

The Wilmington Messenger.

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REV. LANSING BURROWS,
Secretary of the Convention.

Rev. Lansing Burrows junior secretary of the Southern Baptist convention, is a son of the celebrated Rev. J. L. Burrows. He was born April 10, 1845 at Philadelphia, moved while young to Richmond, Va., was educated at Richmond college and at Wake Forest. He began life as a journalist upon the Richmond Press. He served through the greater part of the war and returned to journalism at its close, in 1866 he taught in the seminary at Stanford, Ky. (He married Miss Salle Rochester, of Boyle county, Ky., 1868; was pastor at Lexington, Va., in 1883 he became pastor of Green Street church Augusta, Ga., and remains there until the present time. He received in the same year the degree of A. M., from Princeton College, N. J., and from Madison University, New York.

REV. HARRY A BAGBY who conducted the devotional exercises last evening was born in King and Queen counties, Va., November 23, 1863, went to Bethel College, Ky., and graduated from the seminary at Louisville in 1887, ordained at Broadway Baptist church July 1887, was pastor of Cynthiana and Union churches from 1887-90 and a pastor of Green Street church at Suffolk, Va., at present pastor of Clay Street Baptist church, Richmond, Va.

REV. JOHN NEWTON PRESTRIDGE the new vice president of the Baptist Young People's Union, born at Selma, Ala., February 6, 1883, went to Howard College, to the seminary from 1879 to 1883, was ordained at Harpersville, Ala., pastor at New Castle and Burks Branch churches in Kentucky, at Hopkinsville, Ky., at San Antonio, Texas in November 1887, at present pastor at Williamsburg, Ky., also president of Williamsburg Institute, a co-educational institution.

REV. LUMUEL ORAH DAWSON president of the union was born at Waverly, Ala., April 24, 1865, graduated with high honor at Howard college, and then took a full course at the Theological Seminary. After filling several important pastorates in Kentucky he was called to Tuscaloosa, Ala., where he now resides and is held in the highest esteem.

REV. JOHN O'BRIEN RUST who made the address of the great addresses, born at Hopkinsville, April 6, 1859, educated at Bethel College, Russellville, Ky., attended seminary at Louisville in 1882, was ordained at Harpersville, Va., 1877, was pastor at Beverdam and Columbia, Va., in 1879-80; at Mount Olivet, Ky., and New Providence, Tenn., in 1881-84, at Trenton and McFerran Memorial and Bordertown, at present is at Nashville, Tenn.



JUDGE JONATHAN HARALSON,
President of the Convention.

Judge Jonathan Haralson, president of the Southern Baptist convention was born October 18, 1830 in Loundes County, Alabama. He graduated at the University of Alabama in 1851 and the Louisiana law school in 1852. In 1853 he moved to Selma, Ala., and began the practice of law. In 1875 he became judge of the city court of Selma, a few years later he was elected judge of the supreme court of Alabama, which position he has held ever since. In early youth Judge Haralson became a Baptist, was baptized at 14 years of age, became deacon in 1855, was president of the Alabama state convention, trustee of Howard college and of the Agricultural and Mechanical college for several years, and president of the Southern Baptist convention since 1889. He is a capital presiding officer, often relieving the dull routine with gleams of humor.

MR. JOSIAH WILLIAMS BAILEY who made the capital address of welcome on behalf of North Carolina Baptists was born September 14, 1872, at Warrenton, North Carolina. Educated at Wake Forest college. At the death of his father Rev. Dr. C. T. Bailey editor of The Biblical Recorder, he became editor and has been singularly successful. He is probably the most pungent paragraphist in the south. Mr. Bailey is good looking and unmarried.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE.

INTERESTING MEETING OF THE UNION HELD YESTERDAY.

Inspiring Addresses by Leaders of the Movement.

