, Mrs. J. C. Williams, Louisville, Kentucky.
For the Young People's Department, Miss Lucy Simpkins, Florida.
- 10:45 Partial report of Enrollment Committee. Seating of delegates by states. Appointment of committees.
- 11:45 Consecration hymns (with the organ):
1. Where He Leads Me.
2. O for a Thousand Tongues.
3. Shine on Me.
- Adjournment to attend union meeting at the Armory.

Afternoon

Mrs. Edna Strickland, Vice-President, presiding

- 2:30 Devotions led by Mrs. E. M. Ballou, Oklahoma and Mrs. H. M. Gibbs, Alabama.
- 3:00 Report of the Enrollment Committee.
- 3:30 President Layten's Annual Address. Inspirational song service.
1. Count on Me.
2. In the Cross of Christ I Glory.
3. Duelt—Have Thine Own Way.
- Adjournment.

Evening

President S. W. Layten, presiding

- 7:30 Devotional led by Rev. Miles Fisher, Huntington, W. Va.; Rev. Shepherd, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. S. D. Ross, Savannah, Georgia.
- Song Service:
1. The Church's One Foundation.
2. A Charge to Keep I Have.
3. Come, Thou Almighty King.
- Address by Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, President Howard University, Washington, D. C.
- Prayer by Rev. T. J. King, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- Songs by the Young People's Department:
1. I Have Enlisted in the Army of the King.
2. Back to the Faith of Our Fathers.
- Adjournment.

SECOND DAY—Thursday Morning

- 7 to 8 The First Watch conducted by Rev. Howard Thurman, Pastor Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Oberlin, Ohio. (Come to this meeting for spiritual refreshment and illumination.)
- 9:30 Devotions led by Mrs. I. S. Powell, Colorado.
- 10:00 Report of the corresponding secretary, Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, Washington, D. C.
- 11:00 Report of the treasurer, Mrs. Mary V. Parrish, Louisville, Ky.
- 11:30 Address, The Challenge to the Church by the Womanhood of the World, Mrs. Emma Hall Roberts, Washington, D. C.
- 12:00 Noonday Devotions—
Hymns (with the use of the organ):
1. Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus.
2. We've a Story to Tell to the Nations.
3. Win Them One by One.

Adjournment.

Afternoon

- 2:30 Devotions led by the Young People's Department.
- 3:00 Address, The Challenge of Its Young People to the Church, Rev. Herbert M. Smith, Pastor Bethany Baptist Church, Syracuse, New York.
- 3:30 A discussion of the subject developed so as to answer the following questions:
1. What does the church aim to accomplish with its young people? and
2. What are some of the practical ways to enlist, develop, and hold them?

(Speeches limited to two minutes each.)

Evening

- 7:30 Devotions. Theme, The Foreign Mission Challenge, led by Miss Della Harris, Washington, D. C.
- Music:
1. Solo—Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling (Tune of Far Away).
2. We've a Story to Tell to the Nations.
3. I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go.
- Address: Mrs. Emma F. Butler, Missionary on furlough.
Address: Miss Sarah Williamson, Missionary on furlough.
Address: How We Are Meeting the Challenge, Mrs. J. C. Mapp, Illinois, Chairman Hospital Campaign Committee. REMEMBER THAT THE TRAINING SCHOOL has trained more young women who have gone to Africa, South America, and Haiti, than all other Negro school.
- Music by the Young People's Department.
Appeal for young women to consecrate their lives to Christian service, by Miss Williamson.

THIRD DAY—Friday Morning

- 7 to 8—The First Watch conducted by Rev. Howard Thurman, Pastor Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Oberlin, Ohio. (Come to this meeting for spiritual refreshment and illumination.)
- 9:30 Devotions. Theme, How to Spiritualize the Church, led by V. W. Broughton, Memphis, Tennessee, and Mrs. Pearl Lane, Kansas City, Kansas.

Song Service:

1. Wonderful Words of Life.
 2. I Need Thee Every Hour.
 3. More About Jesus.
 4. Jesus Calls Us.
- 10:00 State Presidents and State Directors' Hour. Discussion Some of Our State Problems and How We Are Meeting Them (three minutes each), led by Mrs. Ida Drew, Arkansas.
- 11:00 Address, The Challenge to Enlist and Prepare Leaders, Rev. Richard H. Howling, Pastor First Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia.
- 11:30 Discussion to emphasize the essential personal equipment (to center around raising the standard), led by delegate from Minnesota, Appeal for enlistment to those who want to be trained for Christian service.

Songs?

1. Count on Me.
2. Use Me.
3. Keep Me on the Piping Line.

Afternoon

- Mrs. C. C. Callars, Chairman Committee on Law Enforcement, presiding.
- 2:30 Devotions led by Mrs. I. B. Maxwell, Chairman Committee on Vital Statistics.
Theme: Our Greatest Weapons—How to Use Them.
- 3:00 Address, The Social Welfare and Economic Challenge, Rev. R. L. Bradby, Pastor Second Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, and Chairman Educational Board of the National Baptist Convention.

Discussion:

1. To show the chief difficulties in dealing with social problems.
2. Effective methods of enforcing the law.
3. The serious and far-reaching aspects of economic problems.

Songs:

1. A Charge to Keep I Have.
2. Higher Ground.
3. Can the World See Jesus in You?

Evening—Oratorical Contest

- 7:30 Devotions. Theme, The Purpose of a Challenge, led by Mrs. Matie Anderson, Fireside School, Nashville, Tennessee.

Music:

1. Lead on, Oh, King Eternal!
 2. Onward, Christian Soldiers.
 3. The Fight Is On.
- Contact: The Young People's Department, Miss Columbia Johnson, California, presiding.

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Address, Making a Life, Miss Vivian Love, Kansas.
 Address, Preparing to Tackle the Task, Miss Ruth Poindexter, Washington, D. C.
 Address, The Influence of Good Literature, Miss Veretta Owen, Tennessee.
 Address, What Christ Can Do With a Life, Miss Ruth Gaither, Chicago, Illinois.
 Address, What Must the Church Do to be Saved? Miss Eleanora Wallace Starks, Louisville, Kentucky.
 Senior Contest—President S. W. Layten, presiding.
 Address, Miss Virginia B. Miller, Houston, Texas.
 Address, Miss Elizabeth J. Leo, Macon, Georgia.
 Address, Mrs. L. M. Maxwell, Washington, D. C.
 Address, Mrs. Mamic Hughes, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Songs:

1. Count on Me.
2. I've Moved.
3. Jesus Calls.

FOURTH DAY—Saturday Morning

7 to 8. The First Watch, conducted by Rev. Howard Thurman, Pastor Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Oberlin, Ohio. (Come to this meeting for spiritual refreshment and illumination.)
 9:30 Devotions led by Mrs. Hattie Harris, Georgia, and Miss Ruth Reese, Illinois.
 10:00 Reports of all committees.
 10:30 Address, What Next in Home Missions? Mrs. E. E. Whitfield, Field Secretary.
 11:00 Address, The Study Books, How to Use Them—Other Helps, Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, Corresponding Secretary, Washington, D. C.
 11:15 Talent Hour, My Best Three-Minute Act, participated by all who wish to make a real contribution to the program. (A prize will be awarded the one who does the best three-minute act in song, speech, or stunt.)
 11:45 Election of officers.
 12:15 Address, How the Publishing House Helps Our Women and How Our Women Can Help the Publishing House, Dr. A. M. (unreadable) send, Secretary.
 Song.
 Adjournment.

Afternoon

2:30 Social hour with the young people, under the direction of the National and Regional Directors.
 Place, State University Campus.

Evening

7:30 Executive Board Meeting.

FIFTH DAY—Sunday Morning

7 to 8 The First Watch conducted by Rev. Howard Thurman, Pastor Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Oberlin, Ohio. (Come to this meeting for spiritual refreshment and illumination.)

MINUTES

10:00 Devotions. Theme, The Challenge to Peace and Good Will, led by Rev. A. W. Brown, Richmond, Virginia, and Rev. J. E. Philpott, Philadelphia, Penn.

Hymns:

1. The Church's One Foundation.
2. Blessed Be the Tie That Binds.
3. Lift Him Up.

Sermon, Rev. J. C. Austin, Pastor Pilgrim Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

Music—(In keeping with the theme of the sermon).

Prayer.

Adjournment.

Afternoon

10:00 Attend the Foreign Mission Mass Meeting at the Armory.

Evening

8:00 Devotions. Theme, The Grace of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, led by Rev. H. C. Barbour, Galveston, Texas, and Rev. Willis J. Winston, Rahway, New Jersey.

Songs:

1. Oh, Zion Haste!
2. Ye Christian Herald.
3. I Love to Tell the Story.

Sermon—Rev. F. W. Botts, Pastor St. Paul Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California.

Hymns (with the organ):

1. Higher Ground.
2. All the Way My Saviour Leads Me.

Prayer.

Final Adjournment.

Louisville, Ky.,
 September 5th, 1928.

President H. W. Layten called the house to order and appointed Mrs. R. C. Borders, of Newark, N. J., as temporary recording secretary. The Woman's Convention met in the Lampton Baptist Church, Rev. James Williams, Pastor. The meeting was opened by singing No. 102 in Gospel Pearls, followed by several sentences of prayer, Mrs. E. Parker, N. J., leading; closed by Mrs. E. T. Martin, Illinois. Song, "My Father Is Rich in Houses and Lands."

Mrs. E. T. Martin, in conducting the devotions, discussed the "Source of Power", Acts 1:8. She discussed the subject under the following heads: First, Union; Second, Prayer; Third, Faith; Fourth, Study; Fifth, Service. Closed with song, "Just Think of His Goodness to You."

The names were called to the rostrum; also those who were to appear on the program Wednesday morning.

Mrs. E. A. Wilson read the official program. A motion prevailed to adopt the program with necessary changes, subject to the discretion of the president.

Mrs. Mamie E. Steward, President of the State Educational Convention, extended us a hearty welcome to the homes, churches and schools of the city, and hoped our stay would be pleasant and profitable.

Mrs. J. A. Williams (white) represented the white Baptist women of Louisville and the State of Kentucky. She welcomed the Convention by repeating the "Salutation of Peace".

Mrs. Robinson, of California, made a response. She referred to the organization of our Woman's Convention; of its great work and the need of continual effort to put over our program; thanked the ladies who bade us welcome, and assured them that we would deport ourselves in such a manner as would merit the good things that Louisville had in store for us.

Song service for the "Consecration Hour: "Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow"; "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"; "Shine on Me".

President Layten named a Special Committee—Mrs. I. S. Powell, Colorado; Mrs. M. O' Bryant, New Jersey; Mrs. Viola Hill, Florida.

A motion prevailed to hear the Revised Constitution.

A motion to hear the president's address as programed (Carried.)

The reading of the Constitution was called for by a standing vote; 58 for and 38 against. Mrs. J. C. Mapp, Chairman, came forward while Convention sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Mrs. B. C. Borders, Acting Secretary.

Mrs. V. W. Broughton, who attended the General Convention Wednesday morning, having had no information that the Woman's Convention was in session, came forward and took up the work of recording the proceedings.

The Enrollment Committee made a partial report. A motion to adopt with necessary corrections (Carried.)

A motion that all delegates vouched for by their state directors or presidents, could vote. (Carried.)

A motion prevailed to adopt the Constitution by sections. Article relative to officers discussed pro and con; finally adopted by all directors of states as well as presidents.

Discussion arose as to the pay of 2nd vice president, also of recording secretary. Finally a motion prevailed to adopt the Revised Constitution as a whole.

A motion to extend a vote of thanks to the committee. An amendment to add something more substantial for the valuable services rendered by the Committee on Revision of Constitution.

A motion to adjourn. (Carried.)

Evening Session

President Layten presiding; meeting opened with usual devotions. The choir sang "Praise God From Whom All Blessings

Flow." Prayer, Song, "Glory Be to the Father." Scripture Reading, Psa. 15. Prayer by Rev. S. D. Ross, Georgia. Song, "Come Thou Almighty King."

President Layten presented Miss Burroughs who read a telegram from Rev. Mordecai Johnson, and more fully explained the cause of his absence. However, while we were disappointed in not hearing Rev. Mordecai Johnson, Miss Burroughs had secured another young, prepared minister, who would give us a gospel message. That young man was Rev. Miles Fisher, the son of one of the fathers, who did much to help us in the early years of our Convention. Rev. Miles Fisher spoke of our and his own disappointment. He then took for his subject: "The World's Challenge to the Christian Church, and How to Meet It." First, Jesus' statement "Upon this rock I build . . ." (a) It's true. Church lost 60,000 members last year; all of whom did not die. Other religious organizations taking many. Swedenborgian Movement; Mohammedan Movement mentioned; Scientists and others. Intellectually dominating. Second, Difficulties many (a) Chinese, Japanese and India opposing. (b) Church on trial today. (c) World challenging on every hand. (d) Unprepared ministers standing in the door and blocking the way of prepared young men. Third. The church must re-interpret the message; broaden its activities; socialize the message; and administer to man's necessities. Bide the Woman's Convention to go forward, and victory would crown their efforts with glorious success. Prayer by Rev. R. C. Harbour, Texas. Offering taken, \$16.75. Program for Thursday morning read. Mrs. Abington, Missouri, was named chairman of Committee on Recommendations. Young people sang "Tidings of Jesus", "Redemption and Release", "Back to the Faith of our Fathers".

Young women of District of Columbia sang "I Have Enlisted in the Army of the King." Well rendered; we all were happy. Benediction by Rev. Shepherd, Pennsylvania.

THURSDAY—Morning Session

Mrs. Edna Strickland, Vice-President, presiding. Devotional exercises were conducted by Sister I. Powell, Colorado.

Scripture read, John 14:1-14. Subject, "Source of Power." discussed by Sisters E. M. Jones and Sharkie, Texas; C. M. Williams and Bell Thompson, of Illinois; M. L. Batchelor, Oklahoma, and J. A. Wilson, Kansas; Elizabeth Johnson, Illinois; H. A. Buckholtz, Georgia and W. M. Coleman, Colorado. Song, "I Need Thee Every Hour." Prayer, Mrs. Ward, Denver, Colorado. Songs, "Lift Him Up"; "Just a Little While to Stay Here". Minutes were read and announced. Song, "There Is Sunshine in My Soul." Vice-President Strickland made remarks. Several chairmen called their committees to meet after the morning session. Song, "Lift Him Up."

Mrs. Butler asked the state presidents to give her the names of all their deceased members.

President Layten named the Finance and Enrollment Committees. Turned program back to Vice-President Strickland.

Song. "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There."

Mrs. Abington, Missouri, was presented to present the president, Mrs. S. W. Layten, which she did in highly complimentary and praiseworthy terms.

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF MRS. S. W. LAYTEN

Dear Coworkers:

Time moves on so rapidly that only as I with care and accuracy check up and verify the happenings of the past twelve months, can I realize that another year has passed since we said, in Detroit, "God be with you till we meet again." Some who sang that with us are gone forever. Ere this passes, "many may be far away"—"just over in the Glory Land." We are looking around, asking, "Where are those departed coworkers and loved ones?" I am thinking now of our dear Sister Mary R. McDowell, Second Vice President of the Woman's Convention, who is absent today. She was faithful, loyal, spiritual and a beautiful Christian character. I shall miss her throughout this meeting; shall find myself looking for her beautiful countenance, her soulful eyes lighted up with a fire of Christian zeal. She was an inspiration to all of us. Her prayers so often lifted us nearer a throne of grace. We are stronger and better because of her life and work. If I remember aright, this is her first absence since our Convention was organized. She was also one of the women present in Montgomery, when the Foreign Mission Convention was organized, long before others and myself were known or in direct contact with our great National Baptist Convention. Mrs. McDowell was recognized and outstanding, as one of the leading and forceful women of our race and denomination. She lived, she labored and struggled for the great cause and now God has called her home to the rest he giveth his beloved. "Peace be to her ashes;" love and honor to her memory. May we, like her, "scale the mount" and receive the commendation of our Savior, "Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." Let us pause here in memory of our dear sister and sing, "Thou Wast Mild and Lovely."

Another faithful servant of God has gone home, Mrs. Josephine Straght, the missionary. She was among the most helpful and faithful workers in the Foreign Mission Board ever had in its employ. Sister Straght worked at home in Florida, where she was much loved and honored. Florida mourns her loss and expresses the desire that God may send another like her to them. Too much commendation cannot be paid to the memory of this consecrated woman, whose last words were her prayers for the cause of missions and her resignation to the will of God. There, too, are others gone, known and loved in their local fields, whom we should love and whose lives are examples for our emulation. Because of what they were, may we become better, stronger, more united in our efforts and more consecrated in the service of the Master whose name we bear as Christians.

We hope reports at this meeting will prove us better stewards; that throughout the year we have kept in mind and practice the plans we have formulated and endorsed for strengthening and unifying the Convention.

Publishing House

During the past year, Dr. Townsend, Secretary of the Sunday School Publishing Board, has conferred with me, both through correspondence

and in person, about the Publishing House's financial struggle and our part as Baptist women (Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, helping in its present struggle. We decided that it might be best to reorganize the Woman's Commission; that although our women are in sympathy with the purposes of this Board, it would be better to consult them directly. State presidents have been written to and informed of the Publishing Board's request and asked also that they would submit names of women, selected by them in their respective states, to serve as members of this new commission, these names to be approved by this Convention. The special work of these women will be to help with collecting (underwritten pledges already made, and at meetings, associations, etc., encourage the use of our literature, and in general, present the cause of the Publishing House. Dr. Townsend assures us that if our people will rally to the support of this appeal and work vigorously and successfully, in a very few years the returns from this institution will prove valuable aid in our several departments. Mrs. Mary Flowers, Chairman of the Home Missions Committee of the Woman's Convention, is secretary of the Woman's Commission of the Publishing House. She is here and prepared to receive and give receipts for any previous pledge money you may have brought up. The same will be credited to the receipts of the Woman's Convention.

I hope, at some time while in Louisville, these women will meet Dr. Townsend and Sister Flowers for organization and instruction. I have promised at some time during this Convention to give Dr. Townsend a few minutes to address you on this matter.

Revision of Constitution

About three years ago, it became evident that some changes were necessary in our Constitution, as economic and social changes have to come to the world, and that we could not develop our work under the provision of the original charter. To illustrate: We were not receiving, through representation fees, enough to even meet Convention needs. State organizations were formerly required to represent with \$20. This was increased to \$30. Districts formerly paying \$10 were increased to \$25. Societies formerly paying \$5 were increased to \$10, etc. In several instances, other provisions needed revision. While some changes have been made and approved by this Convention and other changes suggested, they had not been written nor printed. You appointed the following a Committee on Revision of Constitution:

Mrs. J. C. Mapp, Mrs. Ruth L. Bennett, Mrs. Ida Frazier Bates, whose names were submitted to you at Fort Worth, Texas, and you recommended this matter to them for further perfection. These women worked with care, to submit their report, but did not get the opportunity. This Constitution was again brought before the past June meeting of the Executive Board. Its work was carefully gone over, approved, referred to this Convention and a special place on our program requested for its consideration before this body. This matter of Constitution must be disposed of here, else we continue along in an irregular way, a body without rule for its procedure. This Convention assembled is the supreme power, and whatever is vital to its management and policy, whatever changes or additions to its Constitution are made, should be presented in the proper way here for consideration and adoption.

Sunday School Congress

Waukegan, perhaps, records the best meetings of the Sunday School Congress and N. Y. P. B. of the National Baptist Convention. Good order, solicitude, fine general appearances, earnestness and increased attendance seemed to be special features of this meeting. After the Mission-

ary Period, twenty young people offered themselves for service on the foreign field. Baptists need never despair of the future as long as thousands of our young people, our choice sons and daughters, are so interested about Christian service, and at sacrifice come and assemble for study and consecration as they did in Milwaukee. The Congress elected as president, Dr. W. H. Jernagin, who loves our young people. Dr. Isaac has much to rejoice in; God has permitted him to see some of the fruits of his ambitions and labors being demonstrated among our young people in the remarkable growth of the B. Y. P. U. Rev. F. W. Penick has written his name high as a pattern of good works in caring for the Congress. It is no easy task to be host to four or five thousand delegates in cities where there are large Negro populations; but he did this in the best way it has ever been accomplished, in Milwaukee, with its small Negro population. His work in this matter also became a most valuable contribution toward better race relations in the great Northwest. Many white homes were open to our delegates, where they were warmly and cordially received as friends and brothers. Rev. J. Houser cooperated with Brother Penick in this work, and we shall ever remember him as a friend and brother. In years to come the work of Rev. and Mrs. Penick, entertaining this gathering, will help white and black folks to better regard and understand each other and strive to make the United States of America a better country in which to live and in which to work out some of God's plans for mankind.

W. B. A.

You probably read or listened to verbal reports of the W. B. A. but as your delegate to that great meeting, it is incumbent upon me to make you a brief report. Perhaps seven thousand Baptists, representing sixty-six nations of the world, were there and responded to the roll call. Harmony, the acknowledgment of human brotherhood and the kingship of Jesus Christ marked the spirit of that great meeting. All discussions of conditions in China, India, Russia, America and other portions of the world where racial discord has prevailed and the wonderful treatise on "Racialism," by our own Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, were followed by sincere and fervent prayers to God that he would wipe from the Christian church, prejudice, and that which in Christian hearts is retarding the progress of his kingdom on the earth. In this great gathering Hindu, Chinese, Indian, Jew, Northern and Southern white men, Negroes and Europeans, all mingled and worshipped in the sweetest fellowship. One of the choicest sections of the program was assigned the National Baptist Convention, on Sunday afternoon. Dr. C. H. Parrish presided. His students from Louisville rendered Negro spirituals. President L. K. Williams addressed the Alliance. His subject was comprehensive and covered the Negro's History and Achievements, concluding with: "The Negro has entered into, absorbed and begun to create the democratic spirit of the world today, but his dominant characteristic is his religion, and I would agree with Dr. Crane, that the Negro race is the race best suited to Christianity. The Negro has a simple faith in God, and his heart beats in happy consonance with the will of God. With this simple faith in God and his fellow man he might well be called the conscience of God."

The following are the persons of our group, with their respective subjects, who were featured on the Alliance program: Rev. C. B. Williams presided at the meeting. Address by Dr. L. K. Williams. "Loneliness," Rev. J. E. East. "Contribution the Negro Has Made to His Education," Dr. John L. Hope. Prayer, Rev. J. H. Branham. "Review of the Missions of the National Baptist Convention," Mrs. S. W. Layton. J. E. Adams in charge of registration.

