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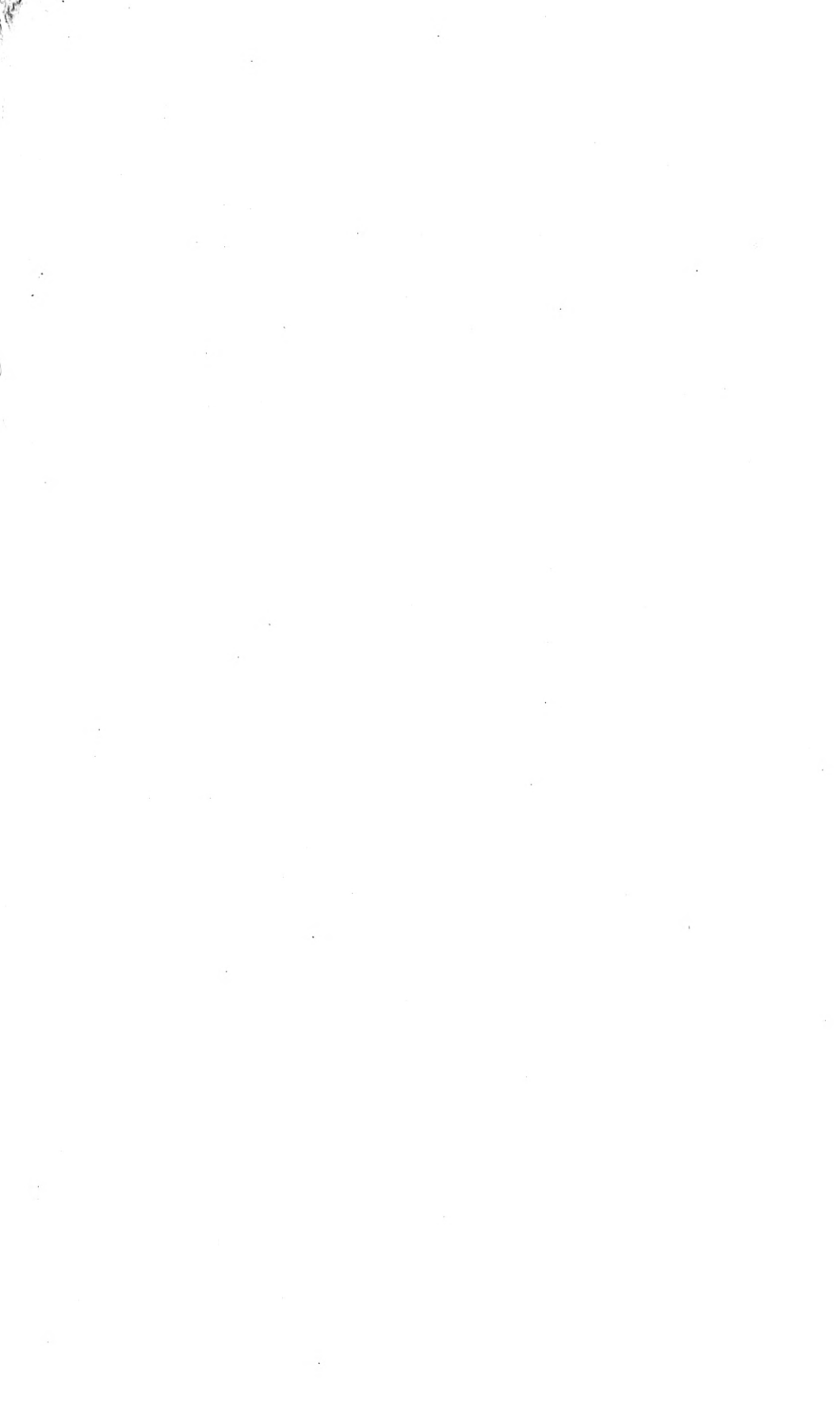
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## CHURCH LETTERS

Within the past six months the editor of the Bulletin has received five or six inquiries from different parts of the state concerning the custom of Baptist churches with regard to the reception and dismissal of members by letter. There seems to be enough interest in the matter to justify an editorial in the Bulletin bearing upon that subject.

With regard to dismissing members by letter, a regular letter given by a Baptist church to one of its members, transfers the membership to another Baptist church. In former years, the letter was addressed to "Any Baptist church of like faith and order." More recently the custom has been to address the letter to the particular church with which the member proposes to unite. This, it seems to me, is much better. I do not think a letter should be called for until the person knows with what church he will unite. The party calling for the letter is a member of the church granting it until he is accepted by some other church. If he fails to deposit the letter with another church he continues to be a member of the church granting the letter. The validity of church letters should be limited to six months.

It is not the custom of Baptist churches to grant a letter transferring

membership to a pedo-Baptist church. However any member of good standing in a Baptist church is entitled to a certificate of character if he requests it. This can be given and signed by the clerk or pastor, or both, or may be voted by the church. The form of such certificate is usually as follows:

*"To whom it may concern:* This is to certify that..... is a member in good standing in ..... Baptist church, and is dismissed from its membership upon his own request." Such a certificate may be used for what it is worth in joining any other church.

It is not the custom of Baptist churches to receive members from other denominations on letter. A moment's thought will make the reason for this clear. The great majority of pedo-Baptists have never been immersed, and most of them have been rantized in infancy. The letter does not state whether the person holding it had been baptized (immersed) upon a profession of faith or not. If people were received from other churches on letter the Baptist churches would soon have a lot of unbaptized members, according to the Baptist conception of baptism.

Persons belonging to other denominations and desiring to unite with a

Baptist church, should be received on their experience. If such a person has been immersed and gives evidence of regeneration before baptism he can be received on his experience and baptism. If he has not been "buried with Christ in baptism" he can be received on his experience into church membership, after having been baptized.

If such a person should bring a letter from the church of which he was a member, it should be respectfully received by the pastor or deacons, and if a stranger, it will be of some value as showing the person's Christian standing in the denomination from which he comes, but it should be carefully explained to the candidate that he could not be received on his letter, and the reasons given. It is not wise to read the letter before the church, but the pastor can state that such a letter has been received. By reading such a letter before the congregation, the impression is made upon the mind of the candidate and congregation that he is received upon the letter. Persons so uniting with Baptist churches are not required to secure letters; in fact, that should be discouraged. They should come in on experience the same as new converts.

Most of the Baptists in Southern Illinois and in parts of the South baptize all who come to them from other denominations. They do not recognize any baptism that was not administered under the authority of a Baptist church. But that is not the custom of Baptists generally, and never has been. It had always been the custom among Baptists everywhere, until Landmarkism was introduced in the South by Dr. J. R. Graves, to recognize a person who had been immersed in the name of the Trinity, by any evangelical denomination, as validly baptized.

#### THE EIGHTH YEAR

The seventh volume of the Bulletin was completed with the April issue, and it now enters upon the eighth year of its career. This little paper has been appreciated by the denomination far beyond our expectations when it was started. Possibly no Baptist paper in the state of Illinois has ever had so large a circulation. We do not try to make it take the place of any other paper. Every Baptist family should take a Baptist weekly paper; but the Bulletin fills a niche in our denominational life in Illinois that no other paper can fill.

The Bulletin has stood, and will continue to stand, for State Missions, and all the work of the State Convention. It also gives space and its influence in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions, and Women's work and Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work, and our charitable institutions. It tries to give, in small space, the Baptist news of the state each month. It will follow the policy in the future, as it has in the past, of giving editorials upon distinctive Baptist doctrines, believing that our people need to be instructed as to what Baptists stand for in order to have a people loyal to the denomination. From time to time selections from other papers and magazines that are of special interest and helpfulness, will be printed. We are glad to get news letters from the churches, but frequently a two-page, type-written news letter has to be boiled down to a one or two-inch notice. In so small a paper, published but once a month, we cannot publish *all* the obituary notices of our Baptist people who have died. So we confine obituary notices in the Bulletin to ministers and their families, and persons officially, or in some special way connected with the Convention.



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**W**ITH this issue we enter upon  
the eighth volume of the Illi-  
nois Baptist Bulletin.

**T**HE mailing list at this time is per-  
haps the largest in the history of  
the paper.

**N**OW is the time to boost the Bul-  
letin. Let us add at least 1000  
to the mailing list during the eighth  
year of the paper's history. We would  
soon have a circulation of 10,000 if  
those who see the blue mark on their  
papers would promptly renew.