Promptly at 10 a. m., in the First Baptist church the Baptist Young People's Union auxiliary to the Southern Baptist convention was called to order by the president, Rev. L. O. Dawson, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., who presented Rev. Oscar Haywood, of West Point, Miss., but who was born in North Carolina, to conduct the devotional exercises. After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," Dr. H. W. Tribble, of Charlottesville, Va., prayed and "Jesus Lover of My Soul" was sung, then Rev. M. D. Early led in prayer, "Stand Up For Jesus" was sung and Rev. Oscar Haywood read the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians: "Though I speak with the tongue of men and angels," also a part of the fifth chapter of Matthew. "And seeing the multitudes He went up into a mountain." Mr. Haywood made brief, expository remarks as he read and closed by emphasizing the blessedness of obeying God. Rev. Dr. Baron D. Gray, of Birmingham, Ala., prayed and "Oh For a Closer Walk With God" was sung.

Mr. John Williams Bailey, editor of The Biblical Recorder, Raleigh, N. C., spoke a welcome as follows: "I am grateful for the honor and proud of the privilege of tendering welcome on behalf of the great Baptist brotherhood of North Carolina to the great Baptist Young People's Union auxiliary. It is not in me to express half the warmth of the welcome in their hearts.

We are glad you have come to North Carolina. We have looked for you from afar—from the north and the west and the south. You have come to the greatest Baptist state of them all, in which the Baptists number more than all other denominations beside. May this be a source of strength to you. You have come to the state and not far from the region in which the Baptists of the south started—according to "Uncle Billie" (Dr. Whitsitt) who knows. May this visit to the old grand-mother be an inspiration to you. You have come to a state in which your fathers endured persecution, public whippings, fines and imprisonment for the sake of the priceless principles which are our trophies today. May this bind you more firmly to your mission as Baptists and serve to sustain you against another evil day. You have come to a state in which our denomination has increased as it has nowhere in the world, growing in a little more than a century from 10,000 to 300,000 baptized believers. May this be for you a token of our power in the years to come, of our future in the generation which we must serve. You have come to a state in which the Young People's work has developed grandly in the last two years—in which we had an excellent convention of our own last winter, as Brother Jordan will tell you. May this inspire those of you who are working against opposition in other states to work on and faint not.

Here by the placid waters of the Old Cape Fear, along whose banks in centuries the Tuscarora's had their haunts; in the sound of Old Ocean's mighty ceaseless anthem; in North Carolina's semi-tropical city of flowers, of enterprising men and fair women; on ground made sacred by the labors of pioneer Baptists, by the sufferings of Paul Palmer and the sacrifices of Shuba Stearns; in the state that fought the first battle for liberty, that promulgated the first declaration of independence, that sent the most soldiers to the battle fields in Virginia and that brought back the least; in the Baptist state of North Carolina, free, conservative, prosperous, promising, God-fearing and glorious; here let us be welcome, let us be strong, as we review a year's work and set out upon another attempting great things in the name of our God.

I have watched with gratification our progress since the meeting at Atlanta. I was there and in the cradle of the new organization; and well do I remember how it was rocked by rough winds without and tender hands within. I was by the side of the lusty infant at Chattanooga, and measured the strength of his limbs and the power of his lungs. After a year, we have a full grown organization; our secretary has compassed the south in his work; and today at Wilmington there is none to dispute our title to the field of greatest promise in our convention, the young men and women in the churches, upon whom shortly will fall the mantle now so worthily worn by our elders.

If by means of our work there shall be raised up in each of the states we represent 100 young men and women who know what it is to be Baptists, who recognize their mission as Baptists, who as laymen or workers will find their places and fill them, whether as members of boards, pillars of conventions, associations and churches, managers of finances or promoters of women's work, as business men and women of the Lord, examples and teachers of their fellow Baptists, then the Southern Union will have proved an auxiliary indeed; if it will have done what nothing else has done; if it will have made us strong where we are weakest—in active, intelligent lay-members. And this is what we are doing, which is the glorious part of it.

If we shall make the twentieth century the century of Baptist achievement in missions and education, as the nineteenth has been the century of Baptist growth and organization, we must begin now and improve, train and dedicate the young men and women whose best years will begin with the new century. If we shall make the influence of the eighteenth century the power of the twentieth; if we shall make the aspirations of the nineteenth century the realizations of the twentieth; if we shall make the ideal of the

nineteenth the character of the twentieth century, we must be up and doing now. We must at this time and on young people by the forelock. This is what this meeting is here for, and I thank God for His assurance of its success. It is a great undertaking; it is fraught with mighty possibilities, and God is in it—failure is impossible.