This was the most difficult subject I ever undertook to write on, because there is little obtainable or classified information on the history of Negro church and missionary effort. I am very much indebted to

1 sales of Richmond, Virginia, for the information she so cheerfully gave me. I do feel very much profited by this research, because I learned much and hope to write this information in a more detailed form and have it printed in pamphlet form for distribution. We should be informed on this important subject. There is a great awakening in the Christian world. The theme of "Missions" occupied the greater part of the Alliance program. I praise God that the church sees its special work in carrying out the Great Commission. Your president twice addressed the Alliance on Tuesday, Woman's Program. It was a great privilege and help to have this Convention registered with the Baptist Woman's Organization of the World. There are only three American (National) organizations constituents of the W. B. A.—Northern and Southern (white), National Baptist Convention (Negro). A request was made to these Women's Auxiliaries to defray the expense of the German missionary to Panama, whose presence was necessary at this meeting. Our Convention was requested to contribute one hundred dollars to this fund. Your president pledged this for you. When the time had almost expired, Dr. Lytlebrook, Secretary of the W. B. A., cabled me, please to send at once, borrowed the money and sent it on to assume our responsibility in world work, also to prevent embarrassment to our Convention. I had planned to raise this money outside of our regular funds, and therefore sent out thirty letters to workers and friends of the Women's Convention, setting forth clearly the situation. To date, \$_____ has been sent in; others have pledged to do this, so that I am confident all this will be given, and I will report, through The Mission Herald and the Voice, also to you at our next meeting. This friend was Brother East and the Foreign Mission Board, who have in so many ways helped us. It would have been utterly impossible for me to have carried on my correspondence or performed the necessary clerical work, which yearly increase in volume and demand given me office provision and provided postage, stationery and incidentals for our work.

The Foreign Mission Board, under Dr. Jordan, also supplemented much of our expense. I desire to express my appreciation to the Foreign Mission Board, our sisters and workers, in the various states, who have made it possible for me to cover so much of our field, giving information and strengthening our work. This year 1927-1928, the following state conventions, important meetings and conferences have been covered: Pennsylvania, Indiana, Colorado State Conventions, Maryland Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Quarterly Meeting, Semi-Annual Meeting Woman's Auxiliary to New York Baptist State Convention, Eastern Baptist Association of Pennsylvania, New England Baptist Convention, two meetings of the National Baptist Convention, two meetings of the National Baptist Convention, Executive Conference of the Foreign Mission Board, Conference of the Publishing House Board, Annual Meeting of the Sunday School Convention and B. Y. P. U. Boards in Milwaukee, and the Ninth Quadrennial of the Woman's Missionary Society of the A. M. E. Church (convened in Columbus, Ohio) as your fraternal delegate, elected by you in Detroit in 1926. Sixteen states have been visited, in which numerous meetings have been addressed in interest of the work. I am sure there has been a greater interest quickened in the cause of missions and in our world program of work as a result of these contacts. Wherever I have traveled, Damage Sales, Hand Work Committees and all phases of our work have had a good advocate.

The Training School

The position of the Woman's Convention remains the same as referred to in the Baltimore Meeting. (President's Annual Address, page 9.) "There

is no disposition on the part of the Woman's Convention to estrange itself from the National Baptist Convention, as has been demonstrated by the unity of the women throughout the Convention's entire history, and also its adoption of resolutions presented at the Ft. Worth, Texas "meeting" that the women shall own and control the Training School. "We pray for divine guidance into a peaceful, define and right adjustment of any situation which questions the control and management of the Training School by the Woman's Convention."

At the Detroit meeting the Woman's Convention requested that the Commission appointed by both Conventions and the National Baptist Convention would in the spirit indicated above, adjust this matter for us. Neither the Commission nor the National Baptist Convention has communicated anything further to us than at the Executive Board meeting held in New York City in November "that the method of procedure had not yet been legally determined." We believe and hope that a friendly adjudication will follow. Let us be prayerful and patient until a recommendation is given us.

Foreign Missions

Mrs. O. C. Maxwell, Chairman of our Foreign Mission Committee, will doubtless in her report make a recommendation to you, by request of the Foreign Mission Board. You remember our apprehensions in Baltimore after we decided to build a hospital in Liberia; but when you are sincere and desire to be used of God, he maketh it possible. The hospital is now built and rendering medical service. It has been finished as far as money has been given for this purpose. It has been supplied with only its absolutely necessary equipment. (I am gratified with the way Dr. East has done this; that which has been bought and sent over was new and the best of its kind, and as requested by Drs. Dinkins and DeWall.) Dr. Dinkins recently wrote that she had treated already 867 cases, but that she needs more medicines, materials, gauze, linen, etc. We must give liberally and cheerfully to this cause. Already God is blessing this medical missionary work.

After the close of the Detroit meeting, Dr. Pauline Dinkins was received and entertained by the women of Philadelphia, on her way to Africa. Dr. Dinkins, the daughter of a Baptist minister, is one of the most highly trained and skillful physicians of this country (a graduate of the Woman's College of Philadelphia). Leaving this country, she remained in England six months and completed a post-graduate course in the study of Tropical Diseases, so that she is well equipped to serve as medical director of our hospital. She is also the first Negro medical missionary to be so prepared for service. Best of all, she is a consecrated Christian, with great personal charm.

By request of Dr. East, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, during February 1 traveled through the New England States with Nurse Ruth Ocoony, our missionary. Miss Ocoony is also well trained and prepared to assist Dr. Dinkins with the hospital work. Miss Ocoony is lovable, congenial and earnest. Mrs. E. B. Holland, President of the Women's New England Baptist Convention, accompanied us on this tour, throwing her whole heart into the work. We raised in three months \$2,106.78. The benefit of this cooperative tour was not all in the amount of \$2,106.78 that we raised, but the personal contact with her, getting acquainted with her and her method of organizing people, and her quiet in her manner, she has a great personality and strength of character and the ability to make friends for the work, which will fire and grow while she is absent and requiring continual supplies for her work. Mrs. Holland is a great power in her field.

Dr. East had also requested and planned that I should make an extensive tour with Miss Williamson. This was to have started from Chattanooga

when the Missionary Conference was held (please re-read account of this most blessed meeting, reported in the April Herald), but Miss Williamson was taken suddenly ill and our plans were changed for this and various other reasons. I have worked directly with her from June 1st to July 1st, results of which have appeared in The Mission Herald. These, with other contributions reported under President Layten (July number, page 29), show a total of \$744.67 (plus the \$2,106.78, make a total of \$2,851.45), very largely the gift of our women. August number page 37. Through the special efforts of Vice-President Edna Strickland, who has worked faithfully the past three years, we have been able to reduce our indebtedness. In these special rallies directed by her there has been raised

Mrs. Viola T. Hill has been a valuable aid in this work. At Baltimore she reported more than \$1,700 on the Baby Contest. The Luncheon Sales, conducted by Mrs. Mapp, in two years have returned \$2,057.43.

Art Needle Work has reported more than \$300.

Mrs. O. C. Maxwell, Chairman of the Foreign Mission Committee, deserves great commendation for the way she has developed interest in Foreign Mission contributions. For the past three years she reports: Fort Worth, Texas, 1926, \$1,100; Detroit, Mich., 1927, \$2,755.77; Foreign Mission Semi-Annual Board Meeting, \$126.34; 1928, Missionary Trip with Miss Williamson, \$1,196.46. Total, \$5,178.57.

Our sisters have given far in excess of these amounts, but you women will not report, as I have requested. When you send in your "Regular" money or any other contribution, please include a note to me, giving your sister's name and amount so the office can keep a record of contributions our women make during the year.

During the past year, I have helped our churches to raise money, raising a total of money raised for church and mission efforts, which I have raised \$9,857.45. I give you these results to show you only one of our accomplishments in a small way that we may get a vision of the possibilities if we really are in earnest about the King's business and desire to put all our energies to work to build up our denominational interest.

Miss Sarah Williamson, as I understand it, came over by request of the Foreign Mission Board for rest and recuperation of her health; yet she has worked almost constantly, feeling the urge upon her for Africa and her work. She has not spared herself and has been the Lord's instrument in raising several thousand dollars for her school at Suchu. May she give her strength and health to continue her good work when she returns. She is with us here and will tell us about her work and her vision of what Suchu may become if we assume our part towards its support. May we help supplement her actual needs before she sails.

Miss Ruth Morris, daughter of Dr. C. S. Morris, is another one of our consecrated young women, who has prepared herself for service on the African field. In childhood she gave herself to Africa. She has relieved Williamson at Suchu, and is there now, laboring happily and earnestly to keep up the school and mission work while Miss Williamson is away. Bless these and others of our dear missionaries.

Committees

We request the chairmen of special committees, in making their reports to us, to be concise in their reports so as to give us direct information about what they have accomplished or planned to do, and to do this in the time limit set; and that they will not destroy the interest in their reports by reading long prefaces, giving us reports on the state of the country.

Young Women's Department

These lovely Christian characters, young women in the springtime of life, should be examples, inspiration to other girls, especially those of

our Young Women's Department. Of course, an intense and longing desire to be useful or to serve must be at the bottom of all your efforts. It is not a mere love of activity and popularity—a taste for social union and occupation—a desire for power and influence over others—an ambition for distinction—that is the impulse of religious activity, but the abnegation of self, a tender pity or love for the immortal souls of our fellow creatures, an earnest solicitude for the valuation of the heathen world, coupled with an enlightened and fervent zeal for the glory of God. Make your accomplishments subordinate to more substantial aims. Let the former be to the latter only as the burnish of the gold or the sparkle of the diamond. Aim at universal excellence. Do little things well, young women. Your whole future life will illustrate and confirm the truth and propriety of this advice, either by the comfort and usefulness which result from attending to it, or by the personal and relative misery which will inevitably follow from your casting it into oblivion. I would have our girls remember that all of them will not enter careers of public, or what might be termed distinguished service. There is the higher calling of home life and organized society as wife and mother. One of the most hallowed, loved and beautiful sights in our world is woman at home, discharging with meekness and wisdom the various duties of wife, mother and mistress with an ardor that nothing is allowed to disturb. For who knows not that the springs of an empire's prosperity lie in the domestic condition and in well trained families? Even one such family is a contribution to the majestic flow of a nation's greatness. Why, girls, for you each to make one such home a seat of holiness and happiness; to fill one such sphere with an influence sweet and sacred; to fill many hearts with husband, children and relatives with content, and to prepare these characters for their future part in life—such an object would be deemed desirable by an angel with an incarnation upon earth.

Our race now needs this service more than it needs legislation. The older women—we mothers—must inspire these ideals in our younger women by being patterns ourselves. We can do this even here. Don't air our difference, nor local and state troubles. Remember, these girls are observing our acts and words. Let us in everything deport ourselves as Christian women. We should pause for a moment to observe how constantly and completely Christianity is the parent of order and love, the enemy of indecorum and disloyalty of every kind. Sometimes we cannot see how far we are advancing, and imagine we are not gaining headway; but when we look back into our several localities and see the increase in women's organizations and how they are aiding in their programs community problems, becoming interested and engaged in community work, looking after our children—and then correlating these things with our National Convention, increasing our contributions and caring for the appeals we make from there are the contributions going to the Training School for Liberia, circles and societies up to the building of the hospital in Liberia, the increased support of our mission stations, our gifts to the Public House, help to the B. Y. P. U. and various other demands, the reduction of our Convention debts and the increase to the support of Convention purposes—we are going forward, and not backward. These should cause us to really strive for greater excellence, more generous giving; to be kindly disposed one to another by our acts, acknowledge practices gratefully the grace we have received from the Lord, by using our gifts with labor and judgment to maintain harmony and not strife, our sons and daughters, our friends and relatives to come and share with us the privileges and enjoy the blessings of Christian communion, give effect to our persuasions, let us exhibit in this meeting all the characteristics of consistent example. Let religion and sweet association be combined with all its sanctities and spiritualities that amend, that amiability of temper, general intelligence, correct and prudence which shall possess us in favor of genuine piety and piety and piety hood. Convince the people, by what we shall do and what they shall

we have found the secret of bliss, that our souls have been held the center. Let the richest excellence and understanding, all that can adorn Christian women, all the rarest and most delicate beauties that are admired, be strung together upon the golden thread of eminent piety. Be hung like a necklace of heavenly pearls around our profession as Christian women and the organization of the Woman's Convention. Thus let us adorn the doctrine of God, our Savior, in all things.

Read the address carefully as printed. It is full of helpful information and excellent instructions.

A motion by Mrs. Sears prevailed to suspend the rule and reelect Mrs. S. W. Layten to succeed herself as president of the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention. A motion by Mrs. Abington, to reelect Mrs. S. W. Layten, President. (Carried.)

A committee of ladies of Oklahoma, namely: Mrs. C. E. McHardy, S. E. District; Mrs. M. V. Chinn, N. W. Creek District; Mrs. R. A. Vanham, Collate District; Mrs. J. R. Goff, Chickasaw District; Mrs. E. McKnight, E. Zion District; Mrs. S. A. Anderson, St. Mark District; Mrs. Eugene Green, Western District; Mrs. O. T. Phillips, Central Wayland District; expressed their delight in the visit President Layten had made to their state. They had been inspired as never before; and were ready to hold up her arms in all her efforts to advance the work. They presented a lovely token of appreciation, a beautiful tan colored hat box. President Layten expressed her grateful thanks.

Another love token was presented by Mrs. Essie Jordan, California. The president again acknowledged her appreciation in glowing terms.

Quartette sang effectively "My God Is So High" after remarks were made by the leader of the "Southern Wonders" of Texas. Encore was sweetly sung amid shouts of praise and rejoicing. Choir sang "Lift Him Up."

Address, "The Challenge to the Church by the Womanhood of the World", by Mrs. Emma Hall Roberts, District of Columbia. The church is the called out ones and the world expects the church to tackle its everyday problems. Christ has a solution for every problem; nothing too hard for him. Hence, the challenge: "The world expects you to practice what you preach and 'How to meet the challenge'?" Manifest Jesus Christ. The church of Christ is not failing; neither is the religion of Jesus Christ failing. Man-made propositions; man-made organizations will fail, but God's church cannot fail. Be something! Have Jesus manifest within; then, do something. Thus will Christ be manifest in you—in your living; in training your children; in giving and in service. She closed this helpful address by repeating the following poem.

State Convention called to meet at the close of this session. "Stand Up for Jesus" in the Cross of Christ I Glory," "Stand Up for Jesus." Invocation by Rev. Mayfield.

Afternoon Session

Young people conducted devotions. Remarks by Miss Lillian Ward, Indiana. Song, "I Am Thine, O Lord." Miss Coleman Mississippi, read Phil. 4:1-8. Prayer, Miss Lillian Ward, Indiana. Song, "If Jesus Goes With Me, I'll Go."

Testimonials—The young people told what they hope to do in life for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. Young people stood engaged in silent prayer, then closed by a young lady praying audibly.

Song, "Just Think of His Goodness to You." Rev. Herbert M. Smith was invited to the platform.

President S. W. Layten presented Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, Corresponding Secretary, to deliver her annual report. Read the report as delivered. It was received with hearty cheers and loud applause. Many suggestions made that deserve serious consideration. Special attention called to literature and the Christian Culture Course.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

To the Officers and Members of the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention—
Comrades, Christian Workers and Friends:

This is a very happy hour.
You will pardon the personal reference, since you can surely realize, to some extent at least, what delightful memories crowd upon me. I am back to my "Old Kentucky (adopted) Home," where I began my public career and where the foundation of this organization was laid; back to the friends who opened their hearts and homes to me, when I came here—a girl and a stranger—to begin a career which has carried me into every state of the Union and into foreign lands; back to warm hearts and outstretched hands of friends who are as dear to me as the friends in my own home (Washington) city; back to dear old Louisville, where nobody ever put a straw in my way to retard my progress; back to the place where I dreamed dreams, saw visions and resolved to work to the end of my earthly career to make those dreams and visions come true.

Louisville has grown materially. Our race has progressed—progressed in business, in cooperation, and in the acquisition of homes. But it is still Louisville in spirit, modernized until it has become noted for its good women and fast cars. Louisville is the fairest city in the South. When it comes to applied interracial good will and cooperation, it leads them all. Long before other cities thought seriously of applying these good Christian ideals, white men and women were helping the colored people of this city to build Eckstein-Norton School at Cave Springs, the (Depot) Home down town, and to train the very first kindergarten teachers of our race—to operate one of the first Christian centers (under Mr. Layton) in town, to operate one of the first public libraries in the country for our race, and to train Negro librarians.

The names Delknap, Norton, Cowan, Young (Col. Bennett H.), Herndon, Breeckenridge are high up on the roll of courageous pioneers in the motion of good will, understanding and cooperation. Henry W. Herndon kept the Courier-Journal open to plead for a fair chance for the Negro in the grand old commonwealth.

The best theatres in Louisville were available for the presentation of the gro artists in their Mikados and commencements. The business men and merchants extended to us every courtesy, and we count among

very best friends. In evidence of this fact, I submit an excerpt from a letter written by Mr. John T. Bate (now of sainted memory), of the Louisville National Banking Company, now the Louisville National Bank, when I was leaving this city. He said in writing to a friend of his:

"This will introduce to you my friend, Prof. Nannie H. Burroughs, the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention.

"Her work here has been of the finest character. I might say, she is the Booker Washington of Louisville."

Fair Louisville and dear old Kentucky, we greet you in a spirit of remembrance and appreciation which cannot be expressed in words.

As Baptists, we have an added reason for the pleasure and inspiration which we feel at this hour. William J. Simmons, that intrepid, indomitable, far-seeing Christian statesman, the greatest leader among Baptist pioneers, lived here and departed this life thirty-eight years ago, a few miles from this city.

All of the Baptist institutions and organizations in this state and our National Baptist Convention owe an everlasting debt of gratitude to this marvelous orator, educator and trail-blazer—William J. Simmons. He fell amid the peaks with the sun shining full in his face, but he threw the torch of inspiration to an intrepid host and they have been going forward ever since.

Mrs. McDowell—Gone

There is one woman absent today who would enjoy this home coming more than any other member of our official family—Mary McDowell, our beloved vice-president, who went home in July, 1928. She was a Kentuckian, and she loved the scenes of her childhood days. She has gone to her other home. We miss her, yes, we miss her; but she is not dead, she is just away because:

"If to die is to rise in power from the husk of the earibrown wheat,
If to die is to rise in glory from the dust of the incomplete,
If death fills the hand with fresh cunning and fits it with perfect tool,
And grants to the mind full power for the tasks of its greatest school,
If death gives new breath to the runner and wings to the 'prisoned soul,
To mount with a song of the morning towards the limitless reach of its goal,
If to die is to throb with the surges of life that eternal abides,
And to thrill with the inflowing currents of infinite love's great tides,
If to die is to see with clear vision all mysteries revealed,
All heavily to sense unfolded and the essence of joy unsealed,
If death is the end of all sorrow and crying and anxious care,
If death gives fulness for longing, and the answer to every prayer,
If to die is to greet all the martyrs and prophets and sages of old,
And to walk again by still waters with the flock of our own little fold,
If to die is to join in hosannas to a risen and reigning Lord,
And to sit with him at his table on the bread and wine of his board,
If to die is to enter a city, and be hailed as a child of its king,
Our sister hath won that victory, and death hath lost its sting."

So we pause a moment in silence and pay respect to her sacred memory.

Mrs. McDowell was an aggressive, progressive, dependable official, who saw that the Convention grow and glow. She was a loyal friend and happy Christian. Her departure is simply a reminder of the fact that we ought to prepare to go home, and we ought to prepare to go on. She has gone home—another woman must take up the work and go on—

"Press on! For in the grave there is no work and no device.
Press on! While yet we may!"

The Secretary on the Field

The corresponding secretary has been from Massachusetts to California this year and from Michigan to Georgia. Never since she has been in public life has she had such practical demonstrations of interest in the work, nor such cordial welcomes.

In Georgia

The visit to Georgia was made upon the invitation of the state leaders to attend the state convention at Macon and visit Atlanta, Newnan and Augusta. Our state director, Mrs. Sarah Fisher Brown; our trustee, Dr. P. James Bryant; the state president, Mrs. S. J. Fluker; Dr. J. M. Nabbin, president of the state convention, and our South Carolina trustee, Rev. D. F. Thompson, now at Augusta, Georgia, gave us fine meetings and the most delightful entertainment. In passing, we wish to make this distinction: Despite the intense prejudice and injustices of all kinds, the South is undergoing a change of attitude. We spoke at eight or ten big meetings and among those who welcomed us to the cities were distinguished white citizens who represent the new South. The Mayor of Atlanta attended the Armory meeting, welcomed us to the city, and remained throughout the evening. Others in Atlanta and in other centers did likewise. It may not be a very long step, but it certainly is the right step in the right direction.

In Michigan

Upon the invitation of Rev. R. L. Bradby, Mrs. Ida Pope and Mrs. A. J. Bryant representing the State of Michigan, the Ministers' Conference of Detroit, and Rev. W. M. J. Northross of Grand Rapids, we spent ten days in the state. Never have we seen such whole-hearted cooperation on the part of ministers to make a visit a tremendous success as was shown by the ministers of Detroit. Every church was open to us and every pastor gave his time, presence and influence to help in each meeting the best.

The people packed the churches—even the Saturday night meetings went over big. It was real joy to be worked nearly to death, because the ministers, laymen, and leaders among the women really sat up with us. And they gave all of the money that was raised to the cause. This may be something new under the sun to see us working all together and giving away all we get—but it actually happened in Detroit, and the people and pastors seem to have enjoyed it.

In fact, that is the only way to help worthy causes. We have a Birthdays Club in Detroit and the people are remembering us on our birthdays and are doing it in a most happy spirit.

In the East

We've had successful meetings in Pittsburgh, New York and the State of New Jersey. The people in New York and New Jersey have been generous in their support. We went to New Jersey unannounced and Drs. Love, Hurdle, Hughes and the Ministers' Conference opened their doors, and the people gave generously. New York never fails to run over the list and see the variety of causes for which the corresponding secretary is invited and expected to speak, you can see why people do not know that there isn't a person in the world who can speak intelligently and effectively for such a variety of worthy causes.

One woman wrote saying, "You must come because you can draw a crowd." I told her that a circus could beat me at that game and suggested that she try to get Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey.

When the secretary turned down an invitation from a distinguished minister, he wired, "We will not take no for an answer." Whereupon the secretary wired, "Yes, I cannot come."

We wish we could accept all of the kind invitations. It is a physical impossibility. But we want the people to know that getting a crowd should not be the motive for inviting speakers. The people should get a message and those who are dead in earnest about the development of the race are concerned about the results of these addresses in the lives of the people.

The World's Sunday School Convention

The secretary has addressed twenty-one interracial groups. The largest hearing for our cause was before the World's Sunday School Convention, Los Angeles, California, in an address on "Brotherhood and the Kingdom." We were the only colored representative among the fifty-four speakers. The great meeting was held in the Shrine Auditorium which seats 10,500 people. Of delegates to this large convention, there were less than fifty of our race.

There were Christian statesmen from all over the world and they brought messages of instruction and inspiration that pushed the work of the Kingdom forward and gave to the great throng a new vision of the Kingdom of God on earth.

Prof. Byrd Prillerman is the very able representative of our group in this international Sunday-school organization.

The only comment we wish to make on our address is taken from the daily paper, which said:

"Then followed an address by Miss Nannie Helen Burroughs, Washington, D. C., which marked a high point in the Convention thus far. Speaking in behalf of her people, the American Negro, she set forth in clear and unforgettable terms what is involved in Christian brotherhood rising above race and class distinctions. Her excellent voice filled the great auditorium, and round after round of vigorous applause was given her striking epigrams dealing with the Christian obligation regarding interracial brotherhood."

At the conclusion of our address, we were invited to return to California in early winter to deliver an address to university students. We accepted.

In Los Angeles

We spent only one Sunday in Los Angeles and it was a busy day. We had to address two congregations of white people in the morning, and an overflow mass meeting of our own people at the St. Paul Baptist Church, F. W. Bolts, Pastor, in the afternoon.

