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BAPTISTS WILL GO TO SAVANNAH NEXT

The convention met last evening at 7:40 and was called to order by President Bagle.

Dr. E. E. Bomar, assistant secretary of foreign missions, delivered the opening prayer. Dr. Baton, chairman of the committee on time and place and preachers of next meeting, reported the time selected as the first Friday before the second Sunday in May, 1903, the place as Savannah, Ga., and the preacher, Reverend B. H. Carroll of Texas, and Rev. W. M. Vines of this city as alternate. Rev. Mr. Carroll immediately rose and declined the honor offered him. He said in his remarks, "I decline for several reasons, because my brother is on the committee of selection, because Waco, Texas, is contesting for the next place of meeting and for me to be put on as preacher handicaps Waco's chances in the canvass. I am perfectly willing under ordinary circumstances to preach a sermon at any time the convention desires."

"I offer an amendment to the resolution to strike out the word Savannah and substitute Waco. I have with me a communication, which I shall not read, from the mayor of Waco, inviting you to that city and also an invitation from the Business Men's club. The mayor himself is here tonight. Savannah is too near Asheville. The unity of the convention depends upon the alteration principle of selection. The convention should hold its session where the possibility of strongly impressing the largest number of people is greatest. If you come to Waco you reach 3,000,000 people. Double the number of people will attend your meetings at Waco. We have abundant room for you. Six railroads pass through the city."

At the close of Mr. Carroll's remarks Mr. Moody moved that the convention go to Hot Springs, Mr. Jordan of Savannah advocated that city in a brief speech. It was agreed that each speaker should be allowed 10 minutes in which to present his arguments. The mayor of Waco, J. W. Reggins was introduced and spoke in part as follows: "In behalf of 30,000 people I invite you to come to us and I believe if you could put your ear to the key-hole of the hearts of 3,000,000 people of whom we form the nucleus, you would hear them say 'Come to Texas.'"

Governor Northern then addressed the convention in the behalf of Savannah. The contest between the two cities waxed fierce and for a time opinion seemed to fluctuate but it was finally decided that Savannah should be the next place for the convention, that the time should be the first Friday before the second Sunday in May, 1903, and that the preacher appointed be Rev. W. J. Williamson with W. M. Vines of Asheville as alternate.

The resolution was made unanimous. The report of the committee on pagan fields was then read by Dr. Garrett. It showed a splendid record in the past, the year which has just closed being the most prosperous in its history. Also favorable reports of the work in China, Japan and Africa. He recommended a policy of strengthening the old fields instead of extending the missionary work into new.

The report on the pagan fields was read by Rev. Mr. Edgerton of Knoxville, Ky., which showed progress in Mexico and Brazil.

R. J. Willingham, corresponding secretary of the board of foreign missions discussed the subject at considerable length.

L. M. Roper of South Carolina spoke on pagan fields.

The First Baptist church quartet, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Millikan, Miss Hildebrand and J. S. McCannless, rendered a hymn which was greatly appreciated by the audience. Mrs. Millikan sang the solo parts with sweetness and feeling. An address on foreign missions was delivered by M. J. Breaker of Missouri in the course of which he said: "There is no state in the union that has as many missionaries in the field as Missouri. Her contribution in the past year was \$17,000."

A notice was read that the editors of the Baptist church association will meet in the Christian church on Haywood street Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

George Truitt of Texas delivered an eloquent speech on the subject of foreign missions, during which he said: "The whole world, the earth, from sun-

rise to sunset, is the platform of our work. Not home alone but home and foreign missions, together and inseparable. Your field is the whole wide world. Christ's church is not a mutual admiration society, we are not here to tell each other how much better we are than those who do not know of the gospel. Christ's church is not an insurance company. We are not here to save ourselves alone but all the world. Christ's church is not a debating society. We are not to spend our time in arguing theological questions. Christ's church is a great life-saving crew to rescue sinners from the depths of sin into which they are sinking. "The time is upon us when every man shall be a missionary."

The speaker was most eloquent. He had a forcible and convincing delivery which held the attention of the audience to the last word. At the close of the speech J. A. Lee of New Orleans offered a resolution granting A. J. Diaz the privilege of speaking on God's work in Cuba, during the Monday morning session. The resolution was ruled out of order by President Bagle.

An announcement was then made from the platform that there had just received from the Baptist Publishing house in Canton, China, a number of pamphlets containing specimen pages of the Sunday school board edition of the New Testament in Chinese. (Continued on 5th page.)

AFTERNOON SESSION OF THE CONVENTION

In the afternoon session J. E. Gambrell read the report on mission work west of the Mississippi river.

The report on work among the negroes was read by W. H. Searcy of Mississippi, and A. J. Rowe, corresponding secretary from Mississippi, spoke on the subject.

W. D. Uphaw of Georgia also delivered a fervent address on the work. Dr. T. T. Eaton moved to amend the by-laws so as to prohibit in the future, long speeches of welcome and responses—to limit to one address of each kind, the former not to exceed 15 minutes and the latter not to exceed 10. He also suggested that in the future nominating speeches be forbidden. William Pfeiffer, a German who (Continued on second page.)

HERE ARE CLARK'S LETTERS TO RUSSELL

Special to the Gazette.