As we are forerunners of the great convention which will convene tomorrow, let us regard ourselves, as we are, indeed, forerunners of a still greater convention of which we shall be parts in the years to come. We are gathered with the one aim of making the achievements of our Southern Baptist convention, great as they have been, greater, far greater, in our day and generation.

Brethren and friends, North Carolina is with you, heart and soul. She welcomes you; she is at your command. Mr. George E. Leftwich, of Wilmington—WELCOME BY GEORGE E. LEFTWICH.

"Yet, I would be also to my personal feeling and to those I represent if I did not add a word of welcome to our city. In behalf of the people and Christians of Wilmington, with outstretched hands, I welcome you. Come to our homes; you will bring down a benediction of blessings. Go on with your good work till your greater meetings in 1898; many more stars will then deck your crown. Welcome; thrice welcome."

By request of the president, Rev. J.

a man with the Spirit made Belshazzar's knees cease to shake. Again in order to be consecrated we must do the will of the Father in Heaven. That is what Christ's desire and purpose. He came to fulfill that which was written in the volume of the book. When you are fulfilling the scriptures you are doing God's will. Do His will and you shall be abundantly satisfied. And you must be much in prayer. Follow Jesus. He was frequently in prayer. He was earnest. He had faith in prayer. He was subject to the will of the Father in prayer. David and Daniel prayed frequently but Jesus prayed always, in the wilderness, on the mountain, before day and all night. He prayed so earnestly that He sweat as it were great drops of blood. Again follow Jesus in going about doing good. Lastly if we would be consecrated we must follow Jesus in studying the scriptures, was the delight of His heart. Hide the scriptures in your heart, they will light you through the rough life and into the beyond."

Rev. Fred. W. Eberhardt, of Kentucky, prayed and "Consecrate Me Lord" was sung.

Rev. C. S. Gardner, of Greenville, S. C., spoke on the Baptist Young People's Union as a school for training leaders.

"The subject" said he "is practical but my address will be largely theoretical as I have more theories than I have ever been able to put in practice. We Baptists believe in individual responsibility, by emphasizing leadership we don't want to forget that old and first principle of our denomination. Yet leadership of the few and following of the many has brought us success. God equips certain men to be leaders. He has prepared many to be followers

order at 3 p. m. "Amazing Grace" was sung, the Rev. M. F. Hunt, of Louisville, led in prayer and the president announced as committee of enrollment Revs. D. I. Purser, Louisiana; H. E. Truex, Tennessee; S. O. Z. Roy, Missouri, who proceeded to enroll the delegates. The Rev. R. VanDeventer, of Georgia, made the first address on "The Study Course and the Result of a Year's Work." He said:

"For ten years I have been connected with a church whose Young People's Union conducts a study course. I find it fit for social circles and tested it among working people and it succeeds. We have no study course except here and there as presented by the pastor. I hope that we are going to have a study course. It is the life of the movement. I shall speak of the course we must have. Three things I conceive are necessary for the success of this course. First, conception; second, organization; third, method."

After enlarging on these points and telling how to use Dr. Broadus' Harmony and lives of good people, "Jesus Lover of My Soul" was sung and the Rev. W. H. Smith, of Columbus, Ga., spoke on "Practical Workings of a Successful Union."

Dr. Smith has had for several years a most successful union and he told of its good work, speaking in the main as follows:

"There are doubtless many successful unions, but I know of only one. The word practical suggests that there is some here a theoretical side. I can give the practical best by giving some outlines of theories lying behind. The first principle is that the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ is intended to lift us out of self and up to God. Second, the only way to lift men from selfishness up to God is by getting them through faith in our Christ to exercise self denial. Third, develop the individual member of the church. Fourth, development is internal and external. Fifth, the only way to get internal development is by external work. Sixth, get the member to work through feeling an interest in his church.

These principles we plant in our work. We also have a lookout committee, a social and music committee, a devotional committee."

After a song "The Sweet Bye and Bye," the election of officers was held, resulting in the following:

President—R. L. O. Dawson, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

First Vice President—Rev. W. H. Smith, Columbus, Ga.

