Proceedings in Detail Of Great Baptist Convention

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tion of literature. In order to prosecute this work with the vigor that its importance demands a current expense fund of at least $68,000 is required.

The report of the foreign mission board was a source of joy to the convention. The Rev. R. J. Willingham, D. D., corresponding secretary of the board, read the report, giving the story of the year of great growth in this department of the work. Among these are two from North Carolina—Miss Lettie Spainhour and Mrs. Mary Bryson Tipton. The work of the missionaries was markedly successful during the year, and 3,223 baptisms were reported from the foreign field as against 2,905 the previous year, making an increase of 318. The only sorrow bringer in the report of the board was the matter of finance. Last year the board raised for their work $460,797.62; and the year closed with a debt of $31,706.25. This year, the board, following the instructions of the last convention increased their appropirations. The year closed with a deficit of $37,906.25, which includes the debt brought over from the previous year. The hotel contributions amounted to $501,058.84, an increase in one year of $40,26.22. North Carolina delegates were happy. The old North state gave $40,853.23 for foreign mission work. This was an increase of $4,256.43.

The Rev. Livingston, the secretary of missions in North Carolina, and Rev. W. C. Tyree, D. D., vice-president of the foreign mission board in the old North state, have worked hard to bring North Carolina to greater missionary activity.

All of the states in the bounds of the convention show an increase in offerings to this cause, except Alabama, Missouri, Tennessee and District of Columbia. In giving Georgia takes the first place, and Virginia, Texas, South Carolina and North Carolina come next in the order named. Last year Georgia led and Texas was a close second. Last year North Carolina was in the sixth place, but this year it has gone to fifth place, passing Kentucky in the race. The board expended the money in seven countries: Africa, China, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, Argentine and Europe. In these fields there are 246 missionaries and 467 native helpers and teachers. It is proposed to set a still higher stake next year and the denomination will be asked to give $600,000 for foreign missions. The year has meant still more for foreign missions. Hundreds of mission study classes have been organized and these classes mean increased appropriation in years to come. Rev. S. J. Porter, D. D., a native of the old North state, is field secretary of the board.

Speaking of the prospect to The News correspondent, Dr. Ray, of the board, said:

"Attention has been called to the very generous offer of a noble layman to give on certain conditions the outfit, traveling expenses and first year's salary of 20 new missionaries. We closed the year without fulfilling the conditions to get out of debt. This generous brother now offers to pay for one year the expenses of ten new missionaries if we will send out 30. The board is looking to the churches to supply the funds for sending out these additional workers. We report a legacy of $4,500 left by the Rev. Lucius Cuthbert, D. D., of South Carolina. We earnestly and urgently recommend that the churches immediately take up the question adopting a plan for a regular, systematic giving to all our mission work—state, home and foreign—throughout the year. Such a plan generally adopted would revolutionize our present dilatory methods of sending in funds and would do away with the burdensome interests accounts which have hampered our work for years. The past year has been one of earnest work both at home and abroad. Our forces are better prepared for the conflict than ever before. We rejoice that we have been able to give them more suitable equipment. One of the misionaries writes that a worker can accomplish four or five times as much in China now than the same worker could have done ten years ago. A marvelous change has come in a number of our foreign fields in the last ten years. We have now some of the best mission compounds that can be found on any foreign field. We refer you with joy to our plants at Canton, Yingtha, Shanghi, Hangchow, Pingtu, Laichowfu, Hwangsien, Chengchow, in China, and at Ogbomoso, Africa. These are not equipped even yet as we hope they will be in the future, but they are excellent plants. We hope, however, that we can soon add to these a number of others, which will be well equipped for the work which is committed to us.

The convention will meet a proposition entirely new. For the first time in the history of the organization it seems that a state north of the Ohio river will offer to unite with the convention. A large number of the Baptist churches in Illinois propose to come in to the convention. Dr. W. P. Throgmorton, of Illinois, comes to the convention with the proposition. The dissension in Illinois started about three years ago, when Professor Foster, a leading minister in Chicago, and at that time a teacher in the University of Chicago, wrote and published a book in which he denied several doctrines of the Baptist denomination. The Baptist Ministrial Association of Chicago dismissed Dr. Foster from their organization, but the church of which he was a member declined to take any action. The entire matter was then taken to the Illinois State convention, but this body refused to withdraw fellowship from the churches that accepted what became as "Fosterism." The result was the organization of the Illinois Baptist State association. The Illi- State convention, older organization, affiliates with the Northern Baptist convention, and the new organization proposes to come with the Southern Baptist convention, which has never heretofore done any work north of the Ohio river. The three Illinois state representatives, W. P. Throgmorton, William H. Carner and Marion Teague, were formally seated. The admission of the Illinois delegates, it was believed by some, would create trouble, and while no opposition was expressed, it was stated that there is a possibility of a resolution being introduced asking that the names of the three delegates be withdrawn, on the ground that they are out of doctrinal harmony with the state organization of Baptists. So far the seating of the messengers has been done according to constitutional requirements, as Illinois messengers have contributed funds and are delegated by Baptists bodies contributing funds for the regular work for the convention.

