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## THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION MEETS TODAY

The City's Visitors Number 3,500 to 4,000—B. Y. P. U. Held Two Meetings Yesterday—Officers Elected—Educational Meeting—Louisville Seminary Directors—Convention Notes.

The Southern Baptist convention will meet in its forty-seventh annual convention at the auditorium this morning at 10 o'clock. The meeting will be opened by Hon. William Jackson Northen, D. D., ex-governor of Georgia, who is president of the convention. Exact figures as to the number of convention delegates present cannot be had at this writing, but it is altogether probable that the auditorium will be crowded with delegates and visitors.

The convention may adjourn next Tuesday, or it may remain longer in session. A plan which has the endorsement of all the officers is to hold only two meetings each day, morning and evening, thus giving the afternoons entirely to recreation.

The convention sermon will be preached this evening in the auditorium, by Rev. F. C. McConnell, D. D., corresponding secretary of the home missions board of the convention. This will undoubtedly be one of the greatest sermons ever delivered in Asheville.

### LAST EVENING'S MEETING ATTENDED BY 2500 PEOPLE

Two thousand and five hundred people attended the meeting of the B. Y. P. U. auxiliary to the Southern Baptist convention, at the auditorium last evening. A large number came in late and some confusion was consequent, but once the people were settled in their seats, good order prevailed, and the words of the speakers could be plainly heard in all parts of the great building.

The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock by the president, Rev. L. O. Lawson D. D., of Tuscaloosa, Ala. After the choir had sung their greatest of hymns, "Coronation," Rev. M. D. Jeffries, D. D., of Knoxville, led in prayer. After the singing of another hymn the president announced that the first business was the selection of officers. H. C. Roseman of Mississippi moved that the secretaries be instructed to cast the ballot of the convention for L. O. Lawson and this motion was unanimously adopted. Congressman E. S. Chandler of Corinth, Miss., was nominated by Dr. J. B. Searcy of Mississippi for vice president, and Dr. J. N. Prestidge, also of Mississippi, placed in nomination of the name of H. B. Tralle of Louisville. These were both elected.

The report of the committee on nominations was then received and adopted, as follows:

For state managers: T. M. Callaway, Ala.; C. C. Coleman, D. C.; R. Van Deventer, Ga.; C. V. Edwards, La.; Arthur Flake, Miss.; T. Neil Johnson, N. C.; J. O. Rust, Tenn.; George W. Truett, Tex.; T. V. O'Kelly, Ark.; W. A. Hobson, Fla.; Carter Helm Jones, Ky.; Curtis Lee Lewis, Md.; A. W. Payne, Mo.; J. D. Chapman, S. C.; J. C. Moss, Va.

The president introduced as the first speaker of the evening Rev. Madison C. Peters, D. D., of Baltimore, the well known and eloquent divine who two years ago abandoned the pastorate of a rich New York church of another denomination to become a Baptist. The subject was "Baptize," a doctrinal exposition in conformity with the key-thought for the day—"The Great Commission."

Dr. Peters said that the doctrinal side of any subject is necessarily dry, and that doctrinal exposition was out of his line. But his clear, vigorous, logical treatment of his subject was anything but dry. He said that he had a little over two years ago begun the study of doctrine and that study had soon led to him a most splendid position. He found the baptism of the primitive

church was a proper baptism—immersion. All the denominations that sprinkle are descended from the church of Rome, and she admits immersion as the primitive practice, but claims the right to change this method. The Greek church, the oldest in the world, has always followed the practice. The first innovation recorded, in the middle of the third century, was called clinic or sick baptism, and consisted in pouring water all over the candidate, and those so baptized were ridiculed, if they recovered, as "clinics," "professors from fright," "sick bed Christians." The practice was finally limited to the baptism of dying babes. In the thirteenth century the council of Ravenna decided that sprinkling and immersion were equally valid.

The speaker quoted from Luther's writings to show that good Lutherans ought to be good Baptists, said John Calvin recognized immersion as the proper translation of "baptizo," and said the vote on this great question in the Westminster assembly stood 24 for sprinkling or immersion, and 24 for immersion, and that the presiding officer, Dr. Lightfoot, cast his ballot for "sprinkling or immersion," and but for this all Presbyterians would now be Baptists. He quoted from John Wesley's diary to show that the founder of Methodism practiced immersion.