Second Vice President—Rev. J. N. Prestridge, Williamsburg, Ky.

Secretary—Mr. W. W. Gaines, Atlanta, Ga.

Treasurer—Mr. W. R. Phillips, Birmingham, Ala.

The president announced the nominating committee as Rev. M. D. Early, Memphis, Tenn.; Rev. J. H. Foster, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. J. H. Foster, Alabama.

On motion of Rev. John D. Jordan, a committee on suggesting changes in the constitution with E. D. Gray as chairman, was appointed, as follows: Rev. D. M. Ramsay, South Carolina; Rev. T. M. Calloway, Alabama; Rev. J. J. Vanness, Georgia; Rev. H. R. Moseley, South Carolina.

On behalf of L. A. Dawson, Meridian, Miss., the president presented a gavel from Lookout Mountain. He said it came from high—signifying that the young people should lead a high life. The hands were short, showing speeches should be short, and though it came from an historic spot, it bore no wounds, as it grew after the war had ended. On motion of John D. Jordan the chairman and secretary were directed to return thanks for the gavel.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. T. M. Calloway.

EVENING SESSION.

The First Baptist church was filled to the door last evening when President Dawson called the union to order. Chairs were placed in the aisles and soon filled with people. Rev. Harry A. Bagby conducted the devotional exercises reading the third chapter of II Peter and emphasizing the second coming of Christ. Revs. W. A. Nelson and J. D. Chapman prayed and after singing, President Dawson stated that the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees were in session; that they were doing their work in the Spirit of Christ and they asked the prayers of the Young People's Union. Rev. George F. Bagby, D. D., led in prayer.

Rev. John D. Jordan read the report of the board of managers first annual report stating that they had elected J. D. Jordan corresponding secretary August 15, 1896; he had visited nine states, was everywhere kindly received, traveled 16,000 miles, delivered 120 addresses, and forty-seven sermons also carried on an extensive correspondence. The executive committee raised \$2,082.29, paid all bills \$1,980.05, have cash on hand \$102.24; since the report closed \$120, total \$222.24.

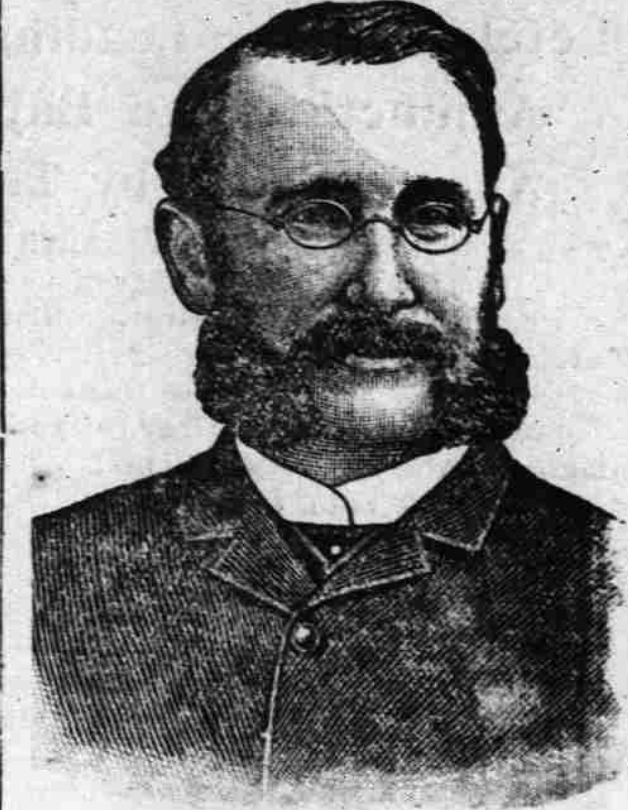
President Dawson read the remainder of the report, and on motion of Dr. J. M. Frost the report was adopted unanimously.

Dr. R. D. Gray reported the minor changes in the constitution which were unanimously adopted.

Rev. John O. Rust, of Nashville, spoke on "The Church of the Morrow."