Rev. B. D. Gray, for the Home Mission board, read the report for the year. It said in part:

"The Home board report shows that the work of home missions had its best year in the one just closing. Receipts last year were $283,436. This year they are $329,475. The board has been able to meet all of its obligations and has a small balance of less than $2,000.

"Last year the board reported 25,109 baptisms by the missionaries maintained wholly or in part by this agency. It was the largest report that the board has ever made in this respect. This year the baptisms reported are 27,325. So that there is a substantial increase even as compared with the unmatched result of last year.

"There are about 5,000 students in the mountain school, an increase of more than 600 over last year. In Cuba the net increase in membership in our churces by baptism has been 22 per cent., and five churches have been organized during the year.

"In the canal zone the net increase during the year by baptism has been 31 per cent., and the average of the contributions per member has been $7.16, almost twice as much as the average contributions per member in the churches in the Southern Baptist convention. This growth on the canal zone has taken place notwithstanding the open opposition of the Young Men's Christian association there, who, with powerful backing, have labored openly for the breaking down of all denominational lines in the zone, and the forming of a 'Union church.'

"The Indian mission work has prospered as never before.

"Dr. Weston Bruner has assumed charge of this department as general evangelist, and the board is greatly gratified at his coming.

"The report must lay much stress on the church's building loan work and insist that the time has come when southern Baptists must do greater work in helping to erect houses of worship in new communities and in other places where there is special need. It is a purpose of the board immediately to enter upon a campaign throughout the south, as it has already been instructed by the convention to do, to raise a building loan fund of $500,000.

"In addition to the Tichenor Memorial fund of $20,000, the board has received two gifts of $5,000 each during the year. One of these is from Rev. W. C. Jones, of Louisville, Ky., and the other is from our Sunday school board at Nashville. Also it received $15,000 a year ago from the Woman's Missionary union.

"In addition to these two large gifts, the board has received a gift of $5,000 for its general work from Brother W. W. Brooks, of Rome, Ga.

"The convention should instruct our two general mission boards to confer together and agree upon a reasonable budget of expense for the Southern Baptists' laymen's movement for the coming year, and ask that the expense be divided equally between the Home and Foreign Mission boards, and that the laymen's committee be requested to press the work of missions substantially and on the lines marked out by the Southern Baptist convention at the inauguration of this special movement."

"Concerning the situation in New Mexico, the report recites the present status between the Home board and the American Baptist Home Missionary society, and says.

"A year ago the convention unanimously adopted a recommendation of the Washington conference between representatives of the Home Mission board and the American Home Mission society of New York concerning the home mission work in New Mexico. The Home Mission society decline to approve the recommendations of the Washington conference and referred the matter back to their executive committee for further consideration as they might deem wise.

"Our Home Mission board has heard nothing further concerning the matter.

"A number of New Mexico are asking cooperation with our Home Mission board. Ever anxious, as we are, to follow the wishes of the convention, we request instruction from the convention as to what reply we shall make to these New Mexico churches, and would recommend the appointment of a special committee which shall report with recommendations to the convention during the present session.

"Another important question in connection with the Home Mission board is the mountain work. This work is in charge of Rev. A. E. Brown, with headquarters at Asheville, N. C. The mountain mission work has under its care 25 schools, employing 138 teachers, with an enrollment of 5,000 students. Last year $37,000 was spent in this work. The present value of property is $500,000. An extension here is also desired. These schools are in sections in which the people are unable to send their children any farther than the poorly conducted public institutions. In the past a number of young men have used these schools as preparatory to a course in the Baptist Theological seminary. Last year there were 75 students for the ministry in them."

Rev. J. M. Frost, D. D., of the Sunday School board at Nashville, read his report. From it is taken this extract:

"The Sunday School board is at base a business enterprise. It was not set, however, either at the first, or now, as a venture in the business world for making money; and yet it has developed an earning capacity which serves the denominational life in many ways. Its financial interests are conserved and fostered in its business department, and make it possible for the board to conduct its Sunday school work on a large scale without collecting money from the churches, and also to contribute in sup-

"Its business is in excellent condition, showing enlargement at every point, having made advance in receipts merchandizing in Bibles and books and porting other denominational enterprises, over last year of $29,474.29, showing total receipts for the year of $234,836.46. This indicates a growth of business, both by increase and circulation and also in our merchandising in Bibles and books and tracts, and all those collateral lines of Sunday school supplies.