The first address in the morning was delivered at the First Baptist Church, Pasadena, and we had to rush from that service because we had been assigned as the convention speaker at the First Church of the United Brethren. Both of these were mountain top meetings. The Lord was in the midst of the people were warmed to overflowing.

We had a most cordial reception and delightful stay in beautiful Los Angeles. While the World's Sunday School Convention invited us, our own people under the leadership of Drs. Griffin, Carter, Bolts, Mesdames Robinson, Carter and Burton and the Ministers' Conference asked for the privilege of entertaining us. And they did it in the most royal fashion. The afternoon mass meeting taxed the capacity of the St. Paul Baptist Church. The great audience stood by us not only physically, but financially.

No feeble words of ours can express our appreciation to the people of California for the interest which they took in our appearance as their representative on the World's Sunday School Convention program.

The denomination has made great progress in the acquisition of church property since our Convention was held there five years ago. Revs. Geil, Blh and Carter have two of the most beautiful, modern and spacious church buildings to be found anywhere in the country; and Dr. Boffs is planning a modern building for the St. Paul Baptist Church.

En route to California, we spent three most restful and happy days at Denver as the house guest of Mrs. I. S. Powell, our state director and able representative. These are the only three days of real vacation we have had and we are indebted to Dr. and Mrs. Powell, and our dear friend, Mrs. Bertha Borders, of New Jersey, for this much needed and happy vacation.

Mrs. Whitfield

Mrs. Whitfield has been keeping our cause before the churches in a most effective way. The records show that many new friends have been enrolled and that all of the churches to which she made appeals responded most generously. Despite the financial slump, Mrs. Whitfield's reports show most satisfactory results.

No one will rejoice more than will our untiring field secretary over two real achievements. First, the completion of two stories of the Trades Hall; secondly, the new study book which gives us our first real opportunity to do house to house campaigning in interest of Home Missions. Mrs. Whitfield has always contended that people should be reached in their homes. The new study book is a real challenge to us to begin in the home and teach them to observe all things.

Mrs. Whitfield had the privilege and pleasure of attending the Northfield Summer School. She comes back to us spiritually refreshed and mentally enlightened. When she left Northfield, she wrote us this brief message: "I feel like a new woman after these days of sitting at the feet of some of the most capable and consecrated Christian teachers in the world. We must find some way to teach our women along the same lines as are taught the women who come here."

Mrs. Whitfield's financial report is as follows:

REPORT OF MRS. E. E. WHITFIELD, FIELD SECRETARY

July 1, 1927—July 1, 1928

Connecticut	\$ 212 28
Georgia	73 58
Indiana	41
Illinois	131 55
Kentucky	181 88
Maryland	1,222 28
New Jersey	443 00
New York	403 11
Ohio	454 47
Pennsylvania	772 31
Virginia	2 40
West Virginia	
Total	\$4,162 78

The Study Books for the Year

The 1928-29 Study Books will be a great inspiration and value to us; in other words, we will be right at home in both books.

foreign study book is written by our own Jean Makinzie. It is an interesting study of Africa under changing conditions and a new outlook. We will have a glorious time visiting our people in Africa, and we will have just as fine a time among ourselves at home with Dr. William P. Shriver, finding out "What Next in Home Missions." Both books are on sale at the Literature Table and no woman should leave this Convention without a copy of each. The price is sixty cents (paper) each.

We have another suggestion to make with reference to study classes and the happy opportunity they offer to Christian women who want to study together and thereby prepare for more effective and efficient work. We want the women to organize study classes in their homes or in their churches. A class should be composed of not less than six women, and we do entertain the hope that in the larger communities and churches, the enrollment will be in proportion. We suggest that union classes be formed with women from all of the churches and all denominations.

This plan, if worked out by intelligent, forward-looking women can be most helpful. Our plan is to have a test for those women who complete the Study Book and desire to teach it. Teachers will be required to continue the study course for at least five years.

A group of women of Washington, D. C., under the direction of Mrs. L. I. Craig and through the influence of Mrs. S. F. Lewis, have completed the study of three books during this year—and they are ready for the teachers' test. Those who pass successful tests will be awarded beautiful pins with these words: "Teacher—Study Book." The most capable women will be selected out of the classes and will be enrolled to teach the Study Book in churches and at our conventions and associations. We hope by this plan to turn out some very efficient Study Book teachers. We must open up for the women of this Convention every possible avenue of development and at the same time urge those who know, to teach those who do not know.

Literature

The demand for all kinds of mission helps is still on the increase. There is constant demand for plays for adults and children. Attention has been called to this need several times. It is not only an opportunity for a woman to have a steady income, but it is also an opportunity to be of great service. The demand for Topic Cards is unparalleled. The new booklet, "How an Ideal President Builds Up an Ideal Missionary Society," is proving helpful. We sent out over two thousand Day of Prayer programs. Presidents of missionary societies will please observe the Week of Prayer during the month of February and all Christian workers ought to cultivate the habit of daily definite prayer for the progress of the Kingdom.

"Much prayer means much power; little prayer means little power; no prayer means no power."

During the incoming year we want you to include in your daily petitions, help for the following Causes:

First—The Training School. Pray for \$5,000.00 to meet urgent needs; for \$10,000.00 to complete the third story of the Trades Hall; for \$50,000.00 for a chapel and dining room. Above all, pray that our faith and strength shall not fail and that this work planted for the Lord and for his children shall grow and be a blessing to the world.

Second—Pray that we shall understand and work at our New Task in Home Missions.

Third—Pray for the success of our great Publishing Plant at Nashville, and for wisdom and strength for those who are charged with the responsibility of carrying it on.

Fourth—Pray for Africa. The greatest need is consecrated, capable Christian missionaries. Pray that that need shall be met.

Let us pray for these causes and then help God answer our prayers by giving of our means to support them.

Record Books Are Ready

There was an unavoidable delay in getting out the Record Book. It is on sale at the Literature Table. Every missionary society should have it. It enables a secretary to keep a perfect record, and the book is so well planned that it does not require a woman with extraordinary ability to keep it. Our people must learn that good record keeping inspires confidence and increases contributions. Get the Record Book. The price is only one dollar.

The Young People's Department

The work of the Young People's Department will be reported by the national and regional directors. Some real progress has been made in this department and the National Director, Mrs. L. L. Craig, and her efficient Regional Directors, Mrs. W. H. Young and Miss Ella Versa, have interesting reports and an attractive program to present at this meeting.

Two vital changes were made by the Executive Board. First—The officers will not be elected to the same position for more than two years in succession. This is done to encourage capable, ambitious young women who would become indifferent or impatient if they felt that the officers would remain in their positions indefinitely. Youth represents progress—youth will not stand still. Under this new provision, every capable girl will have a chance and she will not have to wait until she is a woman to get it.

Second—It was decided to work to get more young people to attend the Convention and to use them throughout the meeting as singers, readers and pages. The plan is to weave their program into the program of the Convention in such a way as to make it most inspiring to you and most helpful to them. This plan will give new life to the Convention and at the same time the girls will not be left to roam at will or with whom they may during the sessions.

Young people cannot be developed unless given every opportunity to use their talents in the meetings, and at the same time we must make the meetings so attractive that they will get pleasure and benefit out of them.

The National Camp

The National Camp site has not been selected, but it will be one of the first things to which the directors will give their attention in the coming year. The girls must have a camp. Some of the friends have paid the program which they made in Detroit. All who have pledged are requested to pay, and those who have not pledged are requested to do so. The directors are expecting the heartiest cooperation from the directors of the states in the states and hope that state directors will be selected with great care. Only those who have ability to work with young people and to get results to help carry on the work should be chosen.

Each director is requested to raise \$50.00 for the camp, and the state that would like to have camp cottages should raise \$30.00 to help pay for the site and \$300.00 for a state four-room cottage. If the young people of your state are not worth investing \$350.00 in, you should not have a camp. The form of a well equipped National Camp in order to hold a convention.

Please plan young people's rallies and contests and raise the money.

An Opportunity for Talented Young Women

There is a great deal of Negro talent going to waste, and most of it is devoted to jazzing or singing the blues.

This condition is due to the fact that you're not exerting yourselves in the interest of our young people. We want you to put us in touch with the girls who have ability. We will train twenty-five talented young people in music and public speaking, if you will help us find them.

Here is our challenge to you and to them. If you will send us twenty-five of your most talented speakers and singers, we will give them one year of intensive training and send them back to you new creatures in Christ Jesus. They will not be finished products, but they will be so transformed and improved and inspired, that they will go on developing their powers for the highest service.

Foreign Missions

Great changes are taking place on the foreign field, and the boards engaged in work there will be compelled to send highly trained men and women to represent them as teachers and preachers. We could wish that so far as our foreign mission work is concerned, that we would set ourselves to the task of operating just one large first class station with school, church, hospital, and farm—equipped and manned in a way that would commend the undertaking of the Christian statesmen of our day. One great plant successfully operated would mean more to us than ten poorly equipped struggling efforts. We believe that our Foreign Mission Board will try to man, and operate the work in keeping with the standards of our day.

This Convention should give more money for the education of foreign students. They're the ones who must be trained and returned to carry on the work among their own people. Here, too, is a sacred duty in the matter of selection. Missionaries should bring or send the most promising young people. In all foreign mission undertakings, we must find the best material, secure the best locations and then make every necessary sacrifice to build up and maintain the work.

Convention Should Meet Biannually

Have you ever stopped to think of how much it costs to hold this Convention annually?—and that three-fourths of the money spent for the annual meetings go to the railroads and for eating and sleeping and dressing—and less than one-fourth to the causes which the annual meetings are supposed to benefit?

We complain about the high cost of living. It is time for us to consider the high cost of Negro conventions. We beg you to consider holding this Convention bi-annually, and thereby save expense on the one hand and give time for the cultivation of a national field on the other.

Regional Conventions

In order to cultivate the field, we suggest that we form four regional conventions, with regional officers for each. What would be the benefits? First, a tremendous saving of money that now goes to the railroads and to the personal expenses of the delegates. Secondly, time in which to cultivate the field before trying to report work that cannot be done in covering a national field in twelve months. The results are too small in proportion to the money when you consider the fact that gifts from our people are small and that national representatives have to go to them in order to keep on the interest. In other words we do not do enough in twelve months to spend over a quarter million dollars to celebrate our achievements.

Thirdly, regional conventions will develop more national leaders. The regional presidents would be national presidents in the making.

Fourthly, regional conventions would develop healthy competition among the leaders of the regions. Each one would try to make her region lead.

The regional presidents would be given the first day of the bi-annual to make their reports. We should have a southern, western, central and eastern division, and these regional conventions should be held two months apart during the off year, and the national officers should attend the regional meetings. No regional meetings would be held on the year of the bi-annual.

Some of us will oppose this plan on the ground that the men hold their conventions annually and that the women will attend the men's convention despite the fact that we meet bi-annually. The women who would attend the men's meetings would be the same women who are sitting in the men's meeting now. They are camp followers.

We hope you will consider this matter most seriously, because it has been brought to your attention before and it certainly has economic and spiritual value.

Limiting Tenure of Officers

Long, or indefinite term of office in democratic organizations like this one is likely to result in stagnation to the organization or discouragement to the capable women in the ranks who want to move up. Our constitution should therefore make tenure of office conditional and thereby open the door of opportunity or hope to women who want to advance under normal conditions. It would therefore seem fair and wise to have our constitution revised so that a woman should not be elected to the same office more than five times in succession unless her official record of achievements shows that she is an efficient, progressive result getter, or unless conditions affecting the life and progress of the Convention justify the continuance of her service in her same position.

A constitutional provision like this will accomplish three valuable things:

First—It will set us a standard of efficiency and encourage the merit system.

Second—It will inspire ambitious women to prepare for leadership, and at the same time assure them that they are not taking a long chance.

Third—It will keep the current of new blood flowing in the Convention.

These three accomplishments are essential to the progress of the Convention and to the growth of its membership and leadership. I have served you as corresponding secretary and I have served you without stint, but some other woman might want a chance. This constitutional provision would open wide the door of hope to her and because of its conditions, would not prevent me from holding the position on my merit.

Let us think on these things and resolve to do the thing that will restore this Convention to the glory which it knew during the first three years of its existence.

Progress

Progress should be the watchword of every organization because organizations are constantly tending to slow down. Like clocks, they may be occasionally cleansed and wound up and set to true time.

We have made progress since we began this work with which is written on a scrap of paper, and without any money with which to carry out that plan. The history of this Convention is a history of sacrificial service. Its progress should be considered in terms of the thousands of helpful and inspiring service to the thousands of women in the big world cities and hamlets, who, without the help of this Convention, would not have a piece of literature, or any source from which to get information to build up their little missionary societies and local organizations.

We have inspired and fired thousands of women to greater personal endeavors and intelligent operation of their work. But, despite this efficient and commendable progress, we face a new day—a day in which every organization that proposes to hold the field against the onward march

of the most rapidly changing civilization that has ever blessed the earth, must make radical changes in its line of work, or the method of carrying on. All organizations in this day of progress must lengthen their cards and strengthen their stakes. It is for us to perform this high duty and carry the race onward.

In order to enlist and develop the new leaders which are necessary to help carry out an enlarged and enriched program, this Convention must set itself courageously to the task of readjusting its schemes of organization. This Convention needs some new blood and modern methods. The greatest enemies of progress are people who refuse to go on but sit down on the highway saying to the world, "See how far we've come. It is good to be here; let us build tabernacles." This is no time for tabernacledom, this is the time for marching.

Our Home Mission Problem

The standard of the masses of our women is too low. Because of the changed and ever changing social and economic conditions, our home mission problem is now the most serious problem confronting us. For over sixty years, while Christians have been doing missionary work among us and for us. It is now time for us to do some real home mission work for ourselves.

A race does not make real progress nor attract and hold the attention and respect of other races until it begins to interpret itself through its own self-help, literature, pictures, music and art, in its own clean-cut, characteristic way, without shame, sham or apology. The Negro is not strong enough with himself nor is he being enough of himself to insure the steady and practical development of the entire race. This general statement of conditions brings us to the place in the life of this Convention where we ought to consider most seriously a practical plan for meeting the following needs:

First—The enlistment and development of new leaders. Second—The formation of four districts or regions to be presided over by four regional presidents. The cultivation of a national field requires closer and more intensive supervision and cultivation. The regional plan will accomplish two very desirable ends: it will encourage and develop leaders; it will cultivate and develop the field.

Third—This organization should blaze the way in setting in motion practical plans for tackling the new task in home missions. We need to tell you that our home mission problem is far more difficult and exacting than it has been at any period in the history of America.

In the new setting, the home mission task must be interpreted in terms of human and social needs and relationships in communities, in industry and among the races. As Dr. Shriver says, "It is the mission of the church to be more rather than home missions, that concerns us."

This changed conception makes it necessary for us to set our organization in order, to prepare leaders, to preach, to teach and interpret our new home mission gospel. In other words, we have come to the time in our National life when we must teach people to study together, learn together, live together, work together, worship together, and enjoy together their common life and their common heritage. This is the next step in our mission at home and we must prepare to take it.

The educated Negro upon whom our home mission schools and agencies have lavished talents and time, is called upon in this new home mission task to reinvigorate the outlay which has been made upon him in deep teaching, unselfish service. After sixty years of home mission service in educating Negroes to lead their own people out of the wilderness, we should have an array of grateful beneficiaries lined up for service saying, "Here am I, use me."

It is time to take the next step in home missions and that enterprise among us should not lag for leadership, because millions of dollars have

been invested by our home mission societies in Negro schools to get ready to take the next step in home missions.

Our New Task in Home Missions

When we begin to work on the new conception of home missions in a race, we must begin in the Negro home and make a study of what the Negro is reading and thinking, not what he is eating and wearing. When this survey is made, it will be found that the race is studying the things that other races have written and not studying or reading very much of its own life and aspirations. Races live and progress on what they read and write, rather than on what they earn and eat. A survey of the Negro home will show that we're earning and eating, but that we're doing very little effective reading and writing.

One of the most important things to be done to improve Negro thinking and thereby improve his home, is to put suitable books, magazines and pictures in the home and create in the young people a desire to light up their home with a light that comes from inspirational reading and high thinking. Negroes as a whole read very little and what they do read is purposelessly selected.

We are a loquacious people. We like to talk. Our first home mission task under the new program is to give our people something about which to talk. People who talk all the time and do not read, are in imminent danger of becoming mentally and morally bankrupt.

The Negro home is the place in which to begin a campaign against talking too much about everything and not enough about fundamental things. We will do well to devote the year to introducing the Negro to himself by giving him the best that has been said by him, for him, or about him, in books, magazines and pictures, and then lead him step by step into those inspiring and interracial interests set forth in inspiring books and stories that carry the strongest human appeal. We must know ourselves, but we must know other people and there is no lack of information if we can induce our people to stop talking about nothing long enough to get something about which to talk. Reading will set us thinking, clearly and constructively, and constructive thinking will set us to work on the definite task of trying to meet some of the everyday needs of the world. If we cannot make plans, we can make pins. We can make something besides noise and when the race begins to read and think, it will begin to work and make. That's the inside task for us as we take the next step in home missions.

Segregation

In the discussion of the Study Book of next year, we will hear a great deal about people learning to live together. The principle of segregation is un-Christian and we must fight it, but if we are going to remove the excuse for segregation, we must remember that the second step in the home mission program is to bring people up to a high level of living in their homes and in their communities. This Convention should set out to that task, and in a very definite and practical way reach the masses of Negro women in the homes and get them to clean out and clean up.

We would suggest that a commission be appointed to formulate plans for the improvement of Negro homes and Negro communities and one report to men, women and children for setting their own homes and communities in order and keeping them in order.

We're glad indeed that some of the home mission responsibility is to be shifted from the shoulders of white people who want to help us to reduce our illiteracy and train leaders, to the shoulders of the Negro people so that it can read up, think up, and live up to all of the material and spiritual, to which the Negro has a divine right, and which he has native ability.

Moral and Economic Issues

The nation is in the midst of a political campaign. The moral issues involved are comparable only with those issues over which the Civil War was fought. The test at that time was a test of the Preamble to the Constitution which declares certain inalienable rights for all men, among which is liberty. The preamble stood the test and as a result, all men in America are free.

The test in this campaign is a test of the strength of the amendments in the Constitution. If the eighteenth amendment is not strong enough to stand—if we vote men into office who sanction its modification or annulment—we might as well sign the death certificate of the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth amendments. If prejudice ever has a chance to tear up or tamper with one of the amendments to the Constitution, that same prejudice will take advantage of the glorious opportunity and modify the War Amendments. It cost the nation billions of dollars and thousands of lives to get those three amendments into the Constitution. They are blood amendments, baptized in the carnage of Gettysburg and sealed with the blood of Abraham Lincoln in Ford's Theatre. They are our most sacred heritage and we should wade through blood to safeguard them.

Do not vote any man into power who proposes to tamper with the Constitution of the United States, and do not forget that the party which this man represents did not help to write your rights into the Constitution and it should not therefore be given an opportunity to tamper with them. No chain is stronger than its weakest link. If you vote to weaken the eighteenth link, you weaken or jeopardize all of the links.

You say the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth amendments are not in force. They are not. But they are in the Constitution. They're written. They set a national goal. The Ten Commandments are not lived up to but they will not be revoked.

Some day God is going to raise up a stronger and better race and that race will live up to the Constitution and all of its amendments. Let us make sure that we should tear up the Constitution and scrap the amendments because we haven't the moral courage to live up to them.

That economic problems are involved in the present campaign. It is far more necessary to give our votes to the world's ablest economist who knows what to do to feed us than it is to give it to the man who promises to "see what he can do to wet us."

Incidentally, this campaign gives the Negroes their very first national opportunity to express their gratitude to the Quakers of this country who have been true and consistent in their attitude to the cause of justice and freedom. It is not a question of religion, but the Negro should not let this opportunity to line up with the friends of freedom be thrown away.

The Republican Party has not done its duty, but the Democratic Party has done nothing. The Negro must remember that when he votes for a Democrat in New York, his vote counts if he keeps that Democrat in New York, but if his vote puts that Democrat in the White House, it strengthens his old enemy—the Democratic party—nationally, and weakens the Negro politically.

The best way to get even with the Republican Party is not to raise a rebellion and not a Democrat in the White House, but to raise your race pride and solidarity high enough to put some Negroes in Congress. While you are outting the Republican Party out of business, do not forget to include those Negroes who sold the race to the party for a mess of pottage and at the same time do not forget to stand by Negroes like Walter Cohen, Ed. Church and Perry Howard who have stood up like men and are only being persecuted because they are not the "Yes, sir, boss," type of Negro politician. There is too much at stake for us to lose our heads over the promise of something to drink or because we want to get even with the Republican Party. Don't get even—you will be on a level with a party charged with dereliction of duty.

Beat the Republican Party and make the Democratic Party sit take notice by sending three Negroes to Congress—one from New York, one from St. Louis, and one from Chicago, and thereby serve notice on both parties that others will follow. The Negro is very much mistaken if he thinks he can get even with the Republican Party for its sins of commission by supporting the Democratic Party, despite its sins of omission. Get even with both parties by using your votes to send Negroes to Congress.

The United States Congress is not even an American legislative body but this is our first big opportunity to make it so. With some Negroes in Congress and an Indian presiding over the Senate, and a President who says he stands for equal opportunity, and with Perry Howard here in the Department of Justice where he belongs, our three departments of government—administrative, judicial and legislative—will be American for the first time in the history of the nation. To that end let us vote to make this not a white man's government, but an American government. We have the chance—use it gloriously.

The Training School

Hampton Gives Benefit

The president and trustees of the Training School are delighted to give an account of their stewardship for the year 1927-1928.

The biggest single event of the year was the concert which Hampton Institute gave for the benefit of the Trades Hall fund. This concert marked two of the most unusual achievements in the history of any Negro school.

First—A Negro school giving a benefit for another Negro school.

Second—The name of the first lady of the land topping the list as a patroness and the President of the United States in attendance at a concert for the benefit of a Negro school. The chief executive of the nation, Calvin Coolidge, sat down in the midst of the people and, rooting for the singers (applauding them) just as heartily as the plain citizens who surrounded him, enjoyed the matchless program under the direction of the famous leader, Nathaniel Dett.

Nothing can better describe the Hampton concert better than the words of an enthusiastic business man who said to us when he greeted us the next day, "Don't speak to me, woman. Had I pulled off an affair like that concert which you pulled off last night, I'd be sitting on the moon with my feet hanging down."

Dr. James E. Gregg, the distinguished president of Hampton, sent us a group of one hundred of the best trained singers in America, and gave their services. He showed his deep interest in the benefit by "running up in Washington" to see how we were getting along. The First Congregational Church (the President's church), Dr. Jason Noble Pierce, Pastor, gave us a spacious auditorium and the people of Washington gave us an audience that could have filled a church three times that size. Diplomats and distinguished citizens from all walks of life not only cooperated, but they came, and the inspiration of that great occasion will be with us forever.

It was not an easy matter to get the consent of the President to attend the concert. It was in the midst of his busiest season. We invited him and then worked at it persistently and hopefully. And our hope was rewarded on the very day of the concert when a letter came from the White House saying:

"The President will attend your concert tonight."
The day following the big event, we received an autographed program from President Coolidge.