Raleigh, N. C., May 10.—Judge Clark gave out a letter tonight containing his letters to Russell. There are six of these, besides two wholly typewritten and unsigned of which he says he has no recollection. The paper given out tonight is addressed to E. J. Holt, Smithfield, N. C., and refers to endorsement of his candidacy for chief justice by confederate veterans and the county conventions of Chatham and Warren. He says the letters are brought in consequence of their having been shown by Russell to lawyers defending Furches and Douglas in the impeachment trial under promise not to show them unless necessary for the defense of their clients. The recent correspondence between Clark and Russell is quoted, Clarke charging Russell with acting in bad faith in exposing private communications. The first letter furnished data concerning Page's railroad and closes with this: "I enclose you letter showing J. H. Pearson willing. I also am in receipt of letters from leading democrats endorsing the suspension of the two railroad commissioners. Return me Pearson's letter."

The second letter, unsigned says: "Whatever thou doest do quickly—ere they have wit enough to (nominally) lease out to another: You have them on the run, keep them a going." Clark says he can recall no reason for writing such a letter to Russell. The third letter is in the same class and not published.

Special Rent List.

During the past week we rented three of the houses advertised in last Sunday's Gazette. For this week we call your special attention to the following:

A select eight room house on Montford avenue, large lot, all conveniences, furnished, \$60 per month.

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WEST INDIAN ISLANDS BURIED UNDER HILLS OF LAVA AND ASHES

Terrible Scenes Pictured by Eye Witnesses of the Whirlwind of Fire and Lightning at Martinique
St. Lucia and St. Vincent—Number of Dead Now Estimated at 25,000 to 30,000—Hills now Rise where Valleys Lay—Craters Still Pouring Streams of Molten Lava.

St. Lucia British West Indies, May 10.—Cable communication between St. Lucia Island south is interrupted and the government chartered the steamship Ware to go to St. Vincent and report. A correspondent who is on the steamer gives the following account of his experience. The steamer left here on the evening of the 8th. Terrible flames were visible from the grater of the Soufriere volcano which was in eruption on the island of St. Vincent during the entire journey. At midnight the volcano was only four miles from the point reached by the steamer. At this time the steamer ran into a heavy shower of gray ashes. The people aboard were almost suffocated. The atmosphere was so dense that nothing could be seen.

The steamer put about and steamed south two hours before she was clear of the showers of ashes. At 3 o'clock in the morning she put back toward the island and encountered more ashes and again was compelled to put off. She arrived at Kingstown, Capital of St. Vincent, about 5 in the morning. It was seen that the volcano was in constant eruption, accompanied by a tremendous roar. Forked lightning played incessantly over the disturbed section, the flames averaging sixty to a hundred a minute. Kingstown, which is 12 miles from the volcano, was covered with three inches of ashes and showers of stones on Thursday. The eruption was first observed on Monday. Huge volumes of water shot up from the crater and the people in the neighborhood fled. There has been a continuous roar ever since.

The northern district of the island, from Chateau Belair to Georgetown has been completely destroyed. It is impossible to proceed beyond that point on account of the rivers of lava. A huge hill was observed where previously there was a valley. The whole of that part of the island is smoking. Sixty persons are reported to have been

killed by lightning while getting away. Tuesday and Wednesday the island was showered with ashes. Near Belair the ashes are three feet deep. On Thursday there were continuous showers of hot sand and water. Everything on the island is ruined by the ashes.

Many persons have been brought in boats from Kingstown. Some refugees who arrived on the coast were dying from thirst. Some of them had been thirty-six hours without water. All cattle are dead from thirst. There is little food in the coast villages.

On account of the scarcity of water transportation facilities it will be impossible at present to go into the interior and investigate the extent of the disaster. It is impossible to say how many people perished, but the number will run into the hundreds.

We left Kingstown at eight in the morning, the correspondent says, with orders to tow a relief boat from Belair to Owia Carib. When off Barrouille we received a message from the shore by boats that passage was impossible. Nevertheless we proceeded on our voyage. When opposite Belair there was a grand view of the west side of the crater. Rivers of lava were streaming down the mountain sides in every direction, flowing into the sea. The huge crater was covered with smoke and there was an incessant eruption. Great quantities of ashes were blown into the air and were falling toward the sea, obscuring everything.

New land was observed this morning out toward the sea for half a mile. It was probably lava which had been cooled by the sea water. It was impossible to get close to the town. The sea was littered with trees and other wreckage. We attempted to proceed to St. Lucia through a falling muck of ashes but found it impossible. It meant suffocation to try it. We returned, and entered the belt again some miles out at sea but there was the same result.

On the horizon there was nothing to be seen but falling ashes and other muck which was piled up like an enormous wall. Inside the belt all was dark. We put back and steamed around the island to windward. The entire territory of the disturbed district was clearly visible. Besides the large crater, numerous small craters were in eruption.

When close to Georgetown we passed along the coast toward St. Lucia and saw no signs of life. It is believed that every person within the disturbed area has perished. Refugees at Georgetown and Belair are in danger.

New York, May 10.—Another day's reports regarding the disaster at St. Pierre show a few hundred more lives saved than was first known, but the few survivors estimate that from 25,000 to 40,000 perished in the "whirlwind of fire" that descended on the town from the volcano of Mount Pelee.

Relief expeditions have been unable to land at the buried city to obtain accurate information as to the loss of life. The last reports from the island say that the eruption continues and the town is still burning.

Morne Rouge, the fashionable suburb of St. Pierre escaped. The French governor of Martinique fled from that place and was saved.

The American cruiser Cincinnati has been ordered from San Domingo to Martinique to give assistance. The French and British governments are sending assistance from adjacent islands.

Paris, May 10.—Minister of Marine DeLanessan received the following ca-

blegram from the commander of the warship Suchet, dated Fort De France, May 10, 4 P. M.: "I arrived at Fort (Continued on fourth page.)"

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