**T**HE June number will contain  
many things of interest concern-  
ing the meetings of the Northern Bap-  
tist Convention in May. Those whose  
time expires in May ought to renew  
before the June Bulletin is printed.

**R**EV. Arthur J. Brown, D.D., a  
Foreign Mission secretary, says,  
referring to the liquor traffic in for-  
eign lands: "There is a brewery in  
Jerusalem; there is a distillery on Mt.  
Lebanon; there are American saloons  
in Damascus."

## PRESIDENTS DIFFER

**P**RESIDENT JAMES of the Uni-  
versity of Illinois recently ad-  
dressed 2000 students on Preparedness,  
in which he took a strong position in  
favor of thorough preparedness of the  
country for self defense. A few  
months ago President Felmley of the  
State Normal University made public  
addresses in Bloomington and Normal  
against the Wilson movement for pre-  
paredness, and in favor of pacificism.

**T**HOSE who attended the Baptist  
World's Alliance in Philadelphia  
will remember one of the noted Russian  
Baptists, by the name of Pavloff, and  
will be interested in reading the fol-  
lowing quotation from a Berlin, Ger-  
many, paper, of April 6th:

"The Russian criminal court, in  
Odessa, has sentenced the Baptist  
preacher, Pavloff, to eight months in  
the penitentiary, because by a tract on  
regeneration and baptism, he has in-  
duced several Russians to leave the Or-  
thodox church and join the Baptists."

## NEW YORK

**N**EW YORK is the largest city in  
the world. It has in its population  
674,721 of Irish blood; 723,333 Ger-  
mans; 306,422 Austrians, and 735,447  
Russians. Its bonded indebtedness is  
\$1,361,483,821.28, greater by more  
than \$250,000,000 than the debt of the  
United States. The police department  
costs \$16,241,323 annually. 150,000  
babies are born in New York each year.  
The city has 198 parks, embracing 8,-  
615 acres. It has 1,500 hotels and 1,-  
525 churches with 1,709,241 com-  
municants.

## AMONG THE CHURCHES

Saturday, April 8th, I spent in the city of Kankakee with the few Scandinavian brethren there trying to satisfactorily dispose of their property. The church was made up of Swedes, Norwegians, and Danes, and was formerly in a prosperous condition, but now there are only a few of the members left and they desired to dispose of the property in such a way that the three Scandinavian nationalities could have the benefit of it. A satisfactory agreement was reached. The few remaining Scandinavian brethren seem to be earnest Christians, and most of them will unite with the First Baptist church.

I spent Saturday night in the home of Rev. A. B. Mercer, pastor of the First church, and preached for him on Sunday morning. He has been on the field five months. The work seems to be in splendid condition. Fifty-seven decisions for Christ have been made by Sunday school scholars in the regular work. He was expecting about thirty for baptism on Easter Sunday. The people seem to appreciate the pastor very much, and he and his wife are well pleased with the field.

Sunday night I preached for the Albany Park church, Chicago, of which Rev. Edgar Woolhouse is the pastor. Brother Woolhouse has been there about two and a half years, and has led the people in building a splendid meeting house. While it is a modern, up-to-date church, it is so planned as to be the Sunday school department of a large church when the auditorium is erected. Albany Park is one of the newer sections on the North Side of Chicago, and is very rapidly building up. We have the prospect of a strong church there in the near future.

Monday morning I took a 5 o'clock interurban to St. Charles, spent an hour looking after our church property there, and got back to Chicago in time for the Ministers' meeting. The attendance was very large, quite a number not being able to find sitting room in the hall, and Dr. Soares of the University of Chicago gave a most admirable address upon the topic, "A busy day in the life of St. Paul."

April 16th I spent in the city of Cairo, and preached Sunday morning and evening for Dr. Lamkin at the First church. There were seventy-eight men present in Dr. Lamkin's Bible class, which I had the privilege of teaching. There were 312 in the Sunday school, and a good attendance at both Sunday morning and Sunday night preaching services.

April 23rd I preached the opening sermon at the dedication of the Mt. Pisgah Colored Baptist church in Bloomington. This church, of which Rev. Joshua Brockett is pastor, has enclosed a very good building located on a good corner lot. When completed it will be a first class building, modern in all its appointments, and quite large. The building is enclosed, and in condition to be used this summer; by fall they hope to have the basement completed so that it can be used until the main auditorium is completed.

Monday afternoon and night, April 24th, I spent at Andalusia, inspecting the State Convention farm at that place which we have leased, and spoke for the people Monday night on the Five Year Program. Rev. W. A. Phipps located as pastor of this church in connection with the Providence church on March 1st. He is very much pleased with the field, and the people seem to

appreciate him very highly. The outlook for a successful pastorate on those two fields is very good.

Tuesday night I preached for the Geneseo people. We had a good attendance and a good meeting. Rev. A. E. Powell has been pastor there for one and a half years. This church was closed up for a few years, but has been doing good work for the past three years.

Wednesday, April 26. I met in Chicago with the Committee of the State University church where we purchased electric lighting fixtures for the new University church building. We anticipate that this church will be very beautifully and artistically lighted when completed.

Sunday, April 30th, I spent with the three churches in Alton working up an interest looking forward to the coming of the State Convention in that city in October. I addressed the Sunday school in the First church, and the men's Bible class. The interest in this church, where Dr. Twing has been pastor for twenty years, was perhaps never in its history any better, if as good, as at this time. There were 340 in the Sunday school on Easter Sunday, and 522 on Rally Day.

I addressed the Upper Alton church at the eleven o'clock morning hour, and had a very good hearing. This church was in the midst of a campaign to raise \$5,000 to put repairs on the meeting house. The committee had reported \$4,000 raised within one week, and they expected to complete the canvass soon and begin the work. About 200 students from the military academy nearby attend this church in a body every Sunday morning. Rev. F. W. Steward has been pastor since the first

of last September, and is getting hold of the work very successfully. They are looking forward with deep interest to the coming of the State Convention.

Sunday night I spoke for the Cherry Street church, where Rev. S. D. McKenny has been pastor for sixteen or seventeen years. This is a splendid institutional church. The meeting house is one of the best equipped buildings for institutional work in the city. There were 426 present in the Sunday school on Easter Sunday, and there have been 60 additions since the first of January.

I spent part of the day on Monday in Granite City and visited the field of the Hungarian Mission, and attended to other matters of business there. I went to Collinsville in the afternoon and made a call on Missionary Colbert. Rev. P. G. Spangler has closed a series of meetings at Collinsville with a large number of additions to the church. Monday night Missionary Colbert and I went to the Alta Sita Mission in East St. Louis. Brother Colbert held a tent meeting at this point early last fall, which resulted in the organizing of a new church, the securing of a lot, and the building of a tabernacle which has been used for services ever since. The church now numbers about thirty-five, and the Sunday school eighty. I preached for the people there and had a very good and appreciative audience. There is only one other Protestant church in that part of the East St. Louis territory, and no other church or mission Sunday school within about a mile of this church. The outlook is very hopeful for this new interest.

## CHURCHES

Rev. L. E. Riley, pastor of the Tremont Church, writes, "The Tremont Baptist church held a series of special meetings during Passion Week. The pastor had charge of the services the first part of the week. Thursday evening Rev. Martin S. Bryant, State University pastor, and five student helpers, came to conduct the services. The meeting was a success in every way, and the church feels deeply indebted to Mr. Bryant, and these splendid young men, for their work among us."

The work at Ashland is reported to be in a very flourishing condition. Quite a number have recently been added to the church. The pastor, Rev. Ben P. Johnson, has just closed four years with that church. During the past year the church purchased a parsonage, which is practically paid for.

The First church of Cairo, is in the midst of a great revival meeting at this time. Sunday, April 30th, there were 447 in the Sunday school. Thirty persons made profession of faith and fourteen united with the church. Dr. Lamkin, the pastor, is conducting the meetings, and was assisted April 30th by Rev. W. B. Morris, our Sunday school director.

On Wednesday night, April 19th, Rev. E. K. Masterson, pastor of the Normal church, baptized twenty-seven persons, most of them young men and boys. He also baptized four on Sunday night, April 23rd. Dr. Lamkin, the evangelist, in writing concerning the meeting in Normal, says, "I want to tell you that they were among the most delightful and spiritual meetings, it seems to me, I ever held."