The receipts of the concert were \$1,483.70 in money, but the moral effect of this marked interest in our work cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. It was the first time that a President of the United States had ever attended a concert given by Negroes or an entertainment for the benefit of a Negro institution in the District of Columbia.

The Board Meeting

The annual board meeting of the trustees was well attended. The report of the president showing the progress, general conditions and needs of the institution was discussed in detail, highly commended, and all of the recommendations received favorable action.

A committee was appointed to make plans for raising \$10,000.00. Several of the trustees accepted the suggestion that each one would do a definite piece of work this year. Dr. A. Clayton Powell, whose church gave \$500.00 last year, is interested in helping to raise the teachers' salary fund.

Mrs. Anna D. Winstead, of Indiana, is raising \$1,000.00 for the fence. Mrs. Viola T. Hill heads the committee to raise \$3,500.00 for equipment for the new trades building.

The president is raising \$1,000.00 for seats.

Several friends outside of the trustee board are raising money to help with lighting fixtures in the trades hall. Mrs. M. M. W. Arter heads this committee.

The school year closed with a brilliant commencement, at which nine girls received certificates and diplomas.

The Trades Hall

We've been pleading for a long time for money with which to erect a Trades Hall. We are delighted to report that we have completed two stories of the building and these two stories are now ready for use. The building and equipment thus far has cost \$42,000.00. With the addition of the third story, the cost will be \$17,000.00 more. The new building gives us absolutely perfect conditions under which to do our class room work. We thank God for this improvement. The building is not paid for—that is our task for the incoming year and you are urged to make contributions in proportion to the needs.

The Condition of the Plant

The entire plant is in first class physical condition. The exterior of all of the buildings have had two coats of paint. The walls of all of the dormitories have been painted a rich cream and the floors, cherry. The students' rooms are most attractive and cheerful in their bright cretonne draperies. No school in the country looks prettier or more home-like in its dormitories. The students are taught to cooperate heartily in keeping their rooms up to a higher standard of excellence.

The central heating plant gives perfect comfort during the winter.

The Campus

It is our purpose to make the Training School campus most attractive. Mrs. Winstead's committee is going to give us a decorative fence. The Miner Board, that gave \$1,000.00 towards our trades hall, is going to give us a new and very attractive entrance. The walks will be rearranged. A great deal of shrubbery and evergreen will be moved and the rear of the campus will be transformed into a perfect orchard and garden. You're urged to contribute to the \$5,000.00 improvement fund.

Need Chapel and Dining Hall

We're doing our best with what we have, but the school needs a chapel large enough to seat one thousand people and a dining room large enough to seat four hundred people. Pray that the \$50,000.00 needed for the chapel and dining hall will be given during the next conventional year. The need will be met if you will ask God for it and tell the people about it. The work has been carried on under the most difficult and trying circum-

stances for eighteen years. It has been a case of making bricks without straw; but the time has come when the school must have the money it needs to carry on its work and to maintain high standards. If you have never built a Negro school on the support of Negro people, you have never had the joy of making one dollar do one hundred dollars' worth of work.

Do You Know What the Training School Is?

There are a great many people who do not know the type of work that is done at the Training School. Some of them know so little about the school that they call it a "Home." It is not a home. It is a first class boarding school for ambitious girls.

In the Academic Department, the school offers two years of Junior High School, four years of High School and has added two years of standard Normal. We do not do slipshod work. Our students rank with students of similar grades in the best schools and they excel many in those finer moral and spiritual virtues and values; because, while we train the mind, we certainly look after the religious development of the young women who come to us.

Trade courses are offered and the new trades hall will enable us to do very fine work. We want you to recommend to us young women who are interested in Social Service. There are constant calls for trained workers, but we have not been able to meet the demand. Young women should take this course because it can be turned to immediate account.

Colored girls should take the course in Interior Decorating. This is a new and attractive field.

Our Business Course offers the best opportunity for young women who have completed their high school course and would like to put in one year of intensive study and qualify as stenographers of office executives.

The trade courses have been arranged so the work can be done intensively and thereby help high school graduates to complete certain trade courses in one year.

Trades Hall To Be Dedicated

The Trades Hall will be dedicated the early part of October. You are invited to attend the dedicatory exercises and you are also urged to bring or send contributions because the payments on the new building must be kept up. Please help us get one thousand people to give \$10.00 each for the trades hall fund on Dedication Day.

Join the Birthday Club

When is your birthday?

We do not want to know how old you are, but we do want to give you a chance to grow old "gratefully." If you enjoy living, or if you want to live on, count your blessings on your birthday, and if you have anything for which to be grateful—whether life or friends or opportunities or just the joy of living in this wonderful age—don't forget that somebody helped you and that you ought to help somebody else.

We're organizing a National Birthday Club to be composed of people who want to remember others on their birthdays as well as to be remembered by their friends. Send a gift of gratitude. It may be but a dollar.

A number of friends have said that they are going to send ten cents a year for every year they have lived. We are using the money from the birthday gifts to help carry on the work at the Training School. You can put your life of gratitude into the lives of young women who will go on serving in your stead. You always remember your birthdays and you want to be remembered by others—we hope you will not hope that the only way to be remembered by others, is to remember others. Let a blank and join the Birthday Club.

What the Training School Means

The Training School represents the most significant undertaking on the part of Negro women to do a big piece of Educational work. It represents devoted sacrifice, relentless toil, dogged determination and a hopeful and glorious future. It represents a determination to help teach the race how to do something for itself and it is at the same time the strongest appeal and challenge to people who say that they will help those who help themselves. We have helped ourselves and have therefore qualified to get help from those who make this statement. The work deserves the unstinted support of every body who is interested in the Negro girl and in the Negro home.

The trustees, in their annual meeting voted to take the cause of the Training School to the people of the country and to solicit their unqualified and unstinted support.

Respectfully submitted,

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

MRS. EMMA D. HALL ROBERTS, Chairman
MISS NANNIE H. BURROUGHS, Corresponding Sec'y
Lincoln Heights, Washington, D. C.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

GEORGIA SENDS IN REPRESENTATION

Mrs. S. J. Fluker, Mrs. Sarah Fisher Brown, Mrs. Willie F. McKinney, Mrs. Hattie L. Forester, Mrs. Hattie Harris, Mrs. Idella Gadsen, Mrs. Bular Johnson, Mrs. E. G. Thomas, Mrs. Mahila Hood, Mrs. J. C. Woodruff, Mrs. Jessie Foster, Mrs. Lula Washington, Miss Elizabeth J. Lee, Mrs. A. D. Williams, Mrs. Lillie Grier, Mrs. L. Shoemaker, Mrs. Lillie Davis, Mrs. M. Ward, Mrs. L. Cooper, Mrs. C. H. Robinson, Mrs. Lula Ramsey, Mrs. Jessie Robinson, Mrs. N. B. Nabritt, Mrs. Hattie Berry, Mrs. S. C. Fletcher, Mrs. M. Bolton, Mrs. Laura Scott, Mrs. L. L. Craig, Mrs. Lula Ramsey, Mrs. M. L. Taylor, Mrs. C. L. Hawkins, Mrs. J. C. Williams, Mrs. Cora Williams, Mrs. H. E. Garrison, Mrs. F. Sanders, Mrs. C. N. Perry, Mrs. L. L. Cook.

THE TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES FOR THE CONVENTION AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Receipts	
Salary, Miss Burroughs	\$1,866 08
Personal Checks, Miss Burroughs	230 00
On Letters—Home Missions	188 50
On Letters—Foreign Students	105 65
On Letters—Training School	698 00
On Letters—Foreign Mission Board	573 55
On Letters—National Mission Hospital	2,313 87
National Publishing House	15 00
On Letters—National Expense	1,835 00
Voluntary Offerings, etc.	482 69
	\$8,307 74
Expended	
Salary	\$1,866 08
Personal Checks	230 00
Designated—Home Missions	188 50

Designated—Foreign Students	
Designated—Training School	
Designated—Foreign Mission Board	
Special Rally, Foreign Mission Hospital	
Designated—National Publishing House	
Expense of Convention	1,223 00
Checks out—unpaid	117 25
Paid to President	\$7,821 47

THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT FROM THE DETROIT CONVENTION

Contributions	\$ 154 00
Special Collection	132 00
Supplies	894 00
Sale of Cake	12 00
Balance, June 30, 1927	\$289 00
	\$301 00

JUNE 30, 1927—JUNE 30, 1928

Corresponding Secretary

RECESS RECEIPTS

Contributions	\$ 73 50
Girls' Camp	40 00
Sale of Supplies	859 18
Total	\$ 972 68
Detroit Convention, 1927	809 03
Cash Balance, June 30, 1927	361 41
Total	\$2,143 12

DISBURSEMENTS

Insurance, Foreign Students	\$ 26 00
Traveling Expenses, Cor. Secretary	309 10
Refunds—on purchases (literature)	45 05
Postage	53 19
Badges and Signs	104 04
Drayage	2 00
Printing	213 92
Auditing	20 00
Repairs to Equipment	15 00
Advertising	5 00
Nat. Training School—on money advanced	200 00
	\$993 90

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable:

Corresponding Secretary—	
Salary due Sept. 1, 1927	\$3,171 22
Paid on salary at 1927 session	1,866 08
Balance Due	\$1,305 14
Current Salary	900 00
Total amount due	\$2,205 14
National Training School:	
Balance due advanced by School	\$ 5,168 98
Mrs. E. E. Whitfield	110 00
Total	\$7,484 12

THE NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS, Inc.
Lincoln Heights, Washington, D. C.
Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, President

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Year Ending June 30, 1928

RECEIPTS

Operation of Activities—The School:

Matriculation	\$ 392 00
Board	8,025 91
Room Rent	1,875 22
Tuition:	
Academic	\$2,485 00
Music	623 36
Trades School Operations	3,108 35
Sale of books	453 40
Drayage	532 79
Laundry	43 11
Students' Deposits	77 83
Students' Deposits	675 42
Total	\$25,184 03
The Laundry	13,697 79
The Community Shop	576 46
Special Donations for Prizes	62 50
Total Activities	\$20,520 78

Contributions:

Churches	General Bldg. Fund	
Conventions (W. Aux.)	\$5,654 30	\$ 290 89
Conventions—Others	875 65	303 09
	719 10	130 00
		849 10

MINUTES

Individuals	\$			
Missionary Societies		101 30	166 10	267 40
Clubs		87 01	207 00	294 01
Friends (W. P.)		193 00	1,767 81	1,960 81
Foundations		250 00	1,000 00	1,250 00
Other Organizations		297 18	1,847 33	2,144 51
		\$8,452 43	\$6,797 62	\$16,250 05

Mortgage Payable (Trades Hall)	35,000 00
Cash Balance, June 30, 1927	7,699 79

Total Receipts 142,823 81

DISBURSEMENTS

Operation of Activities—The School:

Salaries:

Teachers	\$4,542 21
Clerical Help	1,802 40
Field Agent	785 80
Foreign Students	268 10

Total Salaries \$7,398 51

Boarding Department:

Salaries	\$ 1,773 67
Laundry	84 00
Student Labor	544 76
Supplies	2,550 15

Total School \$12,330 23

The Laundry:

Wages	\$ 9,763 35
Student Labor	1,387 41
General Expense	2,739 47

Total \$13,890 23

The Community Store:

Salary	80 00
Merchandise	523 88

Total \$26,844 40

Students' Withdrawals 1,371 83

Maintenance:

Furnishings	256 05
Lawn and Garden	40 72
Live Stock	58 22
Sewing Department	64 41
Repairs	3,567 13

Total \$4,926 53

MINUTES

General Expenses:

Advertising	\$ 75 16
Drayage and Express	812 95
Supplies:	
Office	\$188 61
Sundry	194 61
Coal	383 32
Postage	1,532 75
Printing	209 73
Auditing	350 50
Janitor and extra labor	97 64
Traveling Expense	1,700 77
Telephone and Telegrams	343 16
Water Rent	211 77
Insurance	124 62
	1,405 57

Total \$ 6,387 72

Trades Hall Financing and General Expense 3,248 96

Mortgages Payable:

Balance, Old Mortgages	\$12,000 00
Trades Hall Mortgage	3,791 61

\$15,791 61

Notes Payable	6,148 78
Trades Hall	18,000 00
Interest Payable	271 35
Accounts Payable	2,169 31

Total Disbursements \$84,157 49

Cash Balance, June 30, 1928 2,693 12

\$86,850 61

NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL

BALANCE SHEET

Year Ending June 30, 1928

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash Balance, June 30, 1928 (Including \$1,000.00 Special Gift)	2,693 12
Accounts Receivable—Cash Advanced Woman's Convention	5,368 98
Live Stock	140 00

Total Current \$ 8,202 10

Fixed Assets:

Land	
School Campus	\$40,000 00
Less 1/2 at Amherst	400 00
Buildings	\$58,845 90
Less Depreciation	3,097 15

\$55,748 75

Building Improvements		\$ 543 20	
Trades Hall Building (New)		29,000 00	
Machinery—School and Laundry	12,130 99		
Less Depreciation	758 56		
			\$11,372 43
Furniture and Fixtures	13,145 34		
Less Depreciation	1,314 55		
			11,830 79
Delivery Equipment	1,080 00		
Less Depreciation	108 00		
			\$972 00
Musical Instruments	1,504 05		
Less Depreciation	94 00		
			\$1,410 05
Printing Plant	654 63		
Less Depreciation	72 73		
			\$ 581 90
Liberty Bond and W. S. S.		190 00	
Heating Plant (New)		10,500 00	
Library		2,850 00	
			\$ 139,465 14

Total Assets \$147,607 14

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities—Accounts Payable:

Miss Nannie H. Burroughs—		
Loans and Salary, (1910-1927)	\$14,015 51	
Salary Balance, June 30, 1927	1,584 71	
Salary Current, June 30, 1928	1,800 00	
	\$17,400 22	
Due Firms (Open Accounts)	8,554 70	
Total		\$25,954 92

NOTES PAYABLE

Thomas Somerville (plumbing)		\$ 680 00
Planter's National Bank (Dorizbach plumbing)		173 00
Griffith Corporation (coal)		1,047 00
Rev. L. G. Jordan		400 00
Trades Hall:		
Columbia Building Association	22,250 00	
John F. Murrell	10,420 00	
Total		\$45,020 00

HOW THE STATES RANK

District of Columbia	\$4,060 25	West Virginia	109 00
New York	2,736 66	Kansas	30 50
New Jersey	1,690 43	Oklahoma	28 10
Pennsylvania	1,595 97	Maine	25 00
California	1,130 42	Texas	22 25
Virginia	853 51	Florida	12 50
Michigan	720 65	Tennessee	10 00
Ohio	510 63	Washington	10 00
Wisconsin	379 86	Missouri	6 00
Massachusetts	341 39	New Hampshire	5 00
Connecticut	250 88	Iowa	4 00
Kentucky	195 85	Mississippi	3 00
North Carolina	192 43	Arkansas	2 00
Illinois	146 79	Colorado	1 00
	129 51	Alabama	1 00
		Nebraska	1 00

Mrs. W. D. Carter, California, made a motion to receive the report and refer the resolutions to the Committee on Resolutions. (Carried.)

Mrs. W. D. Carter, California, made a motion to suspend the rule and reelect Miss N. H. Burroughs Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention. The motion carried and Miss N. H. Burroughs was declared elected corresponding secretary of Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to National Baptist Convention, for the ensuing year. The young people sang Miss Burroughs' praises by yells and songs.

Ladies of District of Columbia presented Miss Burroughs an easy chair, and a gentleman gave her a handful of money for her own personal use.

Young people sang, "You Bring the One Next to You and I'll Bring the One Next to Me."

Mrs. Daisy Harvey, Pennsylvania, was invited to the rostrum. Songs, "The Lord Hath Need of Workers," "Count on Me."

Mrs. M. V. Parrish was presented by President Layten to make her annual report as treasurer of the Woman's Convention. The following report was read:

Louisville, Ky., September, 1928.

Receipts

General Expenses	\$1,459 50
Foreign Missions—Letters	733 50
Foreign Missions—Runnige Sale	943 61
Foreign Missions (Per Mrs. O. C. Maxwell)	944 61
Home Missions—Letters	208 20
Home Missions (Per Mrs. M. H. Flowers)	20 00
Training Students—Letters	140 50
Training School	611 80
For Secretary's Salary	151 00

Cor. Secretary's Salary (Special)	\$ 175 00
Educational Committee	112 00
Young People	40 00
Law Enforcement	30 00
A. C. Williams' Memorial	25 00
Badges—To Cor. Secretary	75 00
Collections	100 00
Foreign Missions—Art	151 00

\$6,737 00

Disbursements

Convention	\$1,400 00
Salary—Corresponding Secretary	900 00
Badges—Corresponding Secretary	75 00
Training School	611 00
Training School (Young People)	71 75
Training School (Foreign Students)	110 50

\$3,268 25

Brought forward	\$3,294 00
Home Missions	229 30
Foreign Missions	2,587 00
Foreign Missions (Per Young People)	60 00
Scholarship (Young People)	100 00
Miss A. Gibbs, Pianist	70 00
Miss Nannie Burroughs (Training School, S. O. S.)	100 00
Checks Out	131 00
Young People	160 31

\$6,872 00

Supplementary

Money taken at meeting not passing through Finance Committee:

For Missions to Dr. J. E. East	\$ 200 00
For Training School to Miss Burroughs	100 00
Mrs. E. E. Whitfield, Field Missionary	100 00
Special to Quartette	50 00
Special to Blind Man	50 00
Mrs. M. H. Flowers (To Publishing House)	100 00

\$ 650 00

Per Finance Committee	6,222 00
	\$ 7,251 00

A motion to approve treasurer's report. (Carried.) A motion to suspend the rule and reelect Mrs. M. V. Parrish to succeed herself, as treasurer. (Carried.) Mrs. Parrish was accordingly re-elected treasurer. A motion prevailed to insert treasurer's report in the minutes.

President Layten made complimentary remarks on treasurer's report.

A token of love was presented Miss N. H. Burroughs, from California, in which Rev. Rozier was specially interested. Appropriate acknowledgment was made for the same.

A motion prevailed to suspend the rule and reelect the remaining officers of the staff. This was done and all the officers were declared duly elected for the ensuing year.

Song, "Lift Him Up."

Address, Rev. Herbert Smith. "The Challenge of Young People to the Church." This challenge is one of the most difficult things the church has to solve, in this day. Our task to train the young people of our churches to do our Lord's work. Our young people not interested as we would like to see them. All churches face this problem. Young people are in rebellion to things as they are today. If the young people are not restrained, what can we hope for the future of our churches? First, we ought to have a program for our young people. Second, we must allow young people to make their own programs. They have more pep, energy, vitality and intellect, and a chance should be given them to serve. Third, the world is hungry for things eternal; and our young people are craving to do their part, to give the world the Bread of Life. The Spirit of the Living Christ is the desire of our young people. "Lift Him Up"—no new thing; but the whole message of Jesus Christ, rightly given will answer the challenge.

Announcements given by Vice President Strickland. Offering taken.

Benediction by Rev. Harrison.

Evening Session

(Foreign Mission Period)

Devotions led by Miss Della Harris, District of Columbia. Song, "If Jesus Goes With Me, I'll Go." Prayer, Mrs. Brockway, Oklahoma. Scripture Reading, Matt. 28:16-20 by Mrs. Mercer, District of Columbia. Prayer, Remarks by Miss Harris. We can meet the challenge by love, which is the fulfillment of the law. We can't deny God, without loving our brother. God so loved us, as to give his only begotten Son to die for us. Jesus so loved us as to make the supreme sacrifice for us. The heathen world challenges us by asking—"What are you doing to give the gospel to all the world?" Reference made to suffering children in heathen lands. A challenge to us to redeem Africa.

Song, "Count on Me." Testimonies followed—Sisters Martha L. Batchelor, Oklahoma; Beacie P. Mercer, District of Columbia; Dr. F. E. Kneeland, Tennessee; Lela Richardson, Maryland; Love, Georgia; Bailey and Phelps, Arkansas; Anderson, Tennessee; T. E. Pollard and M. S. Jones, Texas; L. A. Turner, Kansas.

Song, "Rescue the Perishing". Others testified—Sister Shields, Tennessee. Rev. Sparks said that the Lord sent him to us to tell us to get the Bible in our hearts and the Holy Ghost in our souls. Miss Etta Versa, District of Columbia, closed the testimonials. Song, "Count on Me".

Mr. J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of Elks of the world was introduced by Miss N. H. Burroughs. He said that he only came to our meeting, to show respect to the "Queen of the women of our race", Miss Nannie H. Burroughs. He said many nice things about his organization, emphasizing the fact that they were educating sixty or more young people, who were making good in several of our colleges. A spicy pleasing talk, made in a few moments. Helpers to Mesdames Mapp and Clark were called forward.

Young people sang "Riding of Jesus", "Redemption and Release". President Layten presented Mrs. Emma Butler, returned missionary. Address: She was glad to be present to speak to us the second time in life; glad to be with us for what we had accomplished in establishing the hospital in Africa. She told many experiences of her work in Africa; things were very discouraging and sad at the time of her sojourn in Africa; thanked God for the improved conditions there now; thanked the sisters for the support they had given while she was on the field, for what they were now doing and hoped their interest would not wane. Her physical strength had increased, and she hoped to return, as the Lord might provide for her. Mrs. Butler then presented a little African girl whom she had brought to America. The child told her own story, which was very pathetic and interesting. We were glad to see some fruits of our gifts to our foreign mission field.

Mrs. Maxwell, Chairman Foreign Mission Committee, called for an offering.

A gentleman (white) a returned missionary also spoke concerning his station, and a village school, where thousands had heard the gospel of Jesus and had gone forth, preaching and teaching. He told us many interesting stories of his work in Africa and bade us continue our efforts, for Africa's redemption.

Mrs. Clark, Illinois, and her helpers brought many articles that she had gathered for the hospital. After showing a goodly number of sheets, pillowcases, towels, etc., she said a definite statement would be made of the number of articles and amount of money raised.

Mrs. McIntosh, Nebraska, brought offerings sent by her young people.

Mrs. Parrish, Kentucky, spoke of a box of drugs her young people were preparing for Africa.

Mrs. Ida Pope, Michigan, said the Detroit women had sent their box.

Other states: Georgia, Minnesota, California and still others spoke of what they were doing.

Mrs. J. C. Mapp, Illinois, said that so much had already been done about meeting the challenge, that she would speak about the Rummage Sale that was doing considerably in meeting the challenge. She asked her secretary to make a partial report of money raised through Rummage Sales. She reported \$900.00 raised to date. Later you'll find total amount raised.

Song, "Have Thine Own Way Lord."

President Layten presented Miss Sarah Williamson, a returned missionary. Miss Williamson spoke a few sweet words to us that assured us she was an instrument whom God was using; a sweet, amiable servant of Jesus. Because of the late hour she would not speak at length, but promised to return to us and speak more fully. Closed with fervent prayer. Benediction, Rev. Chas. Morris.