"As the board comes into a large business, so also is it able to do more in a financial way to serve in the denominational life. As indicating what has been done, and also the lines upon which the board makes its gifts, we present herewith the following table:

Appropriations for the Year.

The Home Mission board	$ 5,000.00
The Foreign Mission board	5,000.00
State boards for Sunday school work	3,250.00
The building fund	10,000.00
The Sunday school lectureship	250.00
Chair of Sunday school pedagogy	250.00
The board's field work	20,913.21
The W. M. U. expense fund	400.00
Special for seminary endowment	5,000.00
Other denominational work	892.06

Total cash gifts for the year $51,955.27

"In addition to these gifts, other liberal donations have been made in the way of colportage supplies. These have consisted in periodicals for mission schools, in books, Bibles and tracts, and have aggregated about $9,000. These gifts are made for mission Sunday schools in destitute places and largely through the State Mission boards and the Home and Foreign Mission boards."

"The first session of the twenty-second annual convention of the Woman's Baptist Missionary union opened yesterday afternoon in the Seventh Baptist church, North avenue and St. Paul street. There were in attendance 350 delegates from all sections of the southern part of the United States, augmented by those delegates from Baltimore and the state of Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Following the opening exercises, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, of Raleigh, N. C., president, delivered her annual address. In the course of the address Miss Heck said:

"In no year of the world's history has the word 'missions' been so often on the lips of so many people. Great gatherings from one end of the country to the other have had this as their theme. The press has recognized missions as a topic of vital interest and given it due space; the news of great gatherings of men concerned in missions has been carried to the obscurest hamlet; more than ever before the pulpits of the country have resounded with this subject. Mission publications have poured from many presses. The colleges, both for men and women have become recruiting grounds for mission workers. Missionaries themselves have become so numerous that they figure as a factor in the policies and interdenominational treaties of all countries. And yet, I repeat, the whole Christian world and we, the Woman's Missionary union, stand incompetent for our great and immediate task."

Following Miss Heck's address, the corresponding secretary, Miss Edith Campbell Crane, gave a resume of the year's work. This report showed that over 500,000 leaflets were distributed among missionary societies and that over 42,000 topic sheets were also distributed. During the year just ended the secretary covered 10,196 miles in visiting the various missions throughout the southern states. In concluding her report Miss Crane emphasized the need for a systematic giving toward the cause of missions, and paid a glowing tribute to Miss Louise McIlure, of Louisville, Ky., and the members of the board of the training school located in Louisville.

Among the delegates registered are: North Carolina.—Mesdames E. L. Middleton, T. B. Henry, A. K. Wright, T. W. Chambliss, G. A. Martin, A. Z. Tucker, W. C. Tyree, S. A. Howard, J. T. Maddey, C. E. Sloeloff, W. J. Painfield, W. C. Barrett, L. G. Cole, C. W. Stone, and Misses C. H. Wright, E. H. Griffin, Sue Kelly, Elizabeth H. Briggs.

South Carolina.—Mesdames H. P. Magee, F. N. Judd, J. M. Quantlebaum, William Hagaswortb, C. A. Smith, J. W. Wingo, C. A. Jones, L. C. Gambrell, J. R. Fizer, A. F. Matheson, M. E. McLaurin, J. C. Milford, C. D. Watson, S. B. Boatwright, P. C. Clinkscales, and Misses Mae Peeler, Winona Phifer, Inez Freca, Lou Findal.

"Speaking of woman's work, Dr. Gray, of the Home Mission board, said yesterday:

"The work of our women for the past year has been signally blessed. The faithful sowing of former years is being rewarded in a richer harvest than they have ever known. Their work of systematic study and regular giving increases from year to year. As a result, their gifts and givers to all denominational enterprises are steadily enlarged. We make sincere and grateful acknowledgment of the help rendered by our women in the work of home missions. From every point of view, the evidence of their increasing devotion to this great work is manifest.

"Besides their own work, they are giving helpful cooperation to our young women and leadership to our children. They are preparing in this way a generation of supporters for the work of our denomination when they themselves shall have gone to their reward. Miss Crane continues her leadership as corresponding secretary with untiring zeal and conspicuous ability. Miss Heck, as president of the Woman's Missionary union, has our gratitude for her splendid, gratuitously rendered services, while Mrs. Lowndes brings to a successful close another year of efficient service as treasurer.

Mrs. Maude Reynolds McClure, principal of the Woman's Missionary Union Training school, is enthusiastic about her school. She told with pride of the work. Forty-two students matriculated this year, and there will be three to receive the degree of bachlor of missionary training this year. When asked if any of her students were interested in women's suffrage, Mrs. McClure was very positive that none had time or inclination for such matters, their minds being filled with more vital things.