The work at Roseville, where Rev. J. W. Harnly has been pastor for quite

a number of years, is moving along nicely. They raised the full appropriation for missions with 15 per cent increase.

At Delavan, the pastor, Rev. C. A. Morehouse, baptized five from the Sunday school Easter morning, and six adults at the evening service. Two other adults were baptized on Wednesday night, and two were received on experience. This is great encouragement for Pastor Morehouse and the Delavan church. The pastor has been his own evangelist since he began work at Delavan.

The Masons and Eastern Stars attended the Baptist church in Roodhouse in a body on Easter Sunday. The mid-week meetings are well attended and very interesting, and all departments of the work are well sustained, and attendance at Sunday services is excellent. Rev. C. C. Smith is the pastor.

The church and congregation at Griggsville recently surprised the pastor on his birthday. About fifty went in a body to the parsonage, carrying refreshments with them. They also showed their appreciation of their pastor's services by presenting him with a handsome purse of money.

Rev. W. E. Mundell, Ph.D., pastor of the Carrollton church, is a very busy man. Many calls are made upon him outside of his church. He has preached the annual sermon before the high school every year but one since he has lived in Carrollton, and during his stay there has attended 205 funerals. The work of the church is in good condition.

The White Hall church of which Rev. John A. Simpson is pastor, celebrated the 25th anniversary of the dedi-

cation of their meeting house May 23. Brother Simpson is reported to be having very good success on that field. The Sunday school has grown from 285 to 350 and the men's class from fifteen to forty. They will consider the matter of enlarging their plant to accommodate the Sunday school and congregation.

The El Paso church recently held a banquet for the men of the church and congregation, and organized the men for aggressive church and Sunday school work. Dr. J. Y. Aitchison of Chicago, and Rev. J. C. Oranger of Minonk, were present, and delivered addresses. The pastor, Rev. Herbert Hines, is having splendid success on that field.

Rev. G. E. Milford has been supplying the Edinburg church, giving half time service, for a period of three years. The Sunday school and congregations are good. He also supplies the Raymond church, giving half time to that field. During the past year that church has paid off its \$800 debt, and the interest on the field is good.

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#### PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones of Roodhouse celebrated their golden wedding April 15. There were about 100 of their friends present at this celebration. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are substantial members of the Roodhouse church. For some years he served as clerk of the Greene-Jersey County Association, and is one of our well-known Baptists in that part of the state.

Mr. Walter Chase of Pasadena, California, recently gave \$300 to the Pickford Hospital of Kingwa, China, as a memorial to his deceased wife. Her

maiden name was Laura Bates, formerly of Normal, Illinois.

Rev. G. B. Hopkins some time ago removed from Michigan to Geneseo, where his wife is caring for her aged father. Brother Hopkins comes well recommended from Michigan, and is willing to do supply work among the churches within reasonable distance of Geneseo. He can spend much time on the field if necessary.

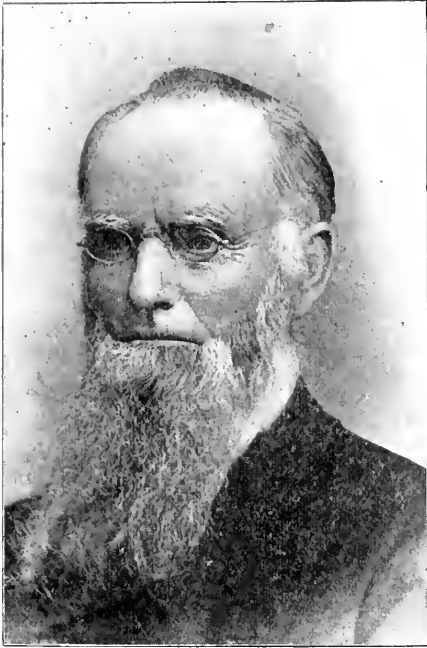
The American Baptist Home Mission Society has employed Dr. Herbert F. Stillwell, pastor of the First Baptist church of Cleveland, Ohio, as one of the three evangelists whom the Society is employing in the Five-Year Program evangelistic work. Dr. Stillwell will serve in the Central District. We do not know where he will make his headquarters, but the logical place is Chicago.

The J. M. Wood party have just returned home to Decatur from an evangelistic trip through the state of Minnesota. Mr. Wood is ready to do work in Illinois and may be addressed at 1805 E. Prairie street, Decatur, Ill.

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#### ADVERTISEMENT

"They nearly made me shout!" "Fine!" "Admirable!" "They will work a revolution." Thus say leading Baptists of "Jewel Goldsmith's Fight of Faith," thirteen chapters, and "The Lovers' Investigation of the Communion Question," thirty-one chapters. A Baptist battery. Both books by mail only 50 cents. Have them read by the uninformed and critical and see them turn compromising gristle into loyal backbone. Order today. Address the Author, V. Colbert, Collinsville, Ill. Slip a 50c piece into a slitted cardboard and send it through without delay.



**REV. E. J. THOMAS**

**Born March 16, 1821; Died April 13, 1916**

Rev. Evan J. Thomas, A.M., Atlanta, Illinois, was born March 16th, 1821, in Cardiganshire, South Wales. He died at his home in Atlanta, Illinois, Thursday night, April 13th, 1916, at the age of ninety-five years and twenty-seven days. Rev. J. C. Ellinwood officiated at the funeral, and Rev. J. L. Jackson, D.D., and Rev. N. J. Hilton attended as representatives of the State Board.

In 1832, at the age of eleven years, he came to the United States with his parents. The family settled in Pittsburgh, Pa., and remained there nearly three years, then moved to Granville, Ohio. He attended school in Wales, Pennsylvania and Ohio. Feeling the

importance of more thorough education he began a regular course of study in the fall of 1841, and continued it for more than six years, teaching four months in the meantime and frequently preaching on the Sabbath. He united with the Welsh Baptist church of Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1834, and was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1846 in Miami county, Ohio. He has been pastor of Baptist churches in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and Illinois. Four of his brothers were also Baptist ministers, who have passed to their reward. Rev. J. B. Thomas, D.D., for fourteen years secretary of the Home Mission Society in Chicago, and now pastor of the Austin church, Chicago, is his son. He was married sixty-five years ago last August, and his wife is still living. He continued in the pastorate until he was past seventy-one years of age, and then retired, but did much in after years by way of supply work, attending funerals, etc. He had been a member of the State Convention Board for many years, and when his term expired, in 1913, he was made a member Emeritus. He died on the night preceding the semi-annual meeting of the Board, and on that day he dictated a letter to the Superintendent, and closed it with a line or two in his own handwriting.

In writing a letter to the editor of the Bulletin in December 1909, he closed with these words:

“Some day the silver cord will break  
And I no more as now shall sing,  
But, oh the joy that I shall wake  
Within the Palace of the King!  
And I shall see Him face to face  
And tell the story—saved by grace.”

**RE-DATING ASSOCIATIONS**

Most of the states within recent years have been making an effort to have some uniform time for the meeting of the local associations, i.e., an effort to get the associations in a given state to relate themselves to each other with regard to the time of meeting. At our Convention in Aurora last October the following committee was appointed to study this matter and make some suggestions to the associations: Dr. J. Y. Aitchison, President W. G. Brimson, Sunday School Director W. B. Morris, Mrs. Milton A. Shirk of the Women's Societies, and Supt. E. P. Brand. The committee met and carefully studied the matter and gave five reasons why there should be a readjustment:

1. More national workers can attend all the associations in the interest of the Five-Year Program.

2. Economy in traveling expenses and physical endurance of those who make an effort to attend associations.

3. It will be a satisfaction to the association to work in a co-operative way.

4. It will not be any great hardship for an association to change its time of meeting.

5. All the associations but two according to this plan, would be held in two months, and no two associations would conflict in time.

Below we give in the first column the dates on which the associations meet this year, 1916, and in the second column the proposed dates suggested by the committee. We hope the brethren and sisters will study these dates and be prepared to act upon them at the next meeting of their associations.

This committee reported its work at the semi-annual meeting of the board, and after careful discussion the board recommended it to the associations. We hope that the associations will see their way clear to fall in line with this plan.