The second address was by Rev. Dr. William L. Pickard, of Louisville, Ky. Rev. M. D. Early reported from nominating committee a new local board, Revs. B. D. Gray, P. T. Hale, W. A. Hobson, W. R. Phillips, E. B. Hogan, J. B. Dockett, P. H. Mell, L. P. Fleming, T. C. Ratcliff and J. W. Hargrove.

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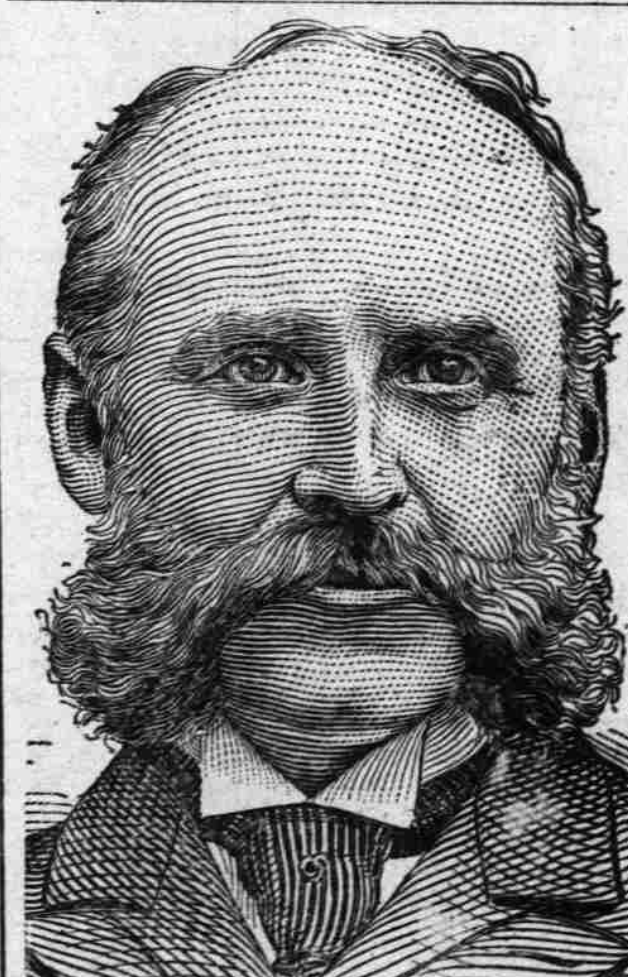
REV. O. F. GREGORY,
Secretary of the Convention.

Rev. O. F. Gregory, senior secretary of the Southern Baptist convention, first elected in 1877, again in 1880, in 1882 and has served continuously since. He was born in 1844, March 7, at Charleston, S. C. Baptized May 15, 1871, was educated in Charleston and was a member of the first company enlisted in the service of South Carolina, was wounded at the second battle of Manassas, wounded and captured at Knoxville, Tenn., December 5, 1862, was a prisoner at Rock Hill, S. C., March 7, 1865. He was married at Augusta, Ga., March 6, 1866. His first pastorate was the Mount Pleasant church, near Charleston. He became pastor of the First Church at Eufaula, 1877, at Tuscaloosa 1879, returned to South Carolina and was pastor of Florence 1882, was pastor at Valley Street church, New Orleans, 1885, where he accepted call to the Fourth Street Baptist church at Baltimore, where he now is. Has been instrumental in building seven meeting houses.

MR. W. H. GAINES who was elected secretary of the Baptist Young People's Union resides at Atlanta and is a lay worker, not a preacher, was born in Kentucky 1867, graduated at Georgetown, studied law at Washington and Lee in 1891.