FRIDAY—Morning Session

From 7 to 8 a. m. "The First Watch" conducted by Rev. Howard Thurman, Pastor Mt Zion Baptist Church, Oberlin, Ohio. A special Service for Spiritual Refreshment commenced Thursday morning and continued through Saturday. 9:30 devotions were conducted by Sisters V. W. Broughton, Bell F. Wood, Missouri; Sharkie, Texas; Mrs. Pearl Love, Kansas. Scripture Reading, John 6:63. A fervent prayer, Sister Wood, Missouri. Song, "Come Holy Spirit." Sentence prayers by several sisters. Song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

Sister V. W. Broughton, Tennessee, opened the subject—"How to Spiritualize the Church". First, by preaching and teaching the Word. Bidden to search the Scriptures; study it daily; hide it in the heart; will enable us to overcome temptations; it is a guide, a lamp to the feet; a light to the path; it is sure; and eternal. Jesus identifies himself with his Word (John 1:1). Sing with the spirit; pray with the spirit (1 Cor. 14:16). Select songs in accord with the message; magnify the spirit, rather than the letter. The letter kills, but the spirit makes alive." All rejoiced and many expressed their joy in testimonials. Sisters Ella Golden, Minnesota; Westbrook, Indiana; Withers, Kentucky, and others.

Songs, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," "I Love the Lord."

Meeting called to program, by vice president Strickland.

Singing, "Beautiful Words of Life", "I Need Thee Every Hour", "More About Jesus."

The journal was read by recording secretary. Upon motion, the same was adopted.

Vice President Strickland made announcements. Song, "Everybody Will Be Happy."

President Layten called off telegrams and letters.

State Presidents and Directors

"Our Problems and How to Meet Them". Mrs. Drew, Arkansas, presented the subject by talking on Education. Their problem was to support their District Schools and State College. Their work was going smoothly and progressing. They represented more than this year than last.

Mr. Bryant, of Michigan, said that the state president and directors were not cooperating.

Mrs. S. P. Brown said that peace and harmony prevail in Georgia's state work which is in good condition; and they were loyal to the National Convention.

Sister E. Pitts Anderson, said the woman's work in Alabama was prosperous. They also had an educational problem. Mrs. Gibbs, Alabama State President, endorsed what the director had said Selma University, their special objective. The women employed the sewing teacher and paid her salary monthly.

Sister Powell, Colorado, said Colorado's needs were many. The churches divided into two conventions. They need workers.

Sister Ida Pope, Michigan, said their problem was lack of cooperation. They were all loyal to the National Convention.

Representative from Oklahoma said it was difficult to line up ministers in running their school; however the women were helping. They had thirteen districts and could do more, were they not hindered; asked the prayers of the Convention.

Sister Robinson, California, brought greetings, said they were progressing and had the cooperation of their brethren. They have an Old Folks' Home, a Theological School, and a Director of Religious Education.

Representative of Iowa said they have two problems; by using the Circle Plan, they have succeeded in doing some definite missionary work; theirs is a financial problem. Only seventy-five women in their work.

Mrs. J. Morris, Florida, said they have an educational problem; they have many district schools, unable to support them. Otherwise Florida women are doing well.

Mrs. Anna Brown, Missouri, said we all have about the same problems, education being the principal one. We have nine districts; are loyal to this Convention and have been representing for many years.

Mrs. Westbrook, Indiana, said their problems were many, but by the help of God they were doing well.

Mrs. Givens, of Kentucky, said our problems are serious. We keep in touch with God and with each other and go forward. We help poor ministers in the mountains, the Publishing Board and the National Training School.

Mrs. McGowan, Mississippi, said their objective is the school at Natchez; asked for prayers to help solve their problem.

Mrs. Georgia Thomas, Nebraska, said their problem was lack of cooperation; asked for prayers.

Mrs. Dean, Illinois, said they also lacked cooperation. Transportation caused difficulties; however the women are going forward. One church in Illinois brought \$500.00 to this Convention.

Mrs. Gaines, Kansas, was glad to bring greetings. They are operating a Theological Seminary. Have a Young People's Department, helping ministers.

Mrs. Henry, Arizona, said that she had no problem; no church there, wanted authority to solicit money for this Convention. She hoped to get the people together to establish a church.

Mrs. Shaw, Indiana, spoke of their work, which is doing well.



MRS. S. W. LAYTEN
President



MRS. V. W. BROUGHTON
Recording Secretary



MISS N. H. BURROUGHS
Corresponding Secretary

Mrs. Golden, Minnesota, said they were sixty years under white Baptists and but recently organized an association of seven churches. They had invited President Layten to visit them, which was very helpful to them. By faith they were able to secure her expenses. Asked for prayers of the Convention.

Mrs. Roberts, District of Columbia, said their chief objective was the National Training School. They were loyal to every phase of the national work and were moving on nicely.

Mrs. M. H. Flowers, Tennessee, said that we have problems; are still on the map and loyal to this Convention.

Mrs. Lula Richardson, Maryland, said they needed information and cooperation. They are specially interested in foreign mission work, and had brought \$200.00 to this Convention.

Mrs. Alsbrooks, Texas, said, We have been with you and are with you still. We have problems and are striving to meet them. Texas is loyal to the Convention.

Mrs. Richardson, New York, said as a state convention, they had just joined us and we can depend upon New York.

Mrs. A. Tucker, Pennsylvania, declared Pennsylvania women loyal to this Convention and were working along all lines.

Mrs. Borders, New Jersey, said her state stood sixth in representation and had one girl among her delegates.

Mrs. Holland, New England States, said she was happy to be present. New England was loyal to us. She came from Rhode Island, the oldest Baptist Church in America. Her sisters live in peace and harmony and were glad to have our national officers in their Convention.

Mrs. Flinn, Mississippi, said they were small, but were willing to do what they could for the good of the work. Asked for prayers.

Mrs. Ida Frazier, Bates, Kansas, brought greetings from the Western States Convention. She said their interest centered around two schools; the Theological Seminary, Topeka, Kansas, and the Western College, Kansas City, Missouri. They were endeavoring to be loyal to all the endeavors of this Convention.

Remarks by President Layten, as to membership on the Finance and Enrollment Committees.

Mrs. M. H. Flowers, Tennessee, introduced Mrs. Mattie Anderson, as the first colored woman to serve as superintendent of the Preside School. Mrs. Anderson spoke briefly. She expressed her interest in being present, and said she would put her best thought and support in this work and solicited the continual interest and support of the Preside School work as we had given in the past.

Mrs. Pollard, the new wife of President Pollard, of Selma University, was introduced by Mrs. Gibbs, of Alabama. Mrs. Pollard spoke briefly and promised her allegiance to the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, Inc. Song by Second Baptist Church Choir, Detroit, Mich. "King Jesus is Listening All the Day Long"; encore, "Hush! Somebody's

Calling My Name." Effectively rendered and enjoyed by all pre-speakers who have appeared on programs are women lawyers ent.

Solo, "God Hath Promised to Provide for Me."

Report of Mrs. E. A. Wilson, Historian. A splendid report. Note the facts as given in short excerpts from the report of historian of Woman's Convention, auxiliary to National Baptist Convention, Inc. "The Convention was organized in Richmond, Va., September 15th, 1900, on recommendation of Dr. C. H. Parrish and Dr. L. C. Jordan, Chairman and Corresponding Secretary, respectively, of the Foreign Mission Board. Eighteen states and the District of Columbia were represented by thirty-eight women. The entire receipts amounted to \$15.00. The motto selected was "Woman, Arise! He Calleth for Thee." The first efforts put forth tended toward home and foreign missions. By this means, the womanhood of the race has been developed. In 1906, the six-acre tract of land was purchased on Lincoln Heights, Washington, D. C., and the Training School for Women and Girls was founded; mainly through the efforts of Miss N. H. Burroughs. This school has trained more girls for the foreign fields than any other school. Among the prominent physicians, a bank president, social workers, business women, president of National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, representatives of the N. A. A. C. P., and Red Cross workers. Aside from other foreign mission efforts the women endorsed a recommendation to build a hospital in Africa. This Convention joined the Foreign Mission Board of the National Convention in this effort and the result today is a hospital erected in Liberia, rendering service to sufferers, by the hundreds. The Young People's Department, organized three years ago, is rendering splendid service. During the twenty-eight years of the life of this Convention, the financial receipts have amounted to more than a half million dollars. From all sections of this country, and in foreign lands, the women are meeting the challenge "Woman, Arise! He Calleth for Thee."

The Field Workers

Some of the most valuable assets to this Convention have been the field workers. Mrs. L. M. Jackson, Kentucky, died in the harness; Mrs. A. E. Edwards, Colorado; Miss W. E. Kimball, Texas, and Mrs. Ida M. Becks, Missouri, did work in a short time. The most unique character, and the most prominent of these workers is Mrs. E. E. Whitfield, a Georgian by birth, who during her twenty-five years of service, has delivered more addresses, visited more homes, influenced more people and raised more money than all others combined."

A motion to adopt report. (Carried.)

Remarks by corresponding secretary, asking the women in the pews to be still, and the speakers to speak louder, that they might be heard.

Revs. East and Morris were invited to conduct Miss Sarah Williamson to the rostrum.

Miss Williamson complimented the women for what they had done; for what they were doing; and for what they planned to do. She urged the young women to go to Monrovia, Liberia; she didn't stop there, but went back into the Bush, where Miss Delaney had labored and started to build a station. Schools in Africa needed to train the masses. Experts should be sent to America for finishing touches, then return to Africa, as missionaries to their own people. She explained how to do effective missionary work in Africa. Cleaning up was very necessary. Dr. Dinkins has already treated one thousand patients. Wonderfully, wonderfully great, is the work! Such a glorious work. She wouldn't remain here, were all America given her. She told many interesting stories of African life that thrilled us. She complimented Dr. East, Mrs. Layten and the National Training School. Africans only need a chance. The natives can reach their own people, as we cannot. We must develop the farm, we must raise food for the children. Send our very best to Africa, trained to do everything. Many things have been given for which we are so thankful. We want you to continue; send over workers and provide for their existence. We have five schools over there. Pray that God will save Africa and give Africa a chance. Dr. East made the appeal for help. Miss Griffin and Miss Reed, of National Training School, were going over. Dr. East emphasized Miss Williamson's appeal for workers and continued support.

Miss N. H. Burroughs gladly took the offering. Amount \$144.25. For beds, \$128.67, total \$272.92. Fifty-three more beds were needed. Great interest was awakened in foreign mission work.

Closing prayer by Dr. East, Secretary Foreign Mission Board.

Afternoon Session

President Layten presiding. Choir sang "I Shall Not Be Moved", "Every Time I Feel the Spirit Moving in My Soul, I Will Pray," "Lift Him Up." Mrs. Amos, Texas, chorister, led the choir enthusiastically.

Mrs. Trice, Illinois, emphasized the importance of the subject, "Our Greatest Weapons, and How to Use Them." Song, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross"?

Prayer, Sister Bailey, Arkansas.

Sister Trice said that she considered "Study of the Bible", "Prayer" and the "Holy Spirit", the three most important weapons we had to use.

Address by Rev. R. L. Bradby, Detroit, Mich. "The Social Welfare and Economic Challenge." He expressed himself pleased to have been invited to speak to the Woman's Convention. He said that life is worship, work and love. Things have changed and methods of worship have changed; referred to many modern improvements; the church, in the midst of all these new things, must also move up. Great social challenge for the church.

Society once pure; social environments were clean and pure forty years ago. No society is worthwhile unless people are made better by its operations. We should not stand back and see our younger people go to destruction without our protest. The colored population of Detroit greatly increased. The church should have a gospel of thrift, encouraging the people to work, earn money, use it wisely and secure homes. We are living in a critical day! We should pray and labor to correct the many evils that prevail in the social life of our people. Through prayer and consecration, we may look to God for deliverance.

Song, "There Is Sunshine in My Soul Today."

Mrs. M. Anderson, Fireside School, Nashville, Tenn., led discussion—"Bad Housing Responsible for Many Evils From Which We Suffer". She said that one-third of the crime of the country is laid to our group. God has given us orders to do unto others as we would have them do unto us; if we obey the "Golden Rule," conditions will be changed for the better along all lines.

Mrs. Givens, Kentucky, spoke as to the "Law". She said that we should know the law, and obey it. Mrs. Ward said that the economical problem was serious; it impaired the purity of our women, effected the prosperity of our home and church life.

A brother spoke of the present political situation and urged us to be careful.

Mrs. Ida P. Liston, Indiana, "A Challenge to the Church to Save Our Children." She said be careful to put good men in office as far as we were able.

Song, "A Charge to Keep, I Have." Sister J. C. Hughes, Ohio, said we should help those in need, ere they fall. Solo, "Tell Me Christian, Shall I Look for You?" by Mrs. Hutchings. Song very effectively.

Mrs. Cullers, Chairman Committee on Law Enforcement, gave for medicines for hospital, \$15.00; for the Convention work, \$10.00.

Mrs. Gertrude Rush, Iowa, presented a demonstration, showing how the different states helped to make the Constitution of the U. S. perfect. Mrs. Rush is a lawyer and chairman of the Citizenship Department of the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention. Sisters from the several states in uniform, marched to the rostrum and in order, each one spoke stating how the several states helped to make the Constitution perfect. Great cheer and applause followed this demonstration.

Mrs. J. C. Mapp, Illinois, presented her beautiful, valuable gifts to the four states who were most successful in the Rummage Sale Contest. Illinois also presented their president, Mrs. Dean, a beautiful sofa pillow.

The recipients of these useful presents made suitable responses.

The Southern Wonders Quartette sang "Lord Have Mercy, I Will Please." Encore, "This Train Is Bound for Glory," "Ain't No Good News".

Offering taken for quartette, \$15.15.

Benediction by Rev. Alexander.

Evening Session

Devotions conducted by Mrs. Mattie Anderson, Nashville, Tenn. The Purpose of a Challenger," Ex. 14:11, 15. God's challenge to Israel was "Go forward." First not only to Abraham, in his leading of Israel to the end that our Saviour would be born, do we see the ultimate design of a merciful Father, but in his dealing with all outstanding personalities of the Bible; and running through the cycles of human history, we see God's unchanging purpose to make great men and mighty nations in all ages, to contribute to his purpose to redeem the whole world. Second, another purpose was to make lives that he could use, to lead others to study the Word and lead exemplary lives. It was a terrible moment for Israel at the Red Sea, with Pharaoh's army behind them and the sea before them. They cried out to Moses, and Moses bade them "go forward", even so today does he bid us "go forward" for there's nothing too hard for him and he purposes that through his church shall save the world.

Song, "Onward Christian Soldiers".

Sister Pearl R. Love, Kansas, led discussion. Jesus had a purpose and worked to its fulfillment while on earth. So should we have a purpose and bend all our energies toward accomplishing it. An aged sister spoke telling us how greatly she had enjoyed the evening.

Song, "I'm Going Through."

Mrs. J. C. Hughes made a strong appeal to live on Higher Ground. A sister testified to her desire to do something for the Lord; then sang her favorite hymn, "Go Preach My Gospel, O Lord." Sister Ritta A. Vass, Oklahoma, was stirred by the song, "I'm Going Through", and said that she was determined to live the life. Others testified.

Solo, "It Pays to Serve Jesus", sweetly rendered by Sister M. Holloway, Arkansas.

Sister N. Smith, Ohio, said, "It should be every Christian's desire to live a consecrated Christian life."

Songs, "Draw Me Nearer," "The Fight Is On", "Hold the Fort", were sung as young people marched in with their several banners representing their several organizations.

Miss Columbia Johnson, California, President of the Young People's Department, made her annual address. It was very forceful and pathetic. She desired to live a consecrated Christian life and to be used of God, as a missionary.

Chorus, "I Moved Over Into Canaan Land." Remarks by Mrs. I. L. Craig. She asked Rev. King to pray. Song by Mrs. J. C. Mapp, "Count on Me".

Address by Miss Vivian Love, Kansas. Subject, "Making a Life." Address was helpful and well rendered.

Address by Miss Ruth Poindexter, Washington, D. C. Subject, "Tackle the Task". A splendid address, well rendered. The girls cheered to the echo.

Address by Miss Veretta Owens, Tennessee. Subject, "Influence of Good Literature". This was a rare treat; she assured us we must read good books and papers to keep informed about current events. The girls cheered Miss Owens heartily.

Address by Miss Ruth Gaither, Illinois. Subject, "What Can We Do With a Life". This was an excellent address; we learned that all things were possible to him that believeth, and with Christ, no life was worth while.

Address by Miss Elenora Wallace, Starks, Ky. Subject, "What Must the Church Do To Be Saved"? This was well rendered. Scriptures touching this subject were reviewed effectively.

Address by Miss Ruth Reese, Illinois. Subject, "Achievements Through Peace." A thoughtful and instructive address, fully presented.

Senior Department was turned over to President Layton. Young People sang the praises of Mrs. L. L. Craig, Georgia.

Miss N. H. Burroughs was asked to speak to the young people. She told them that their subjects were too old for them. She would not have them preach. She called the names of sisters she would like to see.

Song by young people, "If Anybody Asks You Who We Are, Tell Them We Are the Red Circle Girls".

Rev. Charles Morris spoke timely, saying words to encourage the young people's program.

Address, "What Must the Church Do To Be Saved", by Miss Virginia Miller, Texas. She made a good impression upon the audience, as she discussed this important subject. She assured us that the church of today must wake up, get serious, and conduct its affairs as God has commanded them, and not resort to the world for its support.

Miss Elizabeth Lee, Georgia, discussed the same subject. She concluded her address amidst shouts of joy and loud hosannas.

Committee on Child's Welfare, called to meet Saturday morning.

Mrs. M. V. Parrish named the boys of her church who were organized for Christian work.

In the Oratorical Contest, Miss Ruth Gaither gained the prize in the Junior Department. Judges were chosen to decide for the Seniors. Rev. Chas. Morris said that public sentiment, the voice of the people, had relieved the judges from being called upon to make a decision, and thus Miss Lee, Georgia, was declared the successful contestant. Song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds".

Benediction by Rev. A. W. Pryor, Texas.

SATURDAY—Morning Session

Sister Hattie Harris, Georgia, conducted the devotional service, "I Know I'm a Child of His", "I Want to Know, O Thine, O Lord". Silent prayers by all. Prayer by Sister Gaines, Kansas. 121st Psalm repeated in concert.

The following sisters testified: Emma Gaines, Cook, Mo., and Mrs. Song, "I Feel Like Going On".

The Art and Needle Work Department made a report. Mrs. Song said that she would mention a few articles now, and a full report would be made in Mission Herald. From what we had seen, many valuable and useful articles had been given. Amount received from sale of articles, \$151.62. A motion prevailed to adopt a report and extend a vote of thanks to the committee. A quilt displayed that was made by the late Mrs. J. Straughn to be used in some way for the benefit of foreign missions.

Mrs. Irene Maxwell made a statement concerning her committee. Report of National Rummage Effort, Benefit Hospital in Africa. The Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to National Baptist Convention, Inc. Mrs. J. C. Mapp, Campaign Director, Headquarters, 11 S. Parkway, Chicago, Ill. "That something you do not need, can save a life." Sell it for benefit of the Hospital.

Contributing	Amounts
Miss (Per Mrs. Elta Henry)	\$ 1 00
Miss (Per Mrs. L. A. Wilson, Consolidated White River Dist.)	4 00
Miss (Per Mrs. S. A. Bolts)	6 00
Miss (Per Mrs. E. M. Mallard, Denver)	5 00
Miss of Columbia (Per Dist. Convention, Mrs. S. F. Lewis)	20 00
Miss (Per Mrs. Patsy Hill)	128 00
Miss (Per Mrs. S. F. Brown)	53 00
Miss (Per Bethlehem Association, Mrs. M. B. Newland, \$1.30; Mrs. V. C. Williams, \$1.00) General State Conv., Mrs. J. B. Scott, \$24.42	246 22
Miss (Woman's Convention; per Mrs. I. P. Liston, \$5.50; Mrs. I. H. Gaddie, \$9.00)	14 50
Miss (Woman's State Convention, per Mrs. N. C. Marshall)	10 00
Miss (Per Mrs. S. P. S. W. District, \$26.14; Kansas Valley District, \$18.00)	73 79
Miss (Per Miss Elenora Wallace)	27 50
Miss (Per Mrs. Lula Richardson)	25 00
Miss (Woman's Convention, per Mrs. Shaw)	50 00
Miss (Per Mrs. L. Harris, per Pres. Golden)	5 00
Miss (King Solomon Circle, per Mrs. Cozey, \$25.00; East Miss. Zuberant and Mrs. C. L. Hill, \$33.00; Mt. Zion Miss. Circle, per Mrs. L. H. Covington, \$5.00)	63 00
Miss (Per Mrs. Anna H. Brown)	30 00
Miss (Per Mrs. Mary E. Burden)	5 00
Miss (Per Mrs. Hattie Harris, Church, per Mrs. Missouri O' Bryant, \$5.00; Mrs. W. D. Johnson, \$5.00)	15 00
Miss (Per Mrs. L. H. Gaddie)	1 00
Miss (Per Mrs. L. G. Mack)	10 00
Miss (Per Mrs. Hattie Harris, Church, Shiloh Baptist Church, per Mrs. S. W. Layton)	25 00
Miss (Per Mrs. Evelyn Holland)	1 00
Miss (Per Mrs. J. W. D. Isaac, \$50.00; Per Mrs. Maggie Turner, \$10.00; Per Mrs. E. Dickerson, \$10.00)	69 00
Miss (Per Mrs. C. C. Sampson)	10 50
Miss (Per Mrs. Hattie Harris, Church, Per Mrs. C. A. Matthews)	1 50
Amount previously received	\$ 943 61
Total cash received	\$ 1,043 61

States That Received Gifts:

Illinois—amount raised
 Oklahoma—amount raised
 Florida—Amount raised
 Kansas—amount raised

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. C. MAPP, Director.

The Committee on Obituary read their report. (See report.)
 Upon motion, the report was adopted.

Prof. Britt sang for us a beautiful song, "Thinking, Thinking Through", sweetly and pathetically rendered.

Mrs. M. V. Parrish, Chairman Committee on Child Welfare, made her report. She spoke of the helpful cooperation of Mrs. Madalene Tillman, the only colored agent of the National Dairy Council. Sister S. M. Jones, Texas, was complimented as the most faithful of women for the interest she had taken in the children.

Mrs. Tillman was presented. She expressed herself happy to present and exhibit some of the work of the National Dairy Council. She brought us a demonstration, several illustrations, teaching us how to keep well. The keynote to success is good health. Our food, most important, as related to good health. We are advised to drink a quart of milk each day. She told a story of a little boy who grew in the jungles with the animals; also of a child that grew strong and healthy from drinking milk without a mother. All enjoyed the talk and resolved to be more careful about our eating.

Mrs. M. V. Parrish spoke to the subject. She emphasized the care of the teeth as very necessary to good health.

A motion to extend a vote of thanks to Mrs. Tillman for her valuable instruction; an amendment to extend thanks also to Mrs. Munn, her director, for sending her. (Carried.) A motion prevailed to adopt the report on Child Welfare.

Mrs. M. H. Flowers, Tennessee, read the Report on Home Missions. Upon motion, the report was adopted. (See report.)

Mrs. A. J. Abington, Chairman, presented Mrs. E. O. Allen's report on Education. Upon motion, the Committee's Report on Education was adopted. (See report.)

Mrs. Brockway, Oklahoma, Chairman, read the Committee's Report on Education. Upon motion, the Committee's Report on Education was adopted. (See report.)