**Report of Committee on Re-Dating Associations for the  
State of Illinois.**

Association	Place of meeting	Present Date	Suggested Date
Chicago	Chicago	June 1-2	June 1-2
Rock River	Rockford	October	June 5-7
Dixon	Freeport	June 27	June 7-9
Rock Island	Silvis	August 29	June 12-14
Peoria	Galva	October 4	June 14-16
Salem	Bushnell	Sept. 12	June 19-21
Ottawa	Princeton	Sept. 26	June 21-23
Aurora	Plainfield	Sept. 19	June 26-28
Macoupin Co.	Nilwood	August 30	August 30
Central Illinois	Petersburg	Sept. 5	Sept. 4-6
Greene-Jersey	Roodhouse	August 23	Sept. 6-8
Bloomington	Bloomington	Sept. 18	Sept. 11-13
Bloomfield	Charleston	Sept. 5	Sept. 13-15
Morgan-Scott	Jacksonville	Sept. 12	Sept. 18-20
Quincy	Barry	Sept. 27	Sept. 20-22
Alton	East Alton	Sept. 27	Sept. 25-27
Southern Illinois	Cartersville	October 3	Sept. 27-29
Springfield	Springfield	October 4	October 4

South 7th St. Ch.

**PASTORAL CHANGES**

Rev. J. M. Lively has accepted a hearty call to become pastor of the Mattoon church. About two years after completing the course at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, he became pastor at Tuscola and Bourbon. Brother Lively is well known in Mattoon, as he was born and brought up in that section of the state. We anticipate a successful pastorate for him in that important center of population.

Rev. E. L. Wendell has accepted a hearty and unanimous call to the pastorate of the Lebanon church, and has planned to begin work early in May. Brother Wendell spent several years in missionary work in Oklahoma.

Rev. H. L. Mounce, who has lived for many years at Petersburg, and for a long time has been clerk of the Central Illinois Association, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Erie church.

The Second church in Mt. Vernon, and the Ashley church, have united in calling Rev. J. H. Bagwill of Chillicothe as pastor. Brother Bagwill has accepted the call, and is now located at Ashley, supplying those two churches. This gives him a large field of service, which he is abundantly able to fill, and we hope that he will have a large influence and do much active service in the Southern Illinois Association, even outside his immediate field.

Rev. Oliver Reed, who did such a splendid work at the First church of Quincy, for a little more than three years, has resigned, and accepted a field in Missouri. The First and Vermont Street churches of Quincy have taken definite steps to unite their forces, and will, in the not very distant future,

erect a great building for the united church in that city.

Mr. Geo. Lobing of the Moody Bible Institute is supplying the church at Gardner; the interest seems to be quite good. Recently Missionary Hafer administered the ordinance of baptism in his stead, he being an unordained man.

Rev. R. H. Claxon, who has done very successful work at Taylorville for several years, has accepted a call to the First Church of Aurora, which was left vacant by the call of Dr. T. H. Marsh to Decatur. The First church of Aurora is a fine field and we anticipate a successful pastorate for Brother Claxon.

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**SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

The semi-annual meeting of the State Convention was held at Lincoln April 13th. The attendance of the board was unusually large. The whole afternoon was spent in the transaction of business. Six missionary pastors were appointed. Rev. N. T. Hafer, our missionary for Northern Illinois was given two months to complete the raising of a special evangelistic fund of \$2,500 for the purpose of joining with the Home Mission Society in an evangelistic campaign in Illinois along the line of the Five-Year Program. The ministers' conference of the Bloomington Association met in Lincoln at the same time. Dr. T. Harley Marsh of Decatur gave a well-prepared and very valuable address at night. Rev. F. E. R. Miller of Elgin, the other speaker, not being present, Rev. R. H. Claxon of Taylorville was requested to speak in his place, and, although Mr. Claxon had almost no time for preparation, he gave a very interesting and instructive address.



**STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES**

Our missionary pastor, Rev. A. N. Sharpes, recently received twelve members into the Riverside church, Decatur, nine of them for baptism. He is expecting more additions in the near future. The Sunday school has an average of about 100.

The work at Ridgewood, Joliet, continues with very great interest. Our missionary pastor, Rev. John H. Martin, is very much encouraged. On last Easter there was the largest attendance of the church during the present pastorate, and there were more than 100 in attendance at the sunrise prayer meeting Easter Sunday. In the evening the church was so crowded that many had to stand.

Our missionary evangelist, Rev. W. R. Johnson, recently closed a very successful meeting at Madison, resulting in 19 additions to the church, 10 of them by baptism. For the past week or two he has been visiting churches that needed some encouragement or assistance in the Greene-Jersey County Association.

Rev. N. T. Hafer is spending a week or two at this time raising money on the special evangelistic fund for the purpose of doing two or three years' special evangelistic work in Illinois in co-operation with the Home Mission Society. He will spend the most of May and June in this work. We hope the churches will receive him heartily. This is the first time for about fifteen years that we have made a special appeal for State Mission work in Illinois. We have been carrying on all our work with the money that has come in from the churches and have not asked anything to make up deficits nor for special work. We feel, therefore, that there should be a hearty response to

this special appeal, and that wherever Brother Hafer goes he will be kindly received. He is not asking for large sums, and if a great many make small contributions it will enable us to do the important work during the next two or three years to come.

Our colored missionary, Rev. E. H. Fletcher, has been giving some attention to the work at Dixon. There are about sixty colored people in that town, most of them of Baptist persuasion, with no church or Sunday school among them. We may be able to establish something for these colored brethren at Dixon. Rev. G. W. Stoddard, the pastor at Dixon, says, "The colored people were greatly pleased with Mr. Fletcher. **He preached three sermons** while here. There were thirty-five at the afternoon service and about forty-five at night."

Our missionary pastor-at-large, Rev. L. B. Trites of Danville, assisted Rev. J. M. Lively in meetings at Bourbon, resulting in twenty-one additions to the church.

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The report of a certain ordination council recently held in Illinois has the following item: "The council, after retiring, found that Brother ..... was sound in doctrine and unanimously recommended him as worthy of ordination.

This leads us to ask, is soundness in doctrine the only qualification to ordination? There are thousands of men sound in doctrine, who ought not to be ordained to the gospel ministry, and there are some college and seminary graduates who ought not to be ordained. There are many things that ought to be taken into consideration by ordaining councils.

**MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING APRIL**

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (\*) star.

Alton, Cherry Street Church .....	\$25.00
*Aurora, First Church .....	75.00
Bailey, Mrs. J. M., Freeport Ch., on Special Evangelistic Fund.....	5.00
*Big Rock Church .....	33.50
Bloomington Church .....	99.50
Buda Church, J. H. Morgan (5)....	5.00
Bulletin Advertisement .....	8.00
Bulletin Subscriptions .....	89.12
*Cambridge Church .....	54.00
Chicago, Bohemian First Church....	5.00
Chicago, Englewood Church .....	1.18
Chicago, First Church .....	11.37
*Chicago, Hyde Park Church .....	200.00
Chicago, Ravenswood Church.....	5.00
Chicago, Second Church .....	100.00
Chicago, Tabernacle Church .....	47.59
Chicago, Woodlawn Church .....	13.31
Dundee Church .....	10.00
Griggsville Church .....	23.00
Hinekley Church .....	3.50
Home Mission Society .....	75.00
Hungarian Mission, Granite City ...	1.00
Interest .....	175.00
Joliet, First Church .....	22.00
Lena Church, Peter H. Seise (1)....	5.00
Macomb Church .....	41.00
*Moline First, Church.....	57.50
Morgan Park Church .....	41.23
Newtown Church .....	3.45
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Northern Baptist Convention .....	75.00
Oak Park First Church .....	14.30
*Osceola Church .....	73.00
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Roodhouse Church, Amoma Class ....	6.50
St. Charles Meeting House rent.....	7.00
Tonica parsonage rent .....	20.00
Virginia Church, Mrs. Sue G. Bill- ingsley .....	2.00
*Wauconda Church .....	3.00
Waukegan Church .....	29.24
*Wheaton Church .....	45.17
Women's Societies, for printing in Annual, etc .....	17.55
York Church .....	6.00
 Total .....	 \$1,568.08

**THE SUMMER ASSEMBLY PROGRAM**

The program committee for the Illinois Baptist Summer Assembly to be held at Quiver Lake Chautauqua Park, Havana, Ill., July 13-20, announces that progress is being made for a good

program. There will be four Mission study classes and a course in Fosdick's "Meaning of Prayer," in charge of competent leaders. Dr. Marsh of Decatur will have charge of the morning devotions; Rev. W. B. Morris, the Sunday school work; Miss Allie G. Davis, of the State B. Y. P. U., will look after the B. Y. P. U. work, and Dr. Skevington of Chicago will conduct a daily conference upon pastoral methods and there will also be a daily Bible Inspirational address by Dr. Stiffler of Evanston, and others. Others to appear on the program will be Dr. J. Y. Aitchison, Rev. C. W. Gilkey, Rev. H. W. Hines of El Paso, Miss Gladys Topping of Elgin, Rev. D. O. Hopkins of Champaign and Rev. W. E. Raffety of Philadelphia. Season tickets will be one dollar. For tickets, cottages, the twenty-five scholarships of four dollars each for young men, and other information, write the Business Manager, Rev. Martin S. Bryant, Champaign, Ill.