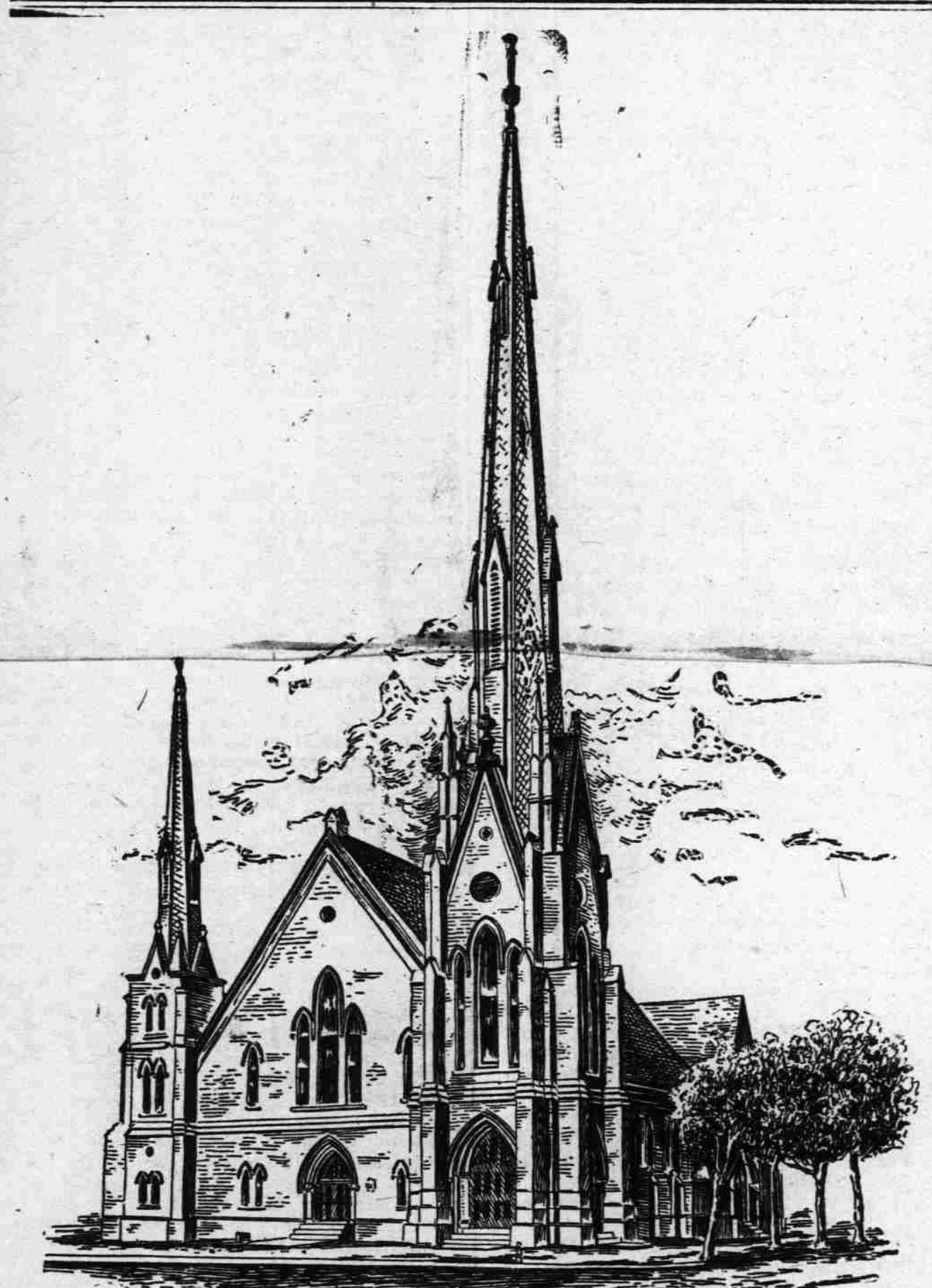
REV. JOHN D. JORDAN was born at Princeton, Ky., 1861, educated at Bethel College, ordained 1887. Has had pastorates at Letchfield, Ellenton, Madisonville, Paducah and Elizabethtown and Little Rock, Ark., resigned his present pastorate to become corresponding secretary of the Young People's Union.

The Southern Baptist convention which will convene in this city today at 10 a. m., was organized at Augusta, Ga., May 8, 1845. Prior to that period the Baptists of America had performed the missionary work which has now having a convention which has lasted three years and called the Triennial Convention. This body declined to appoint as a missionary to China a minister who owned slaves, hence a meeting of Southern Baptists was called to meet to consider the situation; they met at Augusta and formed the Southern Baptist convention. The foreign mission board was located at Richmond, Va., where it remains; the home board was located at Marion, Ala., afterwards to Atlanta, Ga., where it has wonderfully flourished. A Sunday school board was formed in 1860, consolidated with the home board a few years later; a new board was formed in 1891, located at Nashville, Tenn., and is the most successful of all the boards.