Dr. Haynes was presented by President Layten. He said that he came to extend an invitation to our Convention to send delegates to an Interracial Conference that would consider schools and cultural contributions from colored women. A motion prevailed to accept the invitation. A motion to send President Layten and Cor. Sec'y Burroughs and allow president

other women willing to bear their own expenses. An amendment to bear expenses of the four delegates. (Carried.)

Mrs. Maxwell, Missouri, Chairman of Foreign Mission Committee, made her report. A motion to adopt the report. (Carried.)

Mrs. E. E. Whitfield's Annual Report as Field Secretary. Sub-ject, "What Next in Home Missions?" This is a new day; a day of machinery and electricity. People are moving from one country to another, from the rural districts to the cities, looking around at changed conditions. They ask, "What is the next step?" They are in the woods of difficulties. "What Next in Home Missions?"

The answer is, personal contact until every man, woman and child has been reached with Bibles, booklets, tracts, leaflets and song books. The home is suffering for brief reading matter. People do not know, are willing to learn. You learn to do missionary work from seeing the conditions of the people. Look all around at the many needs of the people. High death rate, emigration, extravagant living, leading to crimes of all kinds and imprisonment. Diseases among children, for lack of proper nourishment and the bath; children need a bath daily. "What next in Home Missions?" Too many poolrooms and dance halls. They are enemies to the advancement of young people. Drifting people are everywhere. Some people seem not to know their duty toward their children, and children of this day do as they please. Fathers and mothers need to wake up, and train their children as God has commanded them. "What Next in Home Missions?" To know the people we need a host of social workers, to live among the people and

show them the right way to live; the right contact will awaken their pride. God has called young people to service; they seem to understand their calling. Help them to prepare for service, by home training and Christian education. Know no class limitations, the rich and poor; black and white, all need to be saved. Let us love ourselves, first to God, then to the people. Dear sisters, let us pray that God will kindle a fire in our own hearts and inspire us to go out into the slums, dives and rural districts and help save the lost ones there. A new chapter is being written; would we be successful, we must love God supremely and love each other as he has commanded us. And God will use us to bless the world by bringing the lost ones back to the Good Shepherd's fold. As usual, Mrs. Whitfield gave us a highly practical address. Address was given by Sisters Gibbs, Alabama, and Abington, Missouri. A motion prevailed to give Sister Whitfield a standing vote of

confidence. A motion carried to take an offering for Sister Whitfield. Mrs. X. H. Burroughs took the offering. Amount, \$50.00.

Mrs. A. M. Townsend, Secretary Sunday School Publishing Board, was presented by Mrs. M. H. Flowers, Tenn. She said that God had

sent and given to us Rev. Dr. A. M. Townsend, who had done a great work in erecting the Publishing House. Dr. Townsend said that he was not as old as he appeared from his gray hair, but he

was not mind telling his age. It was a blessed thing to be living in

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this day; we all should be glad to be here, and be willing to do whole duty in Kingdom building. He was glad to see the erection in travel, dressing and in everything, and with it, great responsibilities upon us serve. He appreciated the opportunity to say a word to us about the Publishing House. Dr. L. G. Jones had said "The Publishing House" is the greatest building we have erected since we built the pyramids in Egypt. It is ours and we should be proud of it. It belongs absolutely to Negro Baptists, and shows what Negroes can do, working together. Negro contractors, Negro laborers and Negro money were used in its erection. It still owe \$600,000 and it is a great advertisement for us. It is a great evidence of our standing in the commercial world. We are going to pay for it. We were asked to do our part in helping to pay the debt. The debt has already been underwritten; we are now endeavoring to collect the pledges. The commission was called to Monday morning at the Armory.

Announcements made by President Layten. Vice President Strickland presented the offering to Mrs. E. E. Whitfield. Thanks were given by Sister Whitfield in happy words of loving appreciation.

A report read by Mrs. Gibbs, Alabama. Upon motion, it was received and adopted.

Two officers were elected—Second vice president and musical director. A motion prevailed to suspend rule and elect by acclamation. President Layten stated that nominations were in order. The following were nominated: Mrs. I. F. Bates, Kansas; Mrs. Jessie Mapp, Illinois; Mrs. A. J. Abington, Missouri; Mrs. R. L. Bennett, Pennsylvania; Mrs. C. D. Trice, Illinois; Mrs. Gibbs, Alabama. Misses Trice and Gibbs declined.

First vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. R. L. Bennett
 Mrs. A. J. Abington
 Mrs. Jessie Mapp
 Mrs. I. F. Bates

Second vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. J. C. Mapp
 Mrs. I. F. Bates

A motion to make Mrs. J. C. Mapp's election unanimous. (Carried.)

A motion that Mrs. Johnnie Amos be elected musical director. A nomination made that Mrs. M. J. Parker, Arkansas, be elected for musical director.

Votes cast for Mrs. Amos
 Votes cast for Mrs. M. J. Parker

A motion prevailed to make Mrs. M. J. Parker's election unanimous.

Song, By Prof. Lewis, "I Shall Get Home Some Day." rendered.

Mrs. L. L. Craig, Director of Young People's Department, invited Convention to go to Simmons' Campus for an outing Saturday afternoon. She also presented a hope chest to the successful worker, Miss Columbia Johnson, former president of Young People's Department.

President Layten made a presentation of \$100.00 Scholarship given to Miss King, District of Columbia, from Young People's Department.

Miss Burroughs complimented Miss King for the success she had attained in securing a scholarship for a worthy girl in the District of Columbia. Yells and cheers followed.

Mrs. S. F. Brown, Ga., and Miss C. Johnson, President of Young People's Department, made a presentation of a sofa pillow to Mrs. Craig.

Financial Report of Young People's Department, \$585.43.

Young people gave a love token to Miss C. Johnson, their executive.

Mrs. Viola Hill, Florida, reported funds raised for corresponding secretary's salary \$578.80 plus \$267.00 in hands of Finance Committee. She also offered prizes for those raising the most money to furnish the "Trades Building." A motion to adopt the report. (Carried.)

Executive Board called to meet at 7:30 p. m. The June Executive Board's report was read. Some discussion arose, finally report was adopted. (See report.)

Statement expressed that the Young People's Department include only of "teen" age.

Rev. John C. Love, pronounced benediction.

Evening Session (Executive Board)

The Executive Board opened by singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Prayer by Sister Drew.

Sister Arter, in memory of Sister Anna Williams, presented a motion to furnish a room in the Hospital in Monrovia. A motion carried to receive Mrs. Arter's report and give her a vote of thanks for her effort.

Finance Committee reported. Report was adopted. (See report.)

The Campaign Sales reported \$1,043.61. The report was adopted by motion.

The Enrollment Committee reported. Upon motion, the same was adopted. (See report.)

Mrs. Young reported for her district young people. A motion carried to receive report of young people.

Mrs. C. H. Parrish spoke in defense of Finance and Enrollment Committees suggesting that more be given them for services. A motion to give chairmen of those two committees \$6.00 per day for three days. Discussion arose; finally the motion carried.

Expense account was read. After considerable discussion, the report was adopted. A motion to pay expenses of president of Young People's Department. (Carried.)

A motion prevailed that no one sit in the Executive Board except the members of the Board, who were the officers and state directors, president and executive members of the states.

A motion to adjourn. (Carried.)

SUNDAY—Morning Service

Lampton Baptist Church
Organ voluntary by organist. Song, "Holy, Holy, Lord God, Almighty." Song, "Home of the Soul." The pastor, leading the congregation stood and repeated Psalms 113. Song, "After the Shadow, There Will Be Sunshine." Rev. Walter Brooks, District of Columbia, read the Scripture lesson, Psalm 98. Prayer by Dr. Thomas. Lord's Prayer was chanted. Congregation sang, "Bless Be the Tie." Sermon, Rev. J. C. Austin, Chicago, Ill.

President Layten introduced the speaker and called several other ministers to the pulpit, Rev. P. J. Bryant, Georgia, Harrison Young, Kansas.

Dr. Austin asked that we pray for God's blessing on the service. Song, "Every Day and Every Hour."

He said it was a blessing to be in Louisville, Ky., for the hospitality and kindness of its citizenry. He considered it a privilege to preach to our Woman's Convention. He had spoken to us once before. Complimented our work in foreign missions, made special reference to the work of Mesdames Mapp and Clark of this city.

Subject—"Challenge to the Church for Peace and Good will." Text, Luke 2:14. First, description of the country where the angels brought the good news and glad tidings. Beautiful description given of "early morn." Second, peace and good will, the objective of Jesus' visit to earth. (a) Glory to God! Jesus the wisdom, the voice, the express image of God. God fully revealed in Jesus. Glory to God, for his Son! God gets glory out of peace in his church. A sky without a cloud, peace, peace! No war in the home, no war in the church, no wire pulling, no deception, no working underground. Peace between preachers, between preachers and deacons, between conventions and conventions, between worker and worker in the church and in conventions. Third, how to have peace. Get self right; get peace in one's own self; know peace within. Have peace from a personal knowledge of Christ, as found in literature; but Jesus says "Come unto me and I will give you rest." Good will to all! Give the unfortunate ones a chance! Don't block their way. Good will is death to pride, malice; to backbiting and every evil work. Our progress retarded for lack of good will. Suggestive illustrations given. Text, Luke 2:14, first text. Good will to all men, make us true and ever right. Good will precedes peace. We are not working at our re-

son; that's the trouble in our churches. Love everybody! That will bring peace on earth, and good will to man. Closed this gracious message by singing "What a Fellowship". Prayer by Rev. H. Young, Kansas. Song, by Rev. Smiley, "But I Know Whom I Have Believed." All hearts were moved by this song, so touchingly rendered. An offering was taken. A supplementary Foreign Mission Report was made by Mrs. Maxwell, Missouri, making a total raised, \$4,742.03. Mrs. Clark expressed thanks for a Bible given her. Doxology. Benediction by Rev. P. J. Bryant, Georgia.

Evening Session—7:30 p. m.

Mrs. A. J. Abington, Missouri, encouraged the president of Lampton Baptist Church, B. Y. P. U. to have a brief Service.

The congregation sang; repeated Bible verses and took an offering of \$2.15 for the Lampton Church's B. Y. P. U. Sisters F. Brown, Georgia, and A. Winston, Indiana, conducted devotions. Song, "Glory to His Name." Prayer by Sister Westbrook, Indiana. Song, "More About Jesus". Ministers were invited to the pulpit. Choir sang "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart". Rev. Griffin, California, read John 18:19-37. Prayer by Dr. Marcher, Kansas.

Sermon, Rev. F. W. Botts, Los Angeles, California. Text, John 18:37. Subject, "A Correct Vision of the World's Challenge to the Church." First, Why was I born and to what purpose? (a) Answered wrong, brings woe and misery. Illustration—Napoleon. (b) How we may find out the correct answer. Read the Bible. The Bible reveals God, and tells us the purpose for which Jesus was born and also for what we, ourselves, were born. Suffering was necessary that Jesus might sympathize with man, to the end, that of suffering and death, was Jesus born. The story of Jesus' suffering and death effectively told. How shall we meet the challenge of the world to the church? Continue to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to all the world. The three sons of Noah separated after the flood to different parts of the earth; they all came together at Jesus' cross. The Jews, sons of Shem, clamored for his death; Judas Iscariot betrayed him; Simon, son of Ham, helped Jesus carry his cross up Calvary, and Pilate, son of Japheth, crucified him. Even as Jesus was born to suffer and die that we might live eternally, so we are born to suffer and serve, as God directs us. To what purpose were you born? Consider it seriously and prayerfully!

Closed by choir, "Ring the Message Out." A resolution committee was named by President Layten—Sisters Mrs. Gibbs and others. Song, "Angels of Jesus, Angels of Light." Solo, Miss Waters, Ohio. She sang effectively "He Will Give Rest to Your Souls". Miss Waters was highly complimented as a real musical artist; a graduate from Boston Conservatory.

Mrs. Abington presented prizes to the young women in the Oratorical Contest—Misses Gaither, Illinois and Lee of Georgia.

Mrs. S. F. Brown, Georgia, presented a handsome hand-dyed silk robe and a purse to Miss N. H. Burroughs, in an unique and pleasing talk having the lady stand, who made the robe. Resumes of Miss Burroughs was full of love and gratitude. Further remarks by Miss Burroughs, complimenting the Lampton Baptist Church and the good people of Louisville for making our stay so pleasant.

Solo, "Oh, It's Real; It's Real, Oh, I Know It's Real," sweetly rendered by Mrs. Beatrice Griffin.

Rev. Adams, New York, installed the officers.

Song, "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again",

Closing prayer and benediction by Pastor James Williams, Lampton Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.

Since a pleasant and attractive atmosphere contributes so much to the success of any meeting, and since some preparation to facilitate the work of the Convention must be made in advance, we suggest that a permanent committee, to be known as the Convention Committee, composed of nine persons, be appointed to cooperate with the corresponding secretary preparatory for and throughout the meeting. The duties of the committee would be to arrange the rostrum for all sessions; to receive notices that are to be read to the Convention, to correlate the same and pass them to the president in proper form; to receive visitors, singers and speakers, not programmed, who are to be presented to the Convention; consult with the president as to the best time to present them, then notify such persons who have been granted the privilege of appearing; to be in the auditorium at least fifteen minutes before the time of opening the devotions and if the leaders who are programmed to open are not present, the committee can make arrangements for opening devotions on time; call attention to Executive Board of the need of plans to secure better order, creating a highly spiritual atmosphere and carrying out the program as adopted by the Convention.

Signed:

MISS N. H. BURROUGHS
MRS. B. C. CARTER, Chairman
MRS. H. M. GIBBS, Sec'y
MRS. E. B. THOMAS
MRS. E. W. D. ISAAC, Sr.

COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS

We, your Committee on Recommendations, submit the following: We recommend that a vote of thanks be tendered our president, S. W. Layton, for her efforts in helping raise \$7,000.00 for the Convention. Further, we recommend that a vote of thanks be tendered Mrs. E. B. Thomas for her excellent help in raising \$3,000.00 for Nurse Oceany. We recommend a vote of thanks to Mrs. Mapp for her great success in raising \$2,057.43 in two years, through her Rummage Sales. We recom-

end a vote of thanks be given Mrs. M. B. Clark for her service in raising \$200.00 through her Art Department. We further recommend a vote of thanks be given Attorney Rush for service so beautifully rendered in framing the constitution of United States demonstration. Further, that we appreciate the recognition given by Dr. A. M. Townsend and Publishing Board in organizing a Woman's Commission to collect underwritten.

We recommend that a standing vote of thanks be tendered Pastor Williams and his members for their loyal service rendered our Convention during the session. We also recommend that five minutes be given state presidents and directors and each of them use two and a half minutes.

MRS. A. J. ABINGTON, Chairman
MRS. E. O. ALLEN, Sec'y

Members from every state (Printer asked us to abbreviate, hence the omission of names.)

Further recommendations: That a vote of thanks be tendered Vice President Strickland for raising \$1,000.00 on Secretary Burroughs' salary; also to Mrs. Viola Hill for raising \$1,700.00 in the Baby Contest.

Art Department

Mrs. M. A. Clark, Illinois	Mrs. P. H. Harris, Mississippi
Mrs. Burrell, Minnesota	Mrs. E. Henderson, Illinois
Mrs. Holland, New Jersey	Mrs. E. Horton, Illinois
Mrs. C. M. Wells, Alabama	Mrs. M. J. Hudgens, Illinois
Mrs. W. E. Thomas, Florida	Mrs. Mary Greaves, Illinois
Mrs. Florence Jenkins, Missouri	Miss Mary M. Scott, Iowa
Mrs. Fannie Wilson, California	Mrs. Estella Diggs, Missouri (Jefferson City)
Mrs. A. G. Kimeck, Arkansas	

Committee on Woman's Suffrage

Mrs. Gertrude Rush, Ill., Iowa	Mrs. Louise Cook, Missouri
Mrs. Hattie McCoy	Mrs. E. A. Phillips, Arkansas
Mrs. M. E. Malone	Mrs. Porter Baxter, Illinois

Committee on Education

After carefully considering the educational phase of our Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, we are pleased to note the improved conditions of school housing; increased salaries, longer terms and increased interest on the part of Educational Boards. As an expression of our appreciation and our desire to promote Christian education, we recommend that systematic Bible study be encouraged in the missionary societies throughout the states and at least one Missionary Society Course be conducted in each missionary society during the year. We stress the use of the literature suggested by President Layton and Secretary Burroughs in our missionary societies.

That the educational Committee promote a "Scholarship Fund" to be given to worthy students, in ratio as follows: The state reporting the largest amount of money over \$50.00 will be given a year's scholarship to a worthy student of that state amounting to not more than \$150.00. The state reporting the next largest above \$50.00 be given a scholarship not more than \$100.00. The state reporting the third largest above \$50.00 be given a scholarship not more than \$75.00.

Fourth, that the Scholarship Fund start in this 1928 Session of the Woman's Convention, with an initial Fund of \$112.25 to be held in trust, by the Woman's Auxiliary Convention to be applied to the deserving students

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recommended by the Educational Committee, beginning September, 1920.
Respectfully submitted:

- MRS. KATHERINE JACKSON, Tennessee
- MRS. B. E. PITTS ANDERSON, Alabama
- MISS V. B. MILLER, Texas, Secretary
- MRS. MESSIE THOMPSON, Michigan
- MRS. A. M. TOWNSEND, Tenn. Asst. Sec'y
- MRS. M. E. BROCKWAY, Chairman
- MRS. MADEL GIERDON, Indiana
- MRS. C. S. RICHARDSON, Indiana
- MISS MATTIE BRADSHAW, Kansas
- MRS. M. ANDERSON, Tennessee
- MRS. A. E. RIVERS, Alabama
- MRS. L. J. FRAZIER, Indiana
- MRS. JENNIE ROSS, Kentucky
- MRS. DELLA M. GODSON, Georgia
- MRS. W. H. SALZBURG, District of Columbia
- MRS. L. LEOTA CASTON, Missouri
- MRS. L. C. DELANEY, Arkansas
- MRS. M. R. JOHNSON, California
- MRS. M. A. EDWARDS, Mississippi
- MRS. I. H. GONEY, Mississippi
- MRS. P. J. SMITH, Mississippi
- MRS. JENNIE ST. CLAIR, Michigan
- MRS. B. MATLOCK, Illinois
- MRS. E. T. MARTIN, Illinois
- MRS. CATHERINE JACKSON, Nebraska
- MRS. MINNIE THOMPSON, Michigan
- MRS. A. J. BRYANT, Michigan
- MRS. FANNIE ADAMS, Indiana
- MRS. CARBIE FOSTER, Indiana
- MRS. D. S. A. DAVIDSON, Oklahoma

Committee on Obituary

Madam President and Members of the Convention:

We, your Committee on Obituary, reverently submit our report.
Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day. Here we have no continuing city; but we seek one to come.

During the year there have gone from us dear co-workers to dwell in that celestial city. Sister Mary McDowell, Missouri, second vice president for several years, departed this life last July. She was a lovable character, earnest and zealous in her support of the work of this Convention. She was a busy, useful woman being officially connected both with religious and civic societies. We have missed her sweet smiles and services in this session; we have lost one of our most faithful workers; we have missed the bright glow of her eyes, when she sang, with fervor, "Praise God, I'm Satisfied." We believe that today she is satisfied.

Sister Josephine Stranglin, a faithful worker of the Foreign Mission Board for more than twenty years, has also gone to that sweet haven of rest. Gentle and sweet in her disposition, she was loved by all who knew her.

Sister M. M. Garner, Vice President Southwestern District Convention, answered the Bells Call and has gone from labor to reward.

Others who are best known in their local fields, but a part of us in prayer and service, have been called home. It is God's way, his will. Though gone, they have left a living example of loving service, of our emulation. May this tribute of respect, as expressing the sympathy of the Woman's Convention bear some comfort to the bereaved and friends, with the fond hope of a happy reunion. It is not

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weep; the hour is not dark; can the way be dark, when God's saints are passing? No, never.

Oh, blessed sleep, that will not break,
For tears, nor prayers, nor for love's sweet sake."
Oh, perfect rest, that knows no pain,
No throb, no thrill of heart or brain.
Oh, life sublime, beyond all speech,
That only the pure, through dying reach
God understands and his ways are right.
Bid his beloved a long good night.

Lovingly submitted,

Your committee,

- MRS. INDIA BUTLER, Chairman
- MRS. V. B. PERSON, Alabama
- MRS. B. E. SCOTT, Texas
- MRS. CARRIE CARY, Florida
- MRS. L. A. TURNER, Kansas
- MRS. PRUDENCE DOOLEY, Alabama
- MRS. E. M. LAWRENCE, Tennessee
- MISS NANCY JONES, Tennessee
- MRS. HESTER FOREST, Georgia
- MRS. ELLEN HOGANS, Georgia
- MRS. B. K. ARTHUR, Missouri
- MRS. BESSIE EDWARDS, Arkansas
- MRS. GEORGIA JACKSON, Michigan
- MRS. A. D. ZUBER, Mississippi
- MRS. W. P. THOMAS, Mississippi

Enrollment Committee

We, your Committee on Enrollment, submit the following:

State Conventions represented	29
Regional conventions represented	2
District associations represented	38
Missionary societies represented	117
Singlight Bands represented	1
Registration represented	224
Delegates enrolled	624

Respectfully submitted:

- MRS. RUTH L. BENNETT, Pennsylvania, Chn.
- MRS. ANNABEL JONES, Michigan, Secretary
- MRS. ALICE TUCKER, Pennsylvania

We recommend that letter blanks will bear the \$10.00 basis of representation instead of \$5.00.

Disbursements

President S. W. Kayser, salary and expenses	\$ 209 93
Vice President Mrs. Mrs. M. D. Wilson	87 10
Cor. Secretary, Mrs. N. H. Burroughs, expenses	55 72
Rec. Sec'y, Mrs. V. W. Burroughs, salary and expenses	93 97
Asst. Recording Sec'y, Mrs. M. E. Goins, salary and expenses	67 49
Treasurer, Mrs. M. V. Parrish, salary	50 00
Local Adviser, Mrs. Gertrude Bush	230 00
Secretary, Mrs. W. D. Carter	35 00
Asst. Sec'y, Mrs. W. E. McKinney	25 00
Secretary, Mrs. M. Maxwell	10 00
Secretary, Mrs. M. Wilson	35 00
Departmental Young People, Mrs. L. L. Craig	48 00
Secretary, Mrs. J. M. C. Amos	10 00
Others, C. M. Wells, H. O. Nelson	12 00

Finance and Enrollment Committees	\$ 120 00
Art Dept., Mrs. M. A. Clark	12 00
Bummage Sale Dept., Mrs. J. C. Mapp, expenses	12 00
Mrs. Viola Hill, services	25 00
Pianist, Miss Alfreda Gibbs	25 00
Mrs. M. J. Brockway, expenses	7 25
Scholarship, Miss King	100 00
President Young People, Miss Columbia Johnson, expenses	40 00
Mrs. J. C. Mapp	20 00
Floral Offering	25 00
Badges	75 00
	\$ 1,538 25

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Louisville, Ky., September 5-11, 1928.