"Evangelist Harold F. Holbrook is desirous of getting in touch with Baptist churches which are wanting revival meetings. He has had wide experience. Just finished a meeting at Bushnell, Illinois, with 87 conversions. He has a large tent for summer meetings, with a capacity of 900 people.

Address Plymouth, Illinois, at once."

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME  
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS**

**Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.  
Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron**

At this writing there are sixty-eight children in the Home. That is two over our supposed capacity. Many more are asking admittance.

The response to our Easter call was not as large as last year. This is especially true as far as eggs are concerned. However a few of our old friends did not forget us. The Manlius and Delavan churches are especially worthy of mention. They have formed the habit of remembering the Home by sending eggs each Easter. We hope that others will follow their example. The cost is not great. Each woman of the church community contributes one-half dozen eggs. In this way a case of eggs is soon gathered.

The contract has been let for the painting of our building and the superintendent is hard after the cash to meet the obligation as it comes due. Now that the Northern Baptist budget is over I trust that the Christian people will remember the interests of the home.

The care of needy children is entrusted to the church people, and "inasmuch as they do it unto one of the least of these" they will receive reward, for this work is service rendered unto Christ.

There is an increasing demand for benevolent work and we cannot do the work we ought to without a liberal response from churches and individuals.

The good work is still going on among our children. Easter Sunday seven more put on Christ in Baptism.

**HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE**

**IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS  
Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.**

Rev. F. T. Klotzsche, who entered upon his work with the orphanage the first of March, has the school work well in hand and our boys and girls are making good progress. He is also getting hold of the general industrial situation, especially that which relates to the proper care of the stock.

**OUR STOCK SALE**

In order to reduce our stock and also to improve our dairy herd of Holsteins, we expect to sell at public auction sixteen head of grades, cows and young stock. This will leave us six registered cows and heifers and the registered male at the head of the herd. We will also sell three young mules and a colt, and twelve hogs and shoats.

We are hopeful of receiving sufficient cash from this sale to pay off most bills now due for current needs, and possibly have left something to apply on needed repairs on our buildings.

**PAINTING**

We ought to paint both of our buildings. It should be done both to preserve them and also for the sake of appearances. Neatly painted buildings furnish a good physical atmosphere for our children, while shabby looking buildings supply influences destructive of good taste and helpful self-respect. Our aim should be to create the best taste and ideals not only in mind and morals, but also in regard to home making.

Will not some generous soul start a paint fund by a gift which will furnish leverage for other gifts for the same purpose.

## Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor  
Morgan Park.

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer  
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston.

### A LETTER FROM THE STATE PRESIDENT

What a joy to know the Baptist women of Illinois!

Three mid-year associational gatherings we have been privileged to attend the past month. Salem Association, presided over so graciously by Miss Golda Whitsell, reported progress along all lines, a new Woman's Society organized in the Bushnell church, the Standard of Efficiency for all associations adopted, the W. W. G. work presented by a fine young woman, and plans made for a summer associational picnic.

Morgan-Scott Association at Waverly:—Outside, wind, rain and mud; inside, interest, enthusiasm and good reports. The associational president, Mrs. Joseph Jackson, presided, and a program of interest was presented. W. W. G. work received attention, and never shall I forget the dear young girls who attended this meeting, their sweet faces making me think of the fair blossoms of the spring tide. A W. W. G. chapter was organized at the meeting.

Leaving Waverly, we went still further "down state" to Alton Association. Here we met workers tried and true, Mrs. Stifler, president of the association, Mesdames Twing, Flannigan, and Caldwell, friends we have known and loved these many years.

Alton Association showed a gain in all departments. A splendid map of the association was displayed and old

and new circles shown. Two new circles organized this year at Troy and Hillsboro. Granite City and Belleville reorganized and W. W. Guild work progressing. The cordiality of the women of Alton Association will be known by all who attend our next State Convention which meets in Alton in October. Mrs. W. P. Topping.

The Interdenominational Summer School for Missions is again to be held at Winona Lake, Ind., from June 23-30. Women who have attended do not need to be urged to go, but all others should go to satisfy themselves that it is indeed a delightful place in which to pass one week of a busy life. There will be classes in all departments of mission study for women, young women and children, also hours for rest and recreation.

Write Mrs. C. W. Petterson, 10903 S. Hoyne Ave., Chicago, for programs and further details.

According to our present knowledge, the Taylorville circle is the banner circle in the state as it has already gained all points and exceeded some of them, but it has meant hard work.

Report of the National Societies for Illinois W. A. B. F. M. S. Apportioned \$19,000, received \$16083.64; unapportioned, \$5000, received \$3193.27. Total amount received, \$19,366.91. W. A. B. H. M. S. Apportioned \$18,000, received \$14,964.03; unapportioned \$2,500; received \$1,037.54. Total amount received \$16,001.57.

## Sunday School Work in Illinois



Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.



Director, W. B. MORRIS,  
577 West Macon St., Decatur.

Since the last issue of the Bulletin I have sent out several hundred report blanks asking for Sunday school statistics. It is quite necessary to have this information in order to raise the general standard of our Baptist Sunday school work in Illinois. I have so far received but thirty-three of these reports back. I think a little better teamwork would insure larger results in the local school.

Only eight of the schools reporting have adopted our "Baptist Standard of Efficiency." Schools reporting Teacher Training Classes are, First, Aurora; Cordova; Cunningham Ave., Urbana; Deer Park; Divernon; El Paso; Eastern Ave., Joliet; First, Joliet; First, Urbana; Fairmount; Farmington; Freeport; Hillery; Hoopston; Lebanon; Lincoln; Sandwich; New Berlin; Winstanley, East St. Louis.

Out of thirty-three reports received up to May 1st, nineteen indicate cradle rolls and eighteen home departments.

Every school ought to include in its activities these three features. I will be glad to hear from any pastor or superintendent who wishes to introduce any of them.

I spent a Sunday at Hutsonville and organized a Home Department and Junior Union, and have the promise of a Teacher Training class.

Attended the sectional rally of the Young People of the Bloomington Association at El Paso. There was quite a good attendance and interest. From there I went to Mt. Vernon. This church has one of the largest schools in the state. We organized a Home Department of about twenty-five members. One Sunday was given to Kewanee. This church has one of the best equipped buildings for Sunday school work in the state. Supt. Geo. W. Harding has just commenced his fifteenth year as superintendent. The school has adopted as its objective for the coming year an enrollment of 1,000. There is every reason to believe the goal will be reached.

The semi-annual meeting of the Salem Association was held at Elvaston April 18 and 19. The program was devoted almost entirely to the consideration of Sunday school and Young People's work. The Elvaston people proved themselves to be royal entertainers.

It was my privilege to visit the First church of Aurora on Easter Sunday, and observe the combined service. It works admirably there and the people would be very loth to abandon the plan which has now been in operation several years.

## Baptist Young People's Union of Illinois

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Chicago young people are making great preparations to welcome and entertain the delegates to the coming Interntionl B. Y. P. U| A. convention. The Coliseum has been secured and all the beautiful decorations of the great Republican National convention, costing \$22,600 will be retained in place. This will make a magnificent setting for our meeting. The Hotel Sherman will be headquarters for everyone.

"One Hall, One Hotel, all delegates under one roof" is the slogan of the entertaining committee. It should be a happy crowd. All conferences at the hotel, a public reception in the Art Institute, the great convention program of prayer and inspiration, thousands of enthusiastic, happy young Christians, will make a meeting that Illinois people cannot afford to miss when it is at their very doors. The transportation department of the State Union, desiring to make the trip to Chicago as pleasant as possible, and knowing the value of a "journey with friends" are organizing a number of parties from each association in the state. Each party will have a "leader" and all those desiring to attend the convention are asked to communicate with the leader in their association, and join the party and come to Chicago *together*. You will find the journey more pleasant, you will be met at Chicago, and the

meeting will be better because of the friends made enroute.

