

J. H. Gibbs Enjoyed Big Convention

Atlanta, Georgia.

Nearly 50 years ago when transportation and communication were so poor, my brother walked to Polkville in Cleveland county. He wrote back home after this wise: "I am away down here 25 miles below Rutherfordton and don't know when I will see you all any more."

So I am away down here at Atlanta, 200 miles from home and don't know when I will see you any more.

At this Baptist World Alliance meeting I am like William Wilson was when he attended a Republican convention in Charlotte. He said he decided the whole state was composed of Republicans.

So I feel like the whole world is Baptist. A Baptist minister was reminded by his deacons that he was to preach at least one sermon without mentioning Baptism. So he took his text in Genesis, where it said: "The Lord created the heavens and the earth" and he turned aside to say that geography tells us that about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the world's surface is water and that if the Lord hadn't been a Baptist he would not have created so much water. With this throng of Baptists about 50,000 strong, I can almost imagine I see the River Jordan flowing through the great city of Atlanta.

I am getting some information, more inspiration, perspiration in the superlative degree.

Well this is a great meeting. There were about 40,000 passed through the gates of the ball park, into that vast stadium to hear Dr. Truett deliver his presidential address.

Coming in contact with people from six continents and about 60 nations makes a fellow feel that after all the whole world is composed of one common brotherhood, or at least should be.

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