The report of the treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, showed that the organization has had the best financial year in its history, with offerings amounting to $237,000. The offerings last year amounted to $40,000 more than those of the previous year. Of the amount collected $123,216 was devoted to the foreign missionary work and $77,881 for domestic work.

In the past year a $20,000 endowment fund for the training school for women missionaries at Louisville was completed. Of the $237,000 collected by the organization, Maryland contributed $2,400, while Georgia, the banner state, gave $22,440. In the last five years the contributions of the organizations have more than doubled.

The most important question to come before the convention today will be the work of the Woman's Missionary Training school at Louisville. The program for the day follows:

The Margaret Home for Children of Missionaries, at Greenville, S. C., is also in a prosperous condition. During the past year 12 children of home and foreign missionaries have been cared for there. This institution also is supported by the Woman's missionary union.

One of the important works of the union is the distribution of missionary literature. In the last year 326,078 leaflets and pamphlets were distributed, besides a number of mite boxes. In all nearly 900,000 pieces were distributed in 16 states.

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asked the conference to suffer a suggestion. He said: "The tumultuous applause which greets so much of our business is hardly in keeping with our purposes. Let us proceed more orderly today."

It was an error in Bishop Hendrix yesterday in announcing it as the last day for the introduction of new matter. Today is the tenth day and the roll was called, but very few matters were introduced.

The committee on revisals reported, recommending changes in the ritual. Placed on the calendar. The changes are of minor importance, in most cases merely changes of the verbiage. One suggested change is to insert the Doxology in the Lord's Prayer.

Another recommendation was that the bishop appoint a committee of three to prepare a form for the reception of children into the church and report to the next general conference.

The Vanderbilt Matter.

The committee on education presented a resolution calling for the board of trust of Vanderbilt university to hold a special session in Asheville and confer with the committee on matters of importance and great interest to the college and the church. Judge O'Bear, of Kentucky, favored the resolution. It was opposed by J. D. Hammond, who moved that, pending discussion, Chancellor Kirkland and the chairman of the board of trustees (Bishop Hendrix) be granted the privileges of the floor to discuss the matter. The motion prevailed.

Bishop Hendrix said he doubted the wisdom of calling such meeting—he doubted if it would be legal. The board, he explained, was charged with the control of $3,000,000 of property, and they must guard that great interest and not do anything that might be illegal. He read a communication from Judge O'Bear looking to an amicable settlement of the differences existing as to the ownership and control of the Vanderbilt university, and its relation to the church. He also read his reply to the letter, in which he was more than willing to meet any reasonable advances for an equitable adjustment. He was surprised at the resolution asking for the meeting at this time and thought it unwise.

Routine Business.

The report of the board of missions, special order, which had been displaced for the discussion on the Vanderbilt question, was again postponed for the completion of the call of committees for reports. Several new matters were placed on the calendar.

Union of Mission Boards.

The special order—the unification of the boards of missions, was laid before the conference. Dr. Lambeth explained the objects and advantages expected from a union of the board of missions, the woman's foreign missionary society and the woman's home mission society. It will be more economical in operation and stronger and more effective in results. The report was adopted.

Charges Against a Bishop.

A mild sensation was sprung when the committee on episcopacy reported that charges had been filed against Bishop Morrison. The nature of the charges were not revealed, but were received on the morning mail by special delivery, and the committee had retired for consideration. The charges were made to Dr. W. F. Packard, of Texas, and were directed to the committee of episcopacy.

Bishop Morrison stepped immediately forward and asked that the conference appoint a committee to take under consideration the specific charges and report on the same. Dr. Denny moved the committee be appointed.

Bishop Morrison then said that after consideration he wanted to withdraw his request just made.

Dr. Christian asked if another and previous charge had not been made. Dr. Lipscomb stated that such was the case and that the committee had considered it thoroughly and were not clear as to whether or not it was a specific charge.

Judge O'Bear said he had been asked by Bishop Morrison to defend him, and he didn't see why any extraordinary measures should be invoked. He thought the regular order should be proceeded with. Follow some discipline and let the facts be duly presented.

Dr. Anderson's motion was laid on the table, which action confined the proposed investigation to specific charges.

An effort was made to add the alleged charges from Clay street church, Richmond, and on pressing it to a vote the decision of the chair that it was proper to hear a motion to that effect was not sustained. The motion then prevailed to refer the charges of W. F. Packard to a committee of 25.

At a late hour tonight the committee on investigation in the case of Bishop Morrison decided unanimously that no trial on any of the charges lodged was necessary, and all were thrown out. The matter of the bishop's character now goes back to the committee on episcopacy and it is generally believed that it will report against superannuation. In case of an adverse report, however, the question will be fought out on the floor of the conference.

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