Association leaders have been chosen as follows: Southern Illinois, Norman Clark, Mt. Vernon; Alton, Clifford Neill, 1604 Washington Ave., Alton, Ill.; Bloomington, Chas. Perry, Norml; Bloomfield, C. E. Tilton, Fairmount; Peoria, Archie Maple, 252 E. Armstrong Ave., Peoria; Salem, Ray Butterfield, Macomb; Quincy, Arthur Rooks, Timewell; Dixon, Wilbur Barnum, Sterling; Ottawa, Carey Johnson, Princeton; Rock Island, Robert Hoffman, Rock Island. Delegates from other associations and those desiring information write John Ruthven, 2319 W. 109th St., Chicago.

We hope to have leaders for Springfield, Morgan-Scott, Greene-Jersey, Gilman, and Aurora soon.

The great Os-ka-wa-wa barbecue will be an event of unusual importance this year owing to it being held at home. The attendance will be limited to the capacity of the banquet hall. Those desiring tickets will do well to order them before coming to Chicago, because the demand has already begun, and it is the desire of Chicago B. Y. P. U. that their friends from the State shall be accommodated first.

John Ruthven.

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## ✠ Meetings of the Northern Baptist Convention ✠

For some days previous to the meetings of the Convention it had been raining at Minneapolis, and during the meetings it was cloudy or rainy, and was very cool for that time of the year. Minneapolis is a beautiful city of 360,000 people, and its twin, St. Paul, has 250,000. The St. Anthony Falls in the Mississippi River, with a fall of about thirty feet, was the attraction for the founders of the city. The water power is one of the finest in the world, and runs the Pillsbury and other great flour mills. There were 2,116 delegates and visitors in attendance. The small space we have in the Bulletin will not allow a full account of the meetings. This will be given in the Baptist weeklies. The Illinois readers of the Standard will find a full report in that paper.

For several years there has been some dissatisfaction over the work of the Publication and Home Mission Societies. There was claimed to be some over-lapping and duplication of the mission work of these two societies. The matter was brought up last year at Los Angeles and laid over to be settled this year at Minneapolis. It became of such great interest that a meeting was called for the day pre-

ceding the Convention for discussion and inquiry. At this meeting there were about 100 brethren from all parts of the country, and the afternoon was taken up in discussion, and the atmosphere was greatly cleared for a satisfactory settlement of the difficulty when the convention met. It was unanimously voted that it was the opinion of the convention that all home missionary work should be done by one organization, and it was voted that a committee of eleven should be appointed to work out this idea with the two societies as soon as practicable.

Aside from this action with regard to these two societies, there was no unusual action by the Convention this year. Shailer Mathews is a very efficient presiding officer. One thing especially noticeable this year was the amount of time given to prayer during the meetings. This was largely due to the attitude of the President. He would frequently stop the business in the midst of the session and conduct a prayer meeting.

The reports of the work of the various missionary societies, addresses, etc. were about as usual. The evangelistic note was struck with great emphasis, and the Five-Year Program was, in

some way, emphasized in almost every session.

One of the interesting features of the meetings was on Saturday afternoon and night, during the sessions of the Foreign Missionary Societies, when the young men and women under appointment to the foreign field were introduced. Saturday night the parents of the missionaries, who were present were invited to the platform. Several of the mothers and two or three of the fathers were present.

The annual sermon was preached on Sunday morning by Dr. Cornelius Wolfkin of New York. The editor did not hear it, as he preached at the same time in one of the Presbyterian churches in Minneapolis. The B. Y. P. U. session Sunday afternoon was one of the best sessions. The speakers were Dr. J. Y. Aitchison of Chicago, President Barber of Rochester, and Dr. Taylor of Indianapolis. Dr. Taylor closed the session with a consecration meeting which was one of great power.

Monday night, while a service was conducted at the Auditorium, which was filled with 3,000 people, the men's brotherhood held a banquet at which there were 800 men. This meeting lasted four and a half hours. There were six speakers, viz: Dr. Northrup, ex-president of Minnesota University; Dr. Zane Batten of Philadelphia, Rev. Mr. Agar, of Philadelphia, Superintendent Anderson of Chicago, and Sherwood Eddy of International Y.M.C.A. work. The closing speech, by Raymond Robbins, continued one hour and ten minutes, and was one of the greatest addresses ever delivered at the Northern Convention.

Raymond Robbins was thrown out of work during the hard times of the

nineties, and went to the Klondike, where in three years he made an independent fortune in the placer mines. Since that time he has been giving himself to Christian Social Service. He has his home in the Ghetto in Chicago, among the poorest class of the people.

Tuesday night the Convention closed with three addresses by Pastor Fetler of Russia, Dr. F. L. Anderson, of Massachusetts, and Dr. Hinson of Portland, Oregon. These were all great addresses. The auditorium was crowded.

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The catalog of the Northern Baptist Seminary for 1916-17, has recently been published. It is a very neat pamphlet and gives rather full information concerning the purpose and work of the Seminary. The school has been conducted three years, and the first class graduated this year. There were twelve seniors, twenty-nine undergraduates, and twenty-two special students. For further information address the President, John Marvin Dean, corner Jackson Blvd., and Lincoln street, Chicago.

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The Woman's Training School in Chicago held its 34th annual commencement Tuesday evening, June 13, in the Immanuel Baptist church in Chicago. A very attractive program was arranged. The missionary address was given by Dr. Frank W. Sweet of Minneapolis, Minn. The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Dr. Warren P. Behan, president of the Training School. The commencement day address was given by Dr. John A. Earl, president of Des Moines College, Iowa. The program reports five in the graduate department and fifteen in the undergraduate department.



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**T**HE twenty-fifth anniversary of the International B. Y. P. U. A. will be held in Chicago July 6-9. This will be a great opportunity for Illinois Baptist young people.

**T**HE Summer Assembly will be held at Quiver Lake, near Havana, July 13-20. Write Martin S. Bryant, the business manager, Champaign, for information concerning cottages, program, etc.

**T**HE program of the Assembly will be fine; study classes in the forenoon, inspirational addresses at night, and the afternoon for games, boating, fishing, bathing, etc.

**T**HE Assembly at Havana gives our Baptist people, old and young, an opportunity for an inexpensive week's vacation, with every opportunity for recreation, relaxation, study, and amusement.

**I** WISH to call attention to the report of the State Convention Committee on redating the Associations, as published in the May number of the Bulletin. It is hoped that each association will take up the matter and if possible adopt the date suggested.

**I**T IS a rare thing that a man who has been in public life for a large number of years can leave the state with so many warm, loyal friends, and so few unsympathetic critics as Dr. J. Y. Aitchison. Dr. Aitchison is known in almost every nook and corner of Illinois, and if there is a man, woman or child in the state who knows him and is not a warm friend of his, I do not know of such. He will leave Chicago for the East, June 14th. Anyone desiring to communicate with him, can address him Box 41, Boston, Mass. The following, from a recent letter to the editor of the Bulletin, shows something of the spirit of Dr. Aitchison toward those who have worked with him. He says: "Permit me, in this connection, again to thank you for the pleasant fellowship of these years, and for your help and inspiration which has always been of greater value to me than I can express. The Lord bless you and yours. I shall not forget you; indeed, I cannot, even though I am going to be distant."

**I**T WAS reported in the papers a few weeks ago that the University of Chicago had received a bequest of \$2,500,000 in real estate, situated within the loop district in Chicago.

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**AFTERTHOUGHTS OF THE  
CONVENTION**

The college banquets are always delightful features of the Convention. The editor attended Newton Seminary, Shurtleff and Chicago banquets. There were about fifty Newton Seminary men present, yet there was not one man, student or professor, present who was in the seminary when I was there thirty years ago. There were perhaps thirty Shurtleff people at their dinner. There

was a hopeful spirit, and President Potter is held in high esteem. The University of Chicago banquet surpassed all others in number, with about 200 present.

Dr. Clarence Barbour, President of Rochester University, was elected president of the Convention. Rev. J. Y. Aitchison was unanimously, and with great enthusiasm, elected Home Secretary of the Foreign Mission Society. This is perhaps the most important position in the gift of the Northern Baptist Convention, but all feel that Dr. Aitchison is the man for the place.