Receipts

For Foreign Missions:

Letters	\$ 733 34
Bummage Sale	943 01
Previously paid	109 50
Per Mrs. L. Maxwell	941 75
Per Mrs. J. E. East (From Mrs. Perkins, Toledo, Ohio)	300 00
Law Enforcement Committee	15 00
Art Department	151 42
Young People's Department	64 70
Anna C. Williams, (Memorial Dep't).	73 00
	\$3,129 94
Previously paid Dr. East	204 00
Balance Due	\$2,925 94

For Home Missions

Letters	\$ 240 24
Training School (Designated) \$611.80; Home Missions Com. Mrs. Flowers, \$21.00; Young People's Dep't, \$71.75)	704 55
Cor. secretary, salary (Regular donations \$151.00; special effort by Mrs. Hill, \$579.00)	720 00
Education Foreign Student	140 58
Education Committee	142 25
Convention expenses	1 324 00
Law Enforcement Committee	20 00
	\$3,291 54

Young People's Department

For Foreign Missions (Designated)	\$ 140 00
For Scholarship, District of Columbia	71 75
Training School	10 00
Pianist (Miss Alfreda Gibbs)	25 00
	\$246 75
Expenses of regional directresses	68 00

Printing charts, cards, etc.	\$ 68 41
Referred (See report)	200 21
	\$ 268 62

Total Receipts From All Sources	\$ 6,781 99
Previously Paid Secretary East	200 00
Reported to Cor. Sec'y Burroughs	203 50
Reported to Mrs. Flowers for Publishing Board	43 30

Grand Total \$7,228 79

Committee:

MRS. SARAH F. LEWIS, District of Columbia, Chn.
 MRS. C. D. ROBINSON, California
 MRS. I. F. BATES, Kansas
 MRS. E. B. THOMAS, New Jersey
 MRS. ANNABEL JONES, Michigan

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NAME OF ORGANIZATION	DELEGATES AND NAME OF PLACE	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education of Foreign Students	National Training School	General Expenses of Convention	Young People's Department	Corresponding Secretary's Salary	Total
ALABAMA									
Alabama Baptist Women's Convention	Mrs. H. M. Gibbs, Mrs. R. F. Pitts Anderson, Mrs. L. B. Person, Mrs. E. M. Morton, Mrs. W. B. Powell, Mrs. C. M. Wells					50 00			50 00
Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Missionary Society	Mrs. Epsie Robinson W. Birmingham								5 00
Mt. Zion Missionary Society	Mrs. A. E. Rivers, Anniston								5 00
Woman's Missionary Society of the Devter Ave. Baptist Church	Mrs. C. M. Wells, Mrs. H. M. Gibbs, Montgomery					10 00			10 00
Star Progressive Woman's Convention of the New Era District	Mrs. Linnie Whiteson, Mrs. Mary E. Baker, Carbon Hill								25 00
The Mobile Woman's District	Mrs. L. B. Warren	3 00	50	1 50		10 80			15 00
Peace Baptist District Convention	Mrs. E. M. Morton, Birmingham					10 00			10 00
First Baptist Missionary Society	Mrs. M. J. Mitchell, El Dorado								5 00
ARKANSAS									
Ouchita District	Mrs. A. Catha Kendrick, Rev. Wm. Criner	3 00	3 00			5 00			11 00
Organ District Association	Mrs. L. C. Delaney, Texarkana	5 00				5 00			10 00
Southeast Women's Association	Mrs. S. E. Bailey, Mrs. O. E. Williams	35 25		5 00		16 00			55 25
Founders' Missionary Society	Mrs. Rosalie Edwards, Dickersville								1 00
Canaan Missionary Society	Rev. L. L. Worlds, Texarkana	5 00				5 00			10 00
Arkansas Baptist Women's Convention	Mrs. A. Drew	25 00	5 00		5 00	10 00		5 00	60 00
Antioch District	Mrs. Roscoe, Mrs. Willie D. Jackson	5 00	5 00	1 50	2 50	12 00			25 00
St. Nazarin District Convention	Mrs. A. Pettus, Mrs. Grady	5 00	2 00	1 50		1 00	50		14 00
East Arkansas District	Mrs. J. Waterford, Mrs. Vincent	5 00	3 00			5 00			13 00
M. V. B. V. Woman's Association	Mrs. Phelps	5 00	5 00	2 50	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	31 00
P. L. M. and D. District	Mrs. Haha Baines, Mrs. Eliza Phillips	15 00	5 00	2 50	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	28 50
C. W. R. Woman's District Association	Mrs. Susie A. Stuard, Mrs. Idella Darby	15 00	5 00	1 00	5 00			50	25 50
ARIZONA									
Little Zion Missionary Society	Mrs. E. T. Henry, Winslow	5 00				5 00			10 00
CALIFORNIA									
California Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to Western Baptist Association	Mrs. C. D. Robinson, Mrs. B. C. Carter, Mrs. S. A. Botts, Mrs. Nora Sanders, Mrs. Julia Shannon, Mrs. N. Miles, Mrs. D. B. Brooks	40 00	7 20		11 00	11 00		10 00	89 20
H. and F. Missionary Society of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	Mrs. Essie Jordan, Mrs. Hattie McCoy, Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Fanny Wilson				2 50	2 00		5 00	10 00
COLORADO									
New Hope Missionary Society	Mrs. E. M. Mallard, Mrs. B. L. Ward, Mrs. Wm. Coleman, Denver				5 00	10 00			15 00
City Missionary Union	Mrs. L. S. Powell, Mrs. B. L. Ward, Mrs. Easie Mallard, Denver	5 00			5 00				10 00
Queen Esther Missionary Society of the Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. I. S. Powell, Mrs. G. J. Norrington, Mrs. B. Hall, Denver	2 50				2 50			10 00
WASHINGTON, D. C.									
E. B. Delaney Missionary Society of the Bethlehem	Mrs. E. H. Groce Smith								5 00
Young Ladies Missionary Society Mt. Carmel Baptist Church	Mrs. Elizabeth Craig, Miss C. J. Woolfolk, Miss J. Woolfolk, Miss R. C. Jernagin	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	5 00			10 00
Mt. Zion Missionary Society of the Mt. Jezreel	Mrs. Hattie Hames, Mrs. Bessie Mercer, Miss D. E. Harris, Mrs. W. A. Jernagin	2 00		1 00		5 00			10 00
Missionary Society of Mt. Carmel		5 00			5 00	5 00			15 00
Woman's Convention Auxiliary to the Baptist Convention of the D. C.	Mrs. A. F. Lewis, Miss D. E. Harris, Mrs. Lillian Maxwell, Mrs. Marie Marshall, Mrs. A. J. Tyler	5 00			25 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	50 00
Missionary Society of the Liberty Baptist Church	Mrs. Ethel O. Allen, Washington, D. C.	5 00				5 00			10 00
Woman's Club of Metropolitan Baptist Church	Mrs. Susie R. Saunders, Washington, D. C.			2 00	5 00				3 00
Mt. Bethel Baptist Woman's Convention of Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia	Mrs. Luta S. Richardson	5 00			10 00	5 00		5 00	25 00
FLORIDA									
Florida Ave. Baptist Missionary Society	Miss E. A. Jackson					5 00	5 00		10 00
Woman's Baptist State Convention	Mrs. Viola T. Hill, Mrs. Jannie Morris, Mrs. Lucy Simpson, Mrs. Olivia Brown, Mrs. Fatsie Hill, Mrs. A. B. Thomas, Mrs. Veora B. Floyd	2 50	2 50	5 00	15 00	2 50		2 50	30 00

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NAME OF ORGANIZATION	DELEGATES AND NAME OF PLACE	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Normal School	General Expenses of Commission	Young People's Department	Care of Clergy	Total
Highland Missionary Society	Mrs. Ethyl K. Thomas, Kansas City	1 00	1 00		5 00	3 00			10 00
Corinthian Missionary Society	Mrs. Ada McField, St. Louis				5 00		5 00		10 00
Berean Woman's Convention	Mrs. Belle F. Woods				10 00				10 00
MINNESOTA									
Woman's Auxiliary of Minnesota	Mrs. Ella M. Golden, Mrs. Annie O. Jordan, Mrs. Fannie Sears, Mrs. Mayme T. Burwell, Mrs. Theresa Solomon, Mrs. Hannah Duncan, Mrs. Margrette Cleary	20 00				5 00			25 00
NEBRASKA									
Woman's Convention Auxiliary to New Era Association	Mrs. Georgia Thomas, Mrs. H. W. Botts, Mrs. Catherine Jackson, Mrs. Addie Turner, Mrs. Lily Stoval, Mrs. E. J. Griffin	25 00	5 00			20 00	6 00		56 00
Solomon Missionary Society	Mrs. Guller Killings, Mrs. E. H. Nilson, Mrs. Mamie Thomas, Mrs. Mamie Sills								70 00
Mary Magdalene Missionary Society of Mt. Zion Baptist Church	Mrs. Ursula E. Botts	1 00	2 00			1 00	1 00	1 00	10 00
NEW JERSEY									
Woman's Home Missionary Society of Zion Hill	Mrs. Ella Parker, Mrs. M. Obyant, Mrs. B. C. Borders, Rev. H. T. Borders, Newark	5 00	5 00			5 00			15 00
Morwell Missionary Society	Mrs. V. A. Stovall, Newark								10 00
Woman's Home Missionary of Pentecost Baptist Church	Mrs. V. A. Stovall, Newark								10 00
NEW YORK									

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	DELEGATES AND NAME OF PLACE	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Normal School	General Expenses of Commission	Young People's Department	Care of Clergy	Total
Central Union Church and Foreign Missions	Dixon Circle, Henderson, Brooklyn	10 00			5 00				15 00
OHIO									
Tried Stone Missionary Society	Mrs. Mamie R. Jackson, Cleveland	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	10 00		50	72 00
Zion Hill Missionary Society	Mrs. Emma Neal, Cleveland								10 00
Shiloh Missionary Society									10 00
OKLAHOMA									
Women's State Convention of Oklahoma	C. E. Mahardy, Mrs. H. T. Jackson, Mrs. M. V. Chin, Mrs. D. S. A. Davidson, Mrs. A. M. Smyth, Mrs. M. A. Jones, Mrs. M. L. Bachelor, Mrs. F. A. Shaw, Mrs. E. M. Ballou, Mrs. R. B. Surratt, Mrs. Mabel L. Rose, Mrs. J. R. Goff, G. Mack, Mrs. M. J. Brockway								50 00
Woman's N. W. District Convention	Mrs. M. V. Chin, Mrs. Jennie Davis, Mrs. F. A. Weathers, Mrs. Beulah Hollis								10 00
Chickasaw District	Mrs. J. R. Goff, Mrs. D. S. A. Davidson, Mrs. M. L. Bachelor, Mrs. J. N. Johnson								10 00
Creek District Association	Mrs. R. T. Jackson, Mrs. R. B. Surratt, Mrs. L. A. Lewis, Mrs. Mayme Moore, Miss Rozie Anderson, Mrs. Emma Meacham								10 00
Fairview Missionary Society	Mrs. Christena Frow, Oklahoma City	2 00	1 00	2 00		3 00	2 00		10 00
First Woman Home, Missionary Society	Mrs. Mary Moore, Mrs. Hannah Williams, Mrs. Emma Meacham, Tulsa								10 00
St. John's Missionary Society	Rev. J. W. Johnson, Oklahoma City								5 00
Mt. Calvary Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. C. E. Stearn, Muskogee								10 00
Tabernacle Missionary Society	Mrs. Lucy G. Mack, Mrs. A. M. Smyth								10 00
Calvary Missionary Society	Mrs. M. J. Brockway, Mrs. E. McKnight, Oklahoma City								10 00
PENNSYLVANIA									
Woman's Auxiliary State Convention	Mrs. Alice Tucker, Mrs. S. W. Layten, Mrs. Ruth L. Bennett, Mrs. Josie Graham, Mrs. E. P. Matthews	3 00	3 00	3 00	20 00	5 00	2 00	10 00	50 00
Shiloh Malaha Missionary Society	Rev. W. H. B. Powell, Mrs. W. H. R. Powell, Mrs. Madeline Tillman, Mrs. S. W. Layten, Philadelphia								10 00
Union Lydian Missionary Society	Mrs. Alice Tucker, Philadelphia					1 40	3 00		5 00
Ebenezer Senior Missionary Society	Mrs. Mary E. Johnson, Pittsburgh					3 00	2 00		5 00
Providence Missionary Society	Mrs. Ruth L. Bennett, Chester					5 40			10 40
Central Missionary	Mrs. Mamie Wallace, Pittsburgh					10 40			10 40
New Zion Missionary Society	Mrs. Anna Ward, Pittsburgh	2 00				5 00			10 00

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NAME OF ORGANIZATION	DELEGATES AND NAME OF PLACE	Con- v. Num- ber	Hours Missions	Education For- warded Students	National Train- ing School	General Expen- se at Convention	Young People's Department	Cor- por- ate Salary	Total
Woman's Auxiliary New England Baptist Missionary Society	Mrs. E. B. Holland, Mrs. E. P. Matthews	5 00	2 50	5 00	5 00	2 50		5 00	25 00
SOUTH DAKOTA									
St. John's Missionary	Mrs. H. W. Willett								10 00
TENNESSEE									
Women's Auxiliary Baptist State Convention	Mrs. J. B. Tartt, Mrs. M. A. Bell, Mrs. W. A. Townsend, Mrs. M. S. Eddings, Mrs. M. G. Valentine, Mrs. Maggie Turner, Mrs. Jennie Peak, Mrs. Carrie Keith, Mrs. Laura Brown, Mrs. E. M. Lawrence, Mrs. J. H. Lawrence, Mrs. V. W. Broughton, Mrs. E. W. D. Isaac, Sr. Mrs. S. R. Lee, Mrs. Harshaw, Mrs. S. A. Owen, Mrs. F. P. Cooper, Mrs. L. G.				20 00	20 00		10 00	50 00
Woman's River Side Association	Mrs. L. B. Shields, Memphis							5 00	5 00
Friendship District Association	Mrs. A. Belle Chatterbox							10 00	2 00
Spence St. Mission Society	Mrs. E. Hurd							10 00	10 00
Missionary Society	Mrs. E. W. D. Isaac, Mrs. A. M. Townsend, Mrs. E. T. Brown, Nashville							10 00	10 00
Woman's Auxiliary General Association Metropolitan Missionary and Educational Society	Mrs. M. S. Edding, Memphis							5 00	5 00
Spence St. Missionary and Educational Society	Mrs. Robinson							5 00	5 00
TEXAS									
St. Mark Missionary Society	Mrs. J. N. Snow, Mrs. J. M. C. Amos, Mrs. S. B. Jones, Mrs. E. A. Wilson	10 00	6 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	30 00
Macedonia Missionary Society	Mrs. Vinnie A. McIntyre, Cisco	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	5 00
Old Land Mark Association	Mrs. E. A. Wilson, Mrs. J. N. Snow, Dallas							1 00	5 00
Cypress District Woman's Association	Mrs. B. E. Scott, Mrs. M. A. Shackle	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 50	2 50	25 00
Friendship District Woman's Convention	Mrs. H. C. Folk, Mrs. G. C. Sampson, Mrs. L. J. Norton	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	5 00	25 00
Mt. Glend Missionary Society	Mrs. A. L. Wilson, Mrs. G. C. Sampson, Mrs. L. J. McNorton, Ft. Worth	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	10 00
Mt. Olive District Convention	Miss Jessie D. Holman, Longview							2 00	10 00
Bethesda Missionary Society	Mrs. S. E. Ridd, Marshall							2 00	10 00
Zion Women's District Convention	Mrs. T. E. Y. Rollard	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 50	2 50	5 00	25 00
West Texas District Women's Association	Mrs. H. C. Nelson, Mrs. Vinnie McIntyre	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 50	2 50	2 50	25 00
East Texas Mt. Zion District Convention	Mrs. Ida Dossagan, Fimpton	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 50	2 50	2 50	25 00
Antioch Missionary Society	Mrs. Virginia B. Nihar, Mrs. E. L. Harrison, Mrs. R. T. Anderson, Houston							3 00	5 00
St. John Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. J. M. Amos, Dallas							5 00	10 00
St. John Starlight Band								5 00	5 00
Lagrange District Convention	Mrs. I. A. Greene	10 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 50	25 00
Trinity Valley Women's District Convention	Mrs. A. Wilson	2 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	6 00	3 00	5 00	25 00
VIRGINIA									
The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Mrs. Z. D. Lewis				40 00	10 00			50 00
WISCONSIN									
Mt. Zion Missionary Society	Mrs. M. E. Saunders, Milwaukee								5 00
Galilee Missionary Society	Mrs. C. M. Mathews, Milwaukee			10 00					10 00
WESTERN STATES									
Western Baptist Convention	Mrs. Ida F. Bates, Mrs. Gertrude Rush, Mrs. Mary E. Gols, Mrs. G. R. Young, Mrs. E. T. Dean, Mrs. M. B. Clark, Mrs. N. Fay Burton	10 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	5 00		50 00



JOHN L. WEBB
President Laymen's Movement

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OF THE

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HELD WITH THE

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Louisville, Ky.

September 6, 7, 1928

Proceedings

Louisville, Kentucky

The National Baptist Laymen's Movement, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention U. S. A., assembled in its Fifth Annual Session in the City of Louisville, Kentucky. Meeting was held at Zion Baptist Church, opening Thursday, September 6, at 10 o'clock. Devotions were conducted by Prof. J. H. Smiley, Gospel Singer of Louisville.

The president, Hon. Jno. L. Webb, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, presided over the sessions, and in his opening remarks congratulated the representatives from the different states, asserting that the laymen were gaining prestige and power as a factor in the National Convention system, and the future of the enterprise is full of promise.

During the opening session brief addresses were delivered by Rev. Wilson, Prof. J. R. E. Lee, President of State Normal School of Florida; J. T. Smith, Dallas, Texas, and Hon. Chas. M. Roberson, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Afternoon Session

Opened at 3:00 o'clock. Presided over by Hon. Jno. L. Webb, President. Fervent devotions were conducted by Prof. J. H. Smiley.

The president announced the house in order for business. The meeting was addressed by Prof. A. L. Garvin, Louisville. Prof. A. H. Creed, Selma, Ala., spoke in the interest of promoting a more intensive campaign for the laymen's cause, that the size of following may make its impress.

The following committees were appointed:

Resolutions—E. Lyons, New York; P. M. Smith, Mississippi; S. W. [unclear], Alabama.

Program and Arrangements—Prof. J. H. Creed, Alabama; Prof. W. L. [unclear], Georgia; Prof. J. H. Smiley, Kentucky.

Credentials—C. T. Smith, Texas; J. E. Kuykendall, Kentucky; P. M. Smith, Mississippi.

State of Country—Chas. M. Roberson, Attorney, Louisiana; J. H. Creed, Alabama; J. H. Kuykendall, Kentucky; Dr. Jno. H. Williams, Kentucky; J. F. Smith, Texas; Wm. H. Falconer, Arkansas; Louis Sutton, Indiana; J. T. Willis, District of Columbia.

Amount received from enrollment	\$ 18 00
Previously received	91 00
Total	\$ 109 00 (387)

FRIDAY—Morning Session, September 7

The National Laymen's Movement met on above date at 10 o'clock, with President Hon. Jno. L. Webb, presiding.

A very inspiring devotional service was conducted by Prof. J. H. Smiley. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. "Tithing" was the topic for discussion, and was ably introduced by Prof. Smiley, himself as practitioner of giving the Lord his tenth. J. E. Lyons, of New York, spoke on the subject, not quite in favor of the system, and P. M. Smith, Mississippi, spoke in favor of Tithing as the Bible system of proportionate giving. President Webb delivered the closing words on the discussion, and had the Laymen Convention to understand that he gave not only ten per cent, but twenty per cent of his earnings.

Verbal pledges were made and "Stewardship of Possession" was registered as one of the topics for discussion in the next meeting.

The Rev. F. L. Sanders, Pastor of Spruce Street Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, was introduced by Prof. J. H. Creed, and delivered an effective address expressing highest endorsement of the Laymen's Movement.

Mrs. Annie R. Rice, of Louisville, Kentucky, was introduced and addressed the meeting on "Christian Missions". Rev. Hampton T. Gaskins, Washington, D. C., spoke enthusiastically on "The Need of the Laymen's Movement". Rev. Gaskins indicated that the minister was first a layman. Committee on Program and Arrangements submitted report and same was approved.

Committee on Resolutions made report and same was adopted. Report of Committee on State of the Country was submitted and same was received and adopted. (See report.)

Dr. W. B. M. Scott, Chicago, Ill., was introduced and addressed the Convention on "Social Education."

Miss Lois L. McCall, 127 W. 131st Street, New York, Secretary of University Correspondence System Religious and Social Education, was introduced and spoke in the interest of the system she is promoting.

Dr. Sutton E. Griggs, Memphis, Tennessee, spoke very encouragingly on the Laymen's Organization as being a most essential factor in our denominational program. Dr. Griggs insisted that the Laymen's organization is calculated to be the most powerful business asset of our denomination.

By motion of G. T. Smith, Texas, Dr. Griggs was elected "Director General" of the National Baptist Laymen's Movement of America.

The closing address was delivered by Prof. J. H. Creed, Georgia. Enrollment for the evening was as follows, each of whom paid \$1.00:

W. M. Talley, 1148 Seventeenth Avenue, N., Nashville, Tenn.
Joseph Jentons, 56 Ford Street, Rochester, N. Y.
Oscar Moore, 1733 Lucas Street, St. Louis, Mo., by Rev. E. D. Jackson, Pastor.

G. W. Robinson, Louisville, Ky.
Rev. Sleverson, Lexington, Ky.
Wash Hamilton, 812 Twenty-third Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.
Mrs. Annie Rice, Louisville, Ky.

Afternoon Session

At 3:00 o'clock the Laymen's Delegation assembled at the Simon Auditorium to execute the program of the "Laymen's Period" in the National Baptist Convention. The Laymen marched in singing "Onward Christian Soldiers," led by Prof. John H. Smiley.

Dr. L. K. Williams, President of the National Baptist Convention, presented the gavel to Hon. Jno. L. Webb, President National Laymen's Movement, to conduct the "Laymen's Hour." President Webb presided with ease and dignity. Addresses on the "Place and Possibilities of the Laymen's Movement" were delivered by Hon. J. Finley Wilson, Exalted Ruler of the Order of Elks, Washington, D. C.; Attorney Chas. M. Roberson, Hon. Jos. M. Ray, of Louisiana, and Dr. Spurgeon Davis, of Montgomery, Alabama. Quite a number of ministers and laymen were enrolled during this period.