HON. JOSHUA LEVERING,
President of the Theological Trustees.

Hon. Joshua Levering, president of the Theological Seminary trustee, born in Baltimore, Md., September 12, 1845, is one of our foremost Baptist laymen. He entered commercial life in 1861 beginning as a clerk. In 1866 he was taken into partnership by his father and two brothers, under the firm name of E. Levering & Co. In a revival meeting in 1867 he was converted and baptized into the fellowship of the Seventh Baptist church. In 1871 he went into the organization of Eutaw Place church. He has been superintendent of the Sunday school since 1881, also president of the Young Men's Christian Association, and school of reform. He has been treasurer of the American Baptist Education Society since its organization. He is now president of the board of trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. Is a member of the international committee of the Young Men's Christian Association of the United States and Canada. Has been a member of the prohibition party since 1884 was a nominee of that party for governor of Maryland, and last year was candidate for the presidency of the United States of the same party, receiving 157,000 votes. He has just completed a \$10,000 gymnasium for the students of the Seminary at Louisville,



MEETING HOUSE IN WHICH THE SESSIONS OF THE CONVENTION ARE TO BE HELD.

N. Prestridge president of Williamsburg Institute responded to the words of welcome, saying:

"Speaking for the visitors, permit me to say that we are glad that you are glad. Besides gratitude for your cordial welcome we have the expectation of better favors to be received. This young peoples' movement is the close of the first century shaking hands with the nineteenth century, the oldest and the newest Christian thought. This young peoples' movement is a great thought, it should be extended. We should go home and teach it to our little ones at home, I plead with you to take this as the key thought of the century, plant the Kingdom of God in every human heart. But let me thank you for your rich hospitality. If other delegates have been greeted as I have been we feel like we own Wilmington. For your open doors and wide open hearts we thank you. May God bless you in every way.

Mr. John T. Pullen, a layman of North Carolina, spoke on Personal consecration, first reading the twelfth chapter of Romans "I beseech you brethren by the pure mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice."

Among other things he said:

"I want to speak of consecration. In our work we want a man with clean hands and pure heart. Which of the saints can we take for an example. Not Abraham, nor Moses, nor David, nor Job, we seek a higher ideal. After searching all scripture and other records the only ideal is our Lord Jesus Christ. In order that we may be consecrated we must follow the ideal. Holy Spirit. And as one has well said of the Holy Spirit, you must 'use Him or lose Him.' Men filled with the Spirit shake the world. Even Pharaoh made a man with the Spirit ruler of Egypt, and

In our churches everything depends on the kind of leadership. Right here the Young People's Union finds its opportunity. The pastor must look over his field for the natural leaders, and next he must look among the boys and girls who show powers of leadership. I want to emphasize discovery. The union is the great place to train these leaders. God makes the leaders, we can't make them but we can train them. Then we want consecrated, sanctified leaders—I don't mean this second blessing sanctification. Sanctified ambition is the index of real power. Let us not crucify but be crucified for Christ."

Rev. Dr. Joseph S. Felix, of Virginia, took the chair and called for Revs. F. L. Wilkins and E. E. Chivers the former ex-secretary and the latter present secretary of the Baptist Young People's Union of America."

Dr. Wilkins, who is pastor pro tem of Brantly Memorial church, Baltimore, congratulated the union on standing up with four million Baptists representing twelve million population in America, whose gifts to higher education is forty million dollars more than the gifts of all other Protestants combined. He closed by saying "The catholicism and creed are on the dusty shelf. The Young People's Union has brought the Bible to the fore and laid these aside as relics."

Dr. E. E. Chivers, of Chicago, brought the greetings of his great body and expressed his great gratification at his reception in the south, it reminded him of Apostolic times. "They had all things in common." He concluded by detailing some striking features of the Young People's work. Never more needed than today.

After announcements, on motion of Rev. W. H. Strickland, adjourned with prayer by Dr. E. E. Chivers.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

President Jordan called the union to