The Baptists and citizens of Minneapolis and St. Paul took care of the Convention splendidly. The facilities of the Auditorium for the Convention were fairly good, and the hotel service was all that could be desired, and at reasonable prices. The people of the two cities gave the delegates a free automobile ride Monday afternoon. It was thought that ample provision had been made for the whole Convention, but after about 300 autos had been loaded up some 300 or 400 delegates were left.

The next meeting of the Convention will be held at Cleveland, Ohio. Atlantic City, N. J., was a strong competitor.

President Mathews made a fine impression on the entire body. No president we have ever had has infused so much of the religious and prayer spirit into the Convention as he. With his fairness in ruling, his ready wit, and quickness to grasp every situation, he won the hearts of all.

One man took very sick and was removed to a hospital and immediately operated on for appendicitis. A wo-

man from Denver took sick and started home, but died as the train was pulling out of Minneapolis.

There were ninety-five in the Illinois delegation when they met on the first day to elect committees. Probably there were 125 in all from Illinois.

Andrew Swasey of Cleveland, who gave \$200,000 last year to the Ministers' and Missionaries' Benefit Fund was present. He was introduced to the audience. He seems to be a well preserved man. His hair and full beard are very white. He is very modest and unassuming. I spoke to him privately of how greatly the denomination appreciated his great gift. Tears came into his eyes, he laid both hands upon me and said, "That is very sweet of you, and I appreciate it, but I regard my contribution very small compared with the lives our ministers and missionaries are putting into the work."

It was a great pleasure for me to meet the many Baptist men and women, pastors and laymen, from Illinois, besides many who had left us and located in other states, and in the foreign field. I do not believe God ever made a grander people than the constituency of the Illinois Baptist State Convention. They may have some faults, doubtless they do, but the editor of the Bulletin sees so many good qualities in them that it is difficult for him to see their faults; he loves them all.

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#### OPEN MEMBERSHIP

It may seem to some that we refer to this subject too often, but so long as there is agitation along this line in any part of our state, we shall sound a note of warning. So long as 99 per cent of the constituency of the State Convention hold to believers' baptism

(immersion), we shall not keep silent while perhaps one per cent are trying to get the denomination committed to sprinkling and baby baptism. I recently wrote a letter of inquiry to Dr. Shakespeare, editor of the Baptist Times and Freeman of London, England. In reply he said that the Baptist churches of north England did not endorse open membership; that those of central England did to some extent, and that the practice was quite general in London. I understand that Spurgeon's church was never an open membership church. The Herald and Presbyter of Cincinnati, in a recent editorial, commenting on this practice on the part of Baptists in parts of England, said in substance that the Baptists of England were coming to the New Testament teaching of sprinkling and infant baptism; that is the position to which a few American Baptist pastors are trying to lead their churches. Mr. Shakespeare, who is a leader among the open membership Baptists of England, recently took a strong position for organic union, i. e., that Baptists should be merged into Congregational, Presbyterian, and other pedo-baptist churches, and so go out of existence as Baptists. And why not? Having accepted by open membership the position of pedo-baptists, why stand for the name of Baptist when it does not mean anything? Having surrendered the New Testament teaching on our distinctive doctrines, why pretend to be Baptists any longer? Mr. Shakespeare's position is the only logical ground an open membership Baptist can take. There are two things in this connection we cannot understand:

1st. Why a man who repudiates the Baptist teachings on the ordinances

of the church wants to stay with the Baptists, and does not go to a denomination with which he is agreed.

2d. Why members of other churches who believe in sprinkling and infant baptism, want to come to the Baptist denomination, the only denomination with which they disagree on that point when there are a score of other denominations that teach what they believe.

We are quite sure that in Illinois not one church in three hundred would call a man as pastor if it knew beforehand that he was in favor of open membership and would teach and advocate that practice in the church. And why should not a preacher, who believes in such a radical departure from Baptist faith and practice, declare himself before he is called to the pastorate? And why should he complain if his views should be made known while he is trying to locate? A Baptist church, in the exercise of its independency, may repudiate believers' baptism and receive into its membership the unbaptized; it may adopt the Book of Mormon as its standard, or Science and Health, instead of the Bible, and there is no authority on earth that can prevent a Baptist church from doing any of those things, but no local church and pastor has a right to force these things upon the denomination, and any association has the right and privilege to refuse fellowship with a church that so far departs from Baptist usage as to practically cease to be a Baptist church.

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#### AMONG THE CHURCHES

On Thursday evening, May 4th, the editor of the Bulletin preached the dedication sermon at Toulon. The pastor, Rev. Charles C. Colby and his people had expended about \$12,000 in re-

modeling and modernizing the house of worship. It is now one of the best houses in the state in a town of the size of Toulon. On Friday night Dr. Johnston Myers preached, and the services were continued over Sunday. Dr. E. W. Hicks, who was formerly pastor at Toulon for nineteen years, was present in the meetings. The Toulon church has the largest Sunday school in Stark county, and is one of our best missionary churches.

Friday, May 5th, I spent in Chicago with the Apportionment Committee. This committee spent the whole day in carefully going over the whole situation, and then left it with the efficient secretary, Rev. B. E. Allen, of Neponset, to work out the details for each church. The apportionments are not arbitrarily made, but are scientifically wrought out according to the class in which the church's previous missionary record places it, and its membership and the amount it expends for current work.

Sunday, May 7th, I assisted Rev. J. B. Little, the pastor, in the dedication of the Hopkins Park Mission church. Many persons who attended the Convention at Aurora will remember this mission and the appeal of Brother Little for funds. We are giving in this issue a cut of this splendid country church. The house was not painted on the outside at the time of dedication, and on that account it does not show up so well in the cut, but the paint was all provided for, and the labor of putting it on, but the work could not be done before dedication. Including donated work, the building cost \$5,000.

It is well planned and well built. There is no other meeting house within twelve miles of it. Dr. Heafer aid-

ed in the dedication and continued the meetings for two weeks. Brother Little has managed the work well at Hopkins Park, both as to the spiritual interest and the building enterprise.

Sunday morning, May 14th, I visited the Damascus church in the northwestern part of the state. Rev. C. W. Harris has been pastor of that church and Lena for a year. Now the Damascus church, with some assistance, will make an effort to keep Brother Harris on the field for full time, and Lena will, for the present, secure a student supply from Chicago.

Sunday night, I preached at Freeport where Rev. W. F. Bostick has been pastor for several years. The night was threatening and rainy, yet we had a very good congregation; they seemed to appreciate a discussion of our State Convention work. The young people had a splendid meeting. I was entertained in the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Bostick.

I attended the Northern Baptist convention from May 16th to 23rd.

Saturday, May 27th, I aided Brother Allen in reviewing the new missionary apportionments and Sunday morning preached for his people at Osceola. It was Memorial Sunday, and, at the request of the pastor, I preached a Memorial sermon, the Grand Army Post being present. The house was crowded. Pastor Allen has done a remarkable work on that field during his pastorate of eight or nine years. It is one of our most efficient and aggressive churches in the state, and yet it is a country church, about ten miles from a railroad.

On Tuesday, May 30th, I met with the Building Committee of the University church in Champaign, to de-

cide on the matter of seating the church. At this writing the walls of the building are about completed, and everything is moving along hopefully.

Thursday, June 1st, I attended the meeting of the Chicago Association, at the LaSalle avenue church. The attendance was fairly good. The association closed one of the best years in its history. The number of baptisms was 1417, and the net gain in membership 786. This great association of 26,169 members, holds only two afternoon and night sessions. It has no forenoon sessions. Everybody seems to be so busy in Chicago that they cannot give more time than this to the annual meeting of the association. But the program is so arranged, and so much work has been done before the meetings, that an immense amount of work is crowded into a small space of time when the association meets.

I spent Sunday morning, June 4th, at Littleton. Rev. R. E. Carney has been pastor about one year. It had been about ten or twelve years since I had visited this church on Sunday. The attendance was quite good. This was formerly a strong church and has yet material and field sufficient for a strong and efficient church, but has been in a somewhat weakened condition for some time past. The outlook seems to be hopeful for the present.

The Rock River Association will hold its meeting this year, October 3-4. The date was not decided upon at the time the association met last fall.

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#### CO-OPERATING CHURCHES IN THE FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM

Roseville—Rev. J. W. Harnly, pastor.

Morgan Park—Dr. Benjamin Otto, pastor.