"Our Episcopal friends," said he, "will find, if they open their prayer books and read carefully, that they are good immersionists." "The word is from the Greek and means immersion, it is significant of a washing and more particularly a washing by immersion. All the churches who baptize by sprinkling admit that this is true. The best authorities in the Bible agree that apostolic baptism was by immersion." "Matthew says that John baptized in

the river Jordan. If he had used sprinkling why should he take the people down to the river?

Christ's instructions to the people to repent and believe are no plainer than his order to repent and be baptized. It was not until Paul repented and believed that he was baptized.

"It is said by many that Baptism is only a symbol, so is our flag the symbol of the nation, but it is the symbol of our honor, of our faith, of all we hold to be dear and true, the symbol of our liberty and independence. Yes baptism is only a symbol."

"I have never had words of blame, but only pity for those who were sprinkled in infancy and missed that most impressive and solemn ceremony of immersion. There is not a single case in the Bible of infant baptism, therefore protestants should reject infant baptism as an unscriptural usage."

Continuing the speaker showed that the Bible in speaking of baptism invariably says the person went down into the water and that the word "not to be taken to mean to." At the conclusion of the address Dr. J. P. Green of Missouri was introduced.

He said in part: "I am to speak on inspiration of the commission. The Lord says, 'Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.'"

"The Baptists should make disciples out of all nations and lead them to Christ. That is what we have been doing for a long time and we must push the work."

"Our Saviour instructed us first to make disciples and then to baptize. Many people say it makes no difference how the baptism is performed, if it is true then why should anything else make any difference. Let us do these things as Christ has commanded, as He laid down in his scriptures. I am often asked the question whether if a man does his duty as he conceives it, he does not derive inspiration? I answer

yes, unquestionably he does. He may even become a martyr for some mistaken cause which he believes in. The Jesuits believed in this work, they drew inspiration from it so strongly that they gladly died for their creed. But their work does not stand. It was the order to which they were devoted.

"I have not a doubt that when a man preaches the gospel it will be blessed but when he preaches about the board of aldermen, the latest bill before congress on a sensational episode before the public and gets his sermons into the newspapers, it will amount to no more than the mistaken Jesuits' creed."

"Stick to the gospel, stick to the Lord's work."

At the conclusion of the address J. H. Tucker announced that the Southern railroad will run an excursion to Round Knob at 3 p. m. today returning in the evening at 8:30 and at a round trip rate of 50 cents. Saturday there will be an excursion to Hot Springs with a round trip rate of 60 cents and on the 13th and 14th of the month a rate of \$5 to Charleston will be made in order that delegates may visit the exposition. Mr. Tucker then stated that complaints had been received from the Baltimore estate to the effect that the visitors to the grounds during the afternoon picked flowers, broke shrubbery and committed similar depredations, and that if this was repeated, permission to visit the estate would be withdrawn. The evening meeting closed with a prayer by Rev. Dr. Taylor of Georgia.

### LOUISVILLE SEMINARY DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The trustees of the Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville met yesterday morning at the Christian church and in the afternoon held a second session.

President Joshua Levering of Baltimore occupied the chair and Mr. M. D. Jeffries of Knoxville was secretary.

A fair attendance was present at both meetings and a great deal of work was accomplished.

The board is composed of some of the leading educators, pastors and business men of the south. The morning session was taken up by the reading of (Continued on second page.)

### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION MEETING TODAY

Following is today's program for the Woman's Missionary union auxiliary, which meets in the First Baptist church at 10 a. m.:

Opening Exercises—Mrs. M. J. Starnes, N. C. Apportionment of committee on enrollment. Address of welcome, Mrs. H. B. Stevens, N. C.; response, Miss E. Mare, Missouri.

13:30. Address of the president, Mrs. Charles A. Stakely, Alabama. Report of committee on enrollment and seating of delegates. In introduction of missionaries and visitors from other missionary organizations.

Official Reports—Report of corresponding secretary, Miss A. W. Armstrong; report of the treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Lowndes.

Appointment of Committees—Plan of Work. Nominations. Appointments. Literature. Obituaries. Resolutions.

The following members of the executive committee were at the meeting at First Baptist church yesterday afternoon:

Mrs. Chas. A. Stakely, Montgomery, Ala.; Miss A. W. Armstrong,

Baltimore; Miss Robeson, Virginia; Mrs. Gregory, Maryland; Miss Broadus, Kentucky; Mrs. Malone, Alabama; (Continued on fourth page.)

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