Collection by States

Arkansas		Georgia	
Dr. Jno. L. Webb	\$102 00	J. D. Williams	\$ 00
Wm. H. Falconer	00	Prof. W. L. Hughes	00
W. B. Parker, M. D.	00	Dr. P. James Bryant	00
Prof. H. W. Wheeler	00	Rev. E. P. Johnson	00
Rev. J. A. Taylor	00	Rev. O. C. Thomas	00
Richard Bennett	00	Rev. J. H. Gadsden	00
Shoanoke Laymen	5 00		
Rev. A. J. Jackson	00	Total	\$ 6 00
Rev. J. R. Jamison	00		
Total	\$114 00	Illinois	
Alabama		Hon. E. D. Pierson	\$ 00
Prof. J. H. Creed	\$ 00	D. R. Tyler	00
W. Nichols	00	Total	\$ 2 00
Prof. R. B. Hulison	00	Indiana	
Total	\$ 3 00	L. Sutton	\$ 00
District of Columbia		Dr. S. C. Alexander	00
H. T. Willis	2 00	W. G. Williams	00
Wash Hamilton	00	Oscar McDowell	00
Rev. Aquilla Sales, D. D.	00	R. L. Johnson	00
Total	\$ 4 00	Chas. Valentine	00
		W. M. Thorn	00
		Dr. W. A. Lee	00
Florida		Total	\$ 8 00
W. L. Graham	\$ 5 00	Kentucky	
Dr. E. A. Lee	1 00	Prof. J. H. Smiley	\$ 00
Total	\$ 6 00	Dr. John H. Williams	00
		J. E. Kuykendall	3 00

H. C. Russell	\$1 00		
A. L. Garvin	1 00		Michigan
Joseph M. Ray	1 00	Andrew Jackson McCreary	1 00
L. A. Offutt	1 00		
Dr. A. M. Hammons	1 00		North Carolina
Henry Allen	1 00		
W. P. Offutt	1 00	C. C. Spaulding	1 00
J. O. Blanton	1 00		
Martin Hughes	1 00		New York
J. T. Woods	1 00		
Rev. George W. Hampton	1 00	J. E. Lyons	1 00
G. W. Robinson	1 00	State Laymen by J. E. Lyons	1 00
Thomas H. Bradford	1 00	L. Timmour	1 00
Rev. Steverson	1 00	Joseph Jentons	1 00
Mrs. Annie Rice	1 00	Dr. W. H. Moses	1 00
T. H. Mason	1 00	J. Finley Wilson	1 00
Sam Burdett	1 00	George Haynes	1 00
Bent Lard	1 00	J. B. Adams	1 00
J. Ed. Smith	1 00	Alexander Brown	1 00
James Coleman	1 00	Mrs. Evelyn Gray	1 00
Dr. L. G. Jordan	1 00	Rev. H. M. Smith	1 00
Rev. Paul C. Cayce	1 00		
John H. Williams, M. D.	1 00	Total	1 00
Martin Hughes	1 00		
Henry Allen	1 00		New Jersey
J. O. Blanton	1 00		
W. P. Offutt	1 00	Joseph Hutchins	1 00
Rev. Geo. W. Hampton, D. D.	1 00		
Dr. J. M. Hammonds	1 00		Ohio
Alford Nash	1 00	William Hawkins	1 00
T. H. Mason	1 00		
Total	\$ 37 00		Oklahoma
			Alford Smith
			1 00
			Pennsylvania
			C. H. Gover
			1 00
			South Carolina
			Rev. B. R. Clayton
			1 00
			Tennessee
			Rev. L. R. W. Johnson
			1 00
			E. T. Brown
			1 00
			Total
			2 00
			Texas
			G. T. Smith, State Laymen
			2 00
			Centennial Baptist Laymen
			1 00
			S. H. Fowler
			1 00
			Mt. Gilced Baptist Laymen
			1 00
			Rev. C. A. Greer
			1 00
			Total
			13 00
			Missouri
			Oscar Moore
			1 00

Total received by states	\$ 293 50
Offerings	12 75
Grand Total	\$ 306 25

After a brief conference at the close of the National Convention, the Laymen's Movement Convention was brought to a close, to meet in the City of Kansas City, Mo., September, 1929.

HONORABLE JNO. L. WEBB, *President*
P. M. SMITH, *Acting Secretary*

ALLOWANCES

Theological Seminary	\$ 50 00
Sunday School Publishing Board	50 00
National Baptist Convention	100 00
Expense and balance in treasury	106 25
Total	\$ 306 25

REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT, OFFICERS AND DELEGATES OF THE LAYMEN'S AUXILIARY TO THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A., GREETING:

We, your Committee on the State of Your Country, beg leave to submit the following report:

When we think of the state of unrest in the economic, industrial and political sphere of our country we cannot but conclude that we are living in very peerless times. According to sacred writ there should be one guiding principle that should regulate and control the affairs of races, nations and empires. This principle being enunciated by that Christian statesman who would have us recognize the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

The industrial situation of our country is very much disturbed at this time. Thousands of men and women are out of employment, which has caused much suffering among the people of this nation, which we feel is due to the selfishness of the industrial kings of our country. The economic condition of our country is alarming and is in dire need of some corrective methods being applied to American standard of living.

Many of our group whose wages or income is not justified in this standard of living in which they are trying to maintain, and yet in the face of the fact that one whose income is small and meager will not justify him to live up to the same standard of his brother whose wages or income are much greater, yet we find many of our group endeavoring to do this impossible thing and the result of it is, our people are becoming impoverished, and your committee would suggest that our group be advised to live within the bounds of their means or income, and apply to themselves a more sane and business-like application to their economic affairs.

The Political Situation

We find there is a deal of unrest among our group concerning the political situation of our country, both of the major parties seem to be in a quandary as to just what cause to pursue. Great and vital questions are confronting the nation at this time. The enforcement of the Constitution of the United States is a question that now seems to be uppermost in the minds of the American people. We find our group standing hard by the enforcement of the Constitution of the United States including all of its amendments.

As to the treatment accorded our group, we feel that there is just cause for complaint. Our group having been denied many of these things guaranteed us by the Constitution of the United States.

MINUTES

As peace loving, God fearing and law abiding citizens of the United States we would recommend that our group ever stand by those principles, men and parties that would make for justice and fair play for all American citizens alike.

Respectfully submitted:

Committee

CHAS. M. ROBERSON, Atty.
J. H. CREED
J. H. KUYKENDALL
DR. JNO. H. WILLIAMS
G. F. SMITH
Wm. H. FALCONER
LOUIS SUTTON
H. T. WILLIS



MRS. R. T. SIMS
President

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Fifth Street Baptist Church

REV. J. H. FRANK, Pastor

Louisville, Ky.

September 6-8, 1928

Proceedings

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 6, 1928

The National Cradle Roll Association was called to order by the president, Mrs. R. T. Sims, at the Fifth St. Baptist Church, Dr. John H. Frank, Pastor. Devotions were led by Mrs. Della Williams, of Alabama; Mrs. Emma Bruce, of St. Louis, Mo. Scripture was read by Mrs. Della Williams, 152 Psalm. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. M. Cosey, of New Orleans, La., after which "Trust and Obey" was sung by the congregation. Mrs. Emma Bruce, of St. Louis, Mo., made some inspiring remarks relative to the Cradle Roll work. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Della Williams, and song, "Shine on Me," was sung.

The program was read by the secretary, Mrs. M. E. Cosey, for adoption. It was motioned by Mrs. B. W. Smith, and seconded by Mrs. E. C. Hicks, that the program be adopted.

The various committees were appointed as follows:

Committee on Finance:

Mrs. L. C. Ballard, Chairman, Mississippi

Mrs. Della Williams, Alabama

Mrs. M. L. Moore, Louisiana

Mrs. B. W. Smith, Louisiana

Committee on Enrollment:

Mrs. Victoria Turner, Nebraska

Mrs. J. T. Brown, Tennessee

Mrs. Pearl Colbert, Michigan

Mrs. Emma Bruce, Missouri

The president made a few remarks as being very much pleased to have so many workers present in this session. Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Moore, of New Orleans, were presented.

The Committees on Enrollment and Finance made a partial report of \$39.75.

It was motioned by Mrs. E. C. Hicks, and seconded by Mrs. J. L. Burrell, that the report be received and continued.

The meeting adjourned by repeating Mizpah, to reassemble at 1:30 p. m.

MRS. R. T. SIMS, President
MRS. M. E. COSEY, Secretary

Afternoon Session

The meeting of the National Cradle Roll Association reassembled at 1:30 p. m., by singing "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow." Devotions were led by Mrs. L. C. Ballard, and Mrs. G. H. Hendricks.

Mrs. Ballard read for the opening the 53rd chapter of Isaiah. After which "Amazing Grace" was sung. Prayer was led by Mrs. G. H. Hendricks. The devotional was closed with a few remarks by Mrs. L. C. Ballard, saying how pleased she was, having connected herself with the Cradle Roll Convention and that she intended to put forth every effort to help train youth.

It was suggested that a song service be conducted until more of those who were on program would be present. The following ministers were called on to make a few remarks:

Revs. A. C. Moore, Hendricks and Cosey. Each made timely remarks in behalf of the work of the Association.

Mrs. J. B. Shaw, of Oklahoma, was presented for an address on "Christian Training of Our Youth, Essential to Racial Progress," which was inspiring to every one present.

The children's program was at this period presented: Mrs. Jennie Brown was called on by the president for a few brief remarks, who in turn introduced Miss Boom who had charge of the children's program.

The first number on program was the drama written by Mrs. Eva C. Hicks of Chicago, Ill., which appeared in the second quarter of the Cradle Roll Director. Each little child played well his part, and every one enjoyed it.

They sang several selections, and one of the little tots offered prayer for the evening. Every one present was convinced of what is in little children, and with the proper training, what the next generation will be.

Mrs. M. L. Moore played a very beautiful instrumental selection.

Mrs. C. B. Crain was presented to deliver the Welcome Address in behalf of the Baptist of Kentucky. Every one was favorably impressed with the hearty welcome given by Mrs. Crain.

Mrs. L. C. Ballard responded to the hearty welcome in an interesting manner. Mrs. G. H. Hendricks made her address on "The Value of Child Training." It was a very commendable address.

Mrs. B. L. Ward, of Denver, Colo., made a few brief remarks.

Mrs. S. B. Martin, of Chicago, also gave some very interesting remarks.

The Art Department, which was a new feature of the Convention, proved to be quite a success. A number of the former members of the Association contributed to this department. There were pieces of art from more than ten states. Beautiful hand painted pillows, Luncheon sets, towels, scarfs, dresses, and so many other pieces of pretty embroidery too numerous to mention.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 p. m., to meet Friday morning at 10:30 a. m.

MRS. R. T. SIMS, President
MRS. M. E. COSEY, Secretary

FRIDAY—Morning Session

The meeting was opened at 10:30 a. m. by the president. Song, "This Is My Story," was sung. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Victoria Turner and Mrs. Boatner. Mrs. Turner read the 12th chapter of Acts for the opening. Rev. Carter prayed a very touching prayer. "Love Lifted Me" was sung. The meeting was turned over to the president, who then presented Mrs. J. T. Brown to make an address on "The Cradle Roll the Beginning and Ending of the Sunday School," which was an address with depth of thought and inspiration.

Each person present made expressions as to their being benefitted by the address Mrs. Brown made.

Greetings to the National Cradle Roll Association were read from Olivet Baptist Church Cradle Roll Department, after which Mrs. M. L. Moore sang a very beautiful selection.

Rev. Thornton, of Alabama, made a few remarks in behalf of the Association and expressed himself as being very pleased at the program which he had listened to, and pleaded his support to the work.

The Committee on Finance made its report for the day. Mrs. Della Williams motioned that the report be received, and seconded by Mrs. Ballard that the report be continued.

The following ministers came in and were asked to have a word: Rev. A. J. Wilson, Rev. R. T. Sims and Rev. C. T. Green. All expressed themselves as being very pleased to attend the meeting and see the great work the Cradle Roll was putting over, and pledged their support.

The meeting adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

MRS. R. T. SIMS, President
MRS. M. E. COSEY, Secretary

Afternoon Session

The Friday afternoon session was opened at 1:30 p. m. with the devotions led by Mrs. Griffen, Mrs. Hutchinson, and Mrs. J. T. Brown. "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder I'll Be There" was sung by every one. Mrs. Griffen prayed a touching prayer, then every one expressed themselves as being happy to have been spared by the Lord to do his biddings.

President made some encouraging remarks to the workers. Rev. S. B. Martin, of Chicago, made a short talk on Cradle Roll work and how essential it was in church building. Mrs. Griffen of Nebraska addressed the Association on the "Beginning of Character Building." It was indeed touching.

Dr. S. N. Vass visited the meeting and made some encouraging remarks to the president and her workers.

The report of secretary and treasurer was read. It was motioned by Mrs. Ballard and seconded by Mrs. Shaw that the report be received and adopted.

The state directors made their reports. Mrs. G. H. Hendricks, Vice President of Association, presented the president, Mrs. R. T. Sims, to deliver her annual message which was a source of inspiration to every one that heard it.

It was motioned by Mrs. B. W. Smith, and seconded by Mrs. Eva Hicks that the address be received and become a part of the record.

Every worker made some comment as to the president's message, and expressed their appreciation for the noble work she had done in the past.

Mrs. F. B. Shaw, of Oklahoma presented a gift to the president, a beautiful silk pillow, donated to the Art Department by Mrs. Emma Bruce. This was a token of appreciation of the president's great work. There were several personal gifts presented her by the workers.

The Nominating Committee made their report as follows:

President Mrs. R. T. Sims, Canton, Miss.
 Vice President-at-Large Mrs. T. B. Shaw, Anadarka, Okla.
 First Vice President Mrs. G. H. Hendricks, New Orleans, La.
 Recording Secretary Mrs. L. C. Ballard, Natchez, Miss.
 Asst. Recording Secretary Mrs. Emma Bruce, St. Louis, Mo.
 Corresponding Secretary Mrs. M. E. Cozey, New Orleans, La.
 Treasurer Mrs. B. W. Smith, Shreveport, La.
 Historian Miss Ozella Moore, Cleveland, Ohio.
 Pianist Mrs. M. L. Moore, New Orleans, La.
 Chairman Program Committee Mrs. Eva Hicks, Chicago, Ill.
 Chairman Art Department Mrs. Jennie Brown, Louisville, Ky.
 Chairman Publicity Committee Mrs. M. Rogers, Jackson, Tenn.
 Chairman National Baby Contest Mrs. J. T. Brown, Nashville, Tenn.

Saturday Night

On Saturday night at the Fifth St. Baptist Church, The National Cradle Roll Musical was rendered, Mrs. J. L. Burrell, Director. It was for the benefit of New Publishing House Fund, and was largely attended. Proved to be an asset to the Association. Mrs. Eva C. Hicks of Chicago, Ill. had in charge the program for the evening. She demonstrated how Cradle Roll children are taught the Scripture and songs by posters.

The song, "Bring Them In," was sung and more than 16 children dressed to represent different nations, were presented. Mrs. Eva C. Hicks, of Chicago, then explained just how these nations could be brought to Christ while they were small, through the Cradle Roll Department. Mrs. B. W. Smith, of Shreveport, La., gave the illustration of "Noah and the Ark." A pair of animals of each kind was shown going in the Ark for safety. The children were very interested as Mrs. Smith told the story. Mrs. Hicks brought a beautiful hand painted stork to show how new babies are welcomed into the Department. Rev. Green made a few remarks.

Also Mr. E. T. Brown, of Sunday School Publishing Board, spoke of the great program that the Association was putting over, and how essential it was for the progress of the church, for the world is calling for trained men and women.

TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED BY STATES

Alabama	\$ 44 00
Louisiana	260 00
Mississippi	14 85
Missouri	63 00
Tennessee	22 00
Kentucky	30 00
Illinois	18 25
Ohio	366 05
Indiana	37 65
Pennsylvania, Dr. W. F. Graham	10 00
California	13 50
Colorado	18 50
Alabama	100 00
New York, Revs. Smith and Sims	3 00
Nebraska	38 00
Total amount	\$1,037 24

ANNUAL ADDRESS

Dear Coworkers:

I have the honor to greet you in the second session of our National Cradle Roll Association. Since our last Convention meeting I am sure we have all had our dark nights and gloomy days, and some have met with great disappointments. Others have suffered affliction. Seven months ago, I was suffering a great affliction, and did not think that I would ever look into your faces in this world again.

It is necessary that the Almighty be revealed to our sordid and selfish sins, we must feel his hand. As one who has observed has said:

"We may forget God in his gifts;
 We cannot well forget the hand that holds,
 And pierces us and will not let us go,
 However much we strive from under it."

If affliction does not lead to God, to submission to his will, to trust in his mercy, to devotion to his service, the end for which it is sent is lost, for it does not attract willingly: his thought is for our salvation. The stripes are all from the Father's hand. Love lays the burden on. Heaven is in what we endure. The shattered earthly tabernacle is to make room for the house eternal, not made with human hands. The light affliction is preparation for the eternal weight of glory. And what loving and obedient child is there whom the father has not chastened? Suffering is of priceless value in its work on character. Men are made true and great not so much by what they enjoy as by what they endure. In the physical structure, muscular development is promoted by work, by hard service. The man that is the hammer at daily toil has strength and toughness. So we soul that has hard discipline, that feels the pain and trouble of misfortune, that toils on through and under burden and with the strain of sorrow, is made strong, and if it puts faith in God it receives the strength

that he supplies. It is fitted for higher duty, to be more helpful to others and more Christlike.

"The vine from every living limb bleeds wine:
Is it the poorer for that spirit shed?
Measure thy life by loss instead of gain:
Not by the wine drunk, but the wine poured forth:
For love's strength standeth in love's sacrifice:
And whoso suffers most hath most to give."

Suffering has its meaning in its discipline for heaven. Strange that sorrow should open the door to bliss! That the exactions of toils should afford prepayments for eternal rest. But it is the Scriptural teaching that if we suffer with him we shall reign with him.—Burdett Hart.

This preparation should begin when the child is in the cradle, and continue as long as a child is a child. Jochebed knew well the kind of life which her little boy would meet in later years. Therefore she set herself diligently to the task of instilling into the heart and brain of Moses the things of God, and of his own people, which she knew that he must learn. She had the best of his life—the first formative years—in which to do her part; and she did it well. When Moses left his home for the Egyptian king's palace, he was a child of the true and only God, and a Hebrew with all a Hebrew's love for his own race.

Behind the great man stands his mother; the mother who loved her people and her God before Moses was born; the mother who made the most of the time allotted her to mould the clay in her hands. "Train up a child in the way it should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

All parents should know how to train and direct the desires of their children. The mind of a child begins to grow immediately it becomes conscious of its surroundings and its own relation to them. Our work then, as religious leaders, begins with the life of the child. If ever there is a period in our children's lives when they ought to be placed under the care of religious and educated minds, it is during the first years of childhood.

One of the striking features of the world's history is the remarkable racial unity of the Hebrew people. Though scattered over the whole world, living under varying political influences, yielding allegiance to diverse national governments, they still preserve a unified religious and racial life. How do we explain this? It is due to the sanctity with which their home life is regarded and the diligent way in which the parents instill their children religious truths revealed to their forefathers.

The Purpose of Our Organization

To give to the world a generation of well trained workers in the name of our blessed Lord. The Cradle Roll Department is the essential part of the Sunday school, and contributes more members to the church than any department. It is, therefore, the builder of church membership.

The little child is sitting where the Master placed him, in the midst of the ages are in his keeping; his training in ours.—Mary Browne Wilbur.

A childless church would be of all things in this world the most hopeless. Our Cradle Roll workers teach mothers how to teach their children. They control, self-development and responsibility. We could not stand alone if we never gave him a chance to do so. Many children, on leaving home, practically go to pieces, under strain, for of least one of us accomplish much in the world, simply because they have not been given sufficient opportunity to exercise their powers alone.

The Task of the National Cradle Roll Association

To have all parents know how to train their children religiously, and direct the desires of their mind. The mind of a child begins to grow immediately it becomes conscious of its surroundings, and its own relation to them.

The Master placed the little child in our midst, he is today where he was placed centuries ago. And the ages are in his keeping, and he is ours in train for the Master's service.

We are to help mothers everywhere to better understand how the Master would have them fit their children for Christian service. But before we can go forth to teach others, we must first be taught of, and by the Holy Spirit. Our lives must be surrendered completely to God.

There is a law to obey, which is life. If we want our lives to be full of service then we must present ourselves as living sacrifices holy, acceptable unto God which is our reasonable service. In olden times there was a man who thought God wanted him to burn his son as a sacrifice unto him. But he was mistaken, what God wanted was his love, and not his only child.

Paul says a living sacrifice is the thing required of God. Sometimes death may come in the path of service, it is all right to die then; but it isn't right to die until God says so.

God wants us to be willing to fight great battles daily, and endure hardships. We must let our aim in life be to follow Jesus, and make men and women follow him through a surrendered life. One who is self-centered spends his time, strength, and money in trying to establish his greatness in a vain world.

But it is not so with one who has left all to follow Jesus. Paul says we are living epistles known and read of all men. People begin to read our lives from the very moment we surrender all to Jesus. If any man be in Christ Jesus he is a new creature. His habits are new, and becomes attractive to the world, and causes men to become interested in his daily habits.

Every day that a Christian lives in this world, he is attracting people to Jesus, for Jesus said he is the light of the world. What a wonderful light large enough to light up the entire world. Just think of it my friends, what one Christian can do. If there was just one Christian left in this world he could light it up.

God's Word grows thick and fast. I am reminded of that Scripture that says: "There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains, the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon and they of the city shall flourish like the grass of the earth."

In Zurich, Switzerland, stands a statue erected to the Great Swiss teacher, Pestalozzi. Beside the teacher there stands a single lad. The teacher is looking down toward the face of his pupil. He is in the act of pouring out his very life for the enlightenment of his pupil. But when one notices, closely the face of the boy, it is discovered that his eyes are fixed, not upon the teacher, but beyond, into heaven, upon his God.

May this should be the desire of every Cradle Roll Director. Her own life may be poured out in service for the babies, but the knowledge imparted to the mothers of the babies should inspire them to teach the children to look beyond the teacher on into heaven, to the Great Teacher of us all.

The Legend of the Golden Ball

Long, long ago, there was set down from heaven a beautiful golden ball which hung in mid-air just above the people. The word soon spread that whoever touched the golden ball would bring to himself and to his fellow men undreamed of joys and blessings. Eagerly the people tried to reach the wondrous ball, pushing and crowding in their earnestness, but always the ball was just beyond their grasp. Even the tallest were unable to touch it. Suddenly they realized that slowly but surely the ball was rising, getting farther and farther away from their grasp. To disappointment and distress they cried "There is no hope! No one can reach it!" But one wise person called "Let us build a human pyramid and hold aloft a little child who shall be able to touch it for us." Quickly the people ceased their selfish pushing and jostling; earnestly they came together, supporting one another as they held the child high above their heads. He raised his tiny hand, and as his fingers touched the golden ball a thrill of joy passed

through the crowd, and blessing came to all the people because childhood had been lifted up to God.

Dear friends that golden ball is the Cradle Roll Department. May we ever strive to lift childhood up to God by maintaining a Cradle Roll Department in our church schools. Mrs. Aurora McIlford Shumate describes the Cradle Roll Department as follows:

The arm of the Sunday school that reaches out to help children under four years of age.

The links that bind the home and the church together.

A torch to locate new babies.

A door to enter new homes.

An ear by which the voices of little ones are heard.

A harp to play upon the heart strings of people.

A fire to kindle new interests in the church.

A spur to church progress.

A sign board of good Sunday school.

A life line to reach unsaved parents.

A road that will lead whole families to the church.

A tree that will bring forth rich fruit.

A picture gallery of future Sunday school.

And may I add that it is even more than that, for Christ said when he was here upon the earth, speaking of the babies: "Of such is the kingdom of heaven".