El Paso—Rev. Herbert Hines, pastor.

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#### STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

Rev. L. B. Trites, our missionary for the Bloomfield Association, has opened up a new mission at Kelleyville with good success. A Sunday School had been carried on at that church for some time by one of the lady members of the Danville First church. At Hillery Brother Trites has received ten new members, \$250 has been raised on the indebtedness, and a new lighting plant installed. At Grape Creek he has received eleven new members, a missionary band has been formed, and the art glass windows repaired. They are also painting and decorating the auditorium. Mr. Trites has installed a new lighting plant at Palermo, with other improvements. The work has been opened up at Union Chapel, the Sunday school reorganized, and preaching services established. Brother Trites is doing a strenuous work around Danville, and he is ably assisted by Dr. Krumreig, the pastor of the First Church. They have organized a worker's band out of members of the First Church and nearby smaller churches, and these men and women are putting time and money into all these mission points.

The work at South Wilmington is doing well. Our missionary pastor, Rev. Thos. Niven, writes that the work is marked with a spirit of continued enthusiasm. The attendance is remarkably good.

Rev. Julian Neil is getting along well with his new work at Madison, and the people are well pleased to have preaching every Sunday morning and evening. The people are taking up the

work willingly and the attendance is increasing.

Rev. J. H. Bagwill, our missionary pastor at Ashley and Second Church, Mt. Vernon, is having marked success on both fields. The congregations are increasing and the interest good. He also preaches every Friday night at Womac, south of Centralia, where a new church has been organized. Brother Bagwill assisted Evangelist Meads in special work at Christopher, where a new interest has been started. The church has called Rev. Fred Comber of Murphysboro to the pastorate.

Rev. W. R. Johnson, our missionary for Southern Illinois, has been holding a tent meeting at Wood River. This is a growing town of 2500 people with no religious work being done except by a weak United Brethren church. It was expected that the meeting would result in the organization of a Baptist church. About sixty or seventy Baptists have been found living in Wood River.

Our colored missionary, Rev. E. H. Fletcher of Chicago, has recently established two negro missions, one at Dixon and one at Hopkins Park. There are from sixty to seventy-five negroes in each place, and no religious work was being done for them at either place.

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#### PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. Robt. Wallace has closed his work at Virden and is making his home for the present in Berwyn, near Chicago.

Rev. R. T. Gasaway has resigned at Assumption and accepted a call to the church at Kane. In connection with his pastoral work he will take studies at Shurtleff College.

Rev. W. E. Pool has closed his work at Fairmount and accepted a call to the Olney church. Brother Pool and his wife did a good work at Fairmount and they will have a large opportunity in the important field at Olney.

Rev. F. M. Dunk, our missionary pastor at Oglesby for four years has resigned. He is planning to go into evangelistic work.

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#### PERSONALS

Rev. J. Y. Aitchison, D.D., was unanimously elected Home Secretary of the Foreign Mission Society, in Minneapolis in May. Dr. Aitchison has accepted the call and has probably removed to Boston by this time. This is, perhaps, the most responsible position connected with the Northern Baptist Convention.

Rev. J. C. Dent, pastor of the Pilgrim Temple church in Chicago, began his ministry twenty-five years ago the 7th of this June. His pastorates have been Maplewood, Chicago; Earlville; Sandwich; Claim Street, Aurora; First, Joliet; and Pilgrim Temple, Chicago, all within less than 100 miles of his present pastorate.

The Centralia church has showed its appreciation of its pastor, Rev. A. P. Howells, by sending him to the Northern Baptist Convention.

Dr. E. L. Krumreig, D.D., delivered the Memorial address to a large crowd at the Baptist church in Danville on Decoration Day.

Rev. J. G. Little preached the Baccalaureate sermon for the class of 1916 at Havana. The home papers gave large space in reporting the sermon, and spoke very highly of the effort.

Rev. M. W. Twing and his wife were sent to Minneapolis with all expenses paid, by their friends, in Alton.

Rev. W. R. Crume, who has been pastor at Fairfield one and a half years, was recently given an increase of \$250 in salary by his church.

Rev. P. D. Mangum, for several years pastor at Belleville, Illinois, and now pastor at Paris, Missouri, reports the building of a \$30,000 church on a \$6,000 lot.

Rev. J. H. Cozad of East Park church, Decatur, has been sick, but is now able to work again. His church has given him a substantial increase in salary.

**FOR SALE**

Bilhorn Telescope Organ. Almost as good as new. Price \$15.00. Communicate with Mrs. E. L. Myrland, 111 Bliss Court, Joliet, Ill.



**Hopkins Park Baptist Church  
Dedicated May 7th, 1916**

**MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING MAY**

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (\*) star.

Atlanta Ch., A. T. Kenyon, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	\$20.00
Advertisement in the Bulletin.....	1.00
Bloomington Ch., A. Dolan, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
Canton Ch., Mrs. Amanda Orendorff Special Evangelistic Fund .....	2.00
Canton Ch., Mrs. H. S. Kane Special Evangelistic Fund .....	2.00
Centralia Ch., Celia M. Miles.....	5.00
Chicago, Covenant church .....	32.00
Chicago, Woodlawn church.....	18.90
*Colchester church .....	9.00
Decatur Ch., C. A. Swarm, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	10.00
Decatur Ch., R. S. Bohon, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
Decatur Ch., J. L. Deck, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	3.00
Hoopeston Church .....	4.45
Kewanee Ch., W. P. Currier, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
Lexington Ch., E. Ruth Scrogin (5) .....	5.00
Lexington Ch., A. J. Scrogin, (6)....	5.00
Lincoln Church .....	25.00
*Manlius Church .....	35.00
Minonk Ch., H. P. Parks, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
Northern Baptist Convention.....	75.00
*Oak Park, Lombard Ave. Ch.....	10.00
Orion Church .....	25.00
Plainfield Sunday school .....	6.00
*Rock Island First Church.....	61.00
St. Charles meeting house rent.....	7.00
*Tremont Church .....	30.00
Tremont Ch., Mrs. G. W. Ballenger, Special Evangelistic Fund.....	10.00
York Church .....	7.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$428.35</b>

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in its meeting recently held at Atlantic City, published the following statement of doctrine to which candidates for the ministry must subscribe before ordination:

**The Essential Doctrines**

"1. It is an essential doctrine of the word of God and our standards that the Holy Spirit did so inspire, guide and move the writers of Holy Scriptures as to keep them from error.

"2. It is an essential doctrine of the word of God and of our standards that

our Lord Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary.

"3. It is an essential doctrine of the word of God and our standards that Christ offered up himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice and thus reconcile us to God.

"4. It is an essential doctrine of the word of God and of our standards concerning our Lord Jesus Christ that on the third day he arose from the dead with the same body with which he suffered and with which also he ascended into heaven and there sitteth at the right hand of his father, making intercession.

"5. It is an essential doctrine of the word of God as the supreme standard of our faith that our Lord Jesus showed his power and love by working mighty miracles.

"This working was not contrary to nature but superior to it.

#### Presbyteries are Enjoined

"Presbyteries are hereby enjoined not to license or ordain any candidate for the ministry whose views are not in accordance with this deliverance of 1910.

#### Expect Loyal Compliance

"The general assembly renews its positive mandate with full expectation of loyal compliance by all our presbyteries; and directs that when a candidate appears who is found to be not clear, and positive on any one of the fundamentals of our faith, that his license be deferred until such time as in the judgment of the presbytery he has become so."

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#### ILLINOIS SUMMER ASSEMBLY

The program committee for the summer assembly to be held at Quiver Lake, Havana, Ill., July 13-20, announces that that which promises to be a splendid program, is about complete. There will be five mission study classes in charge of competent leaders, Doctor Marsh of Decatur will have charge of the morning devotions, Rev. W. B. Morris of the Sunday school work, Miss Allie Davis of the state B. Y. P. U. will look after the B. Y. P. U. work, and Doctor Skevington of Chicago will conduct a daily conference on pastoral methods. At 11 o'clock each day there will be an inspirational Bible address by Rev. Jas. M. Stifler of Evanston, Rev. J. C. Hazen of Peoria, and others. Rev. C. W. Gilkey, Rev. Herbert Hines of El Paso, Miss Gladys Topping of Elgin, Rev. D. O. Hopkins of Champaign, and Rev. W. E. Rafferty and Dr. S. Z. Batten of Philadelphia will also appear on the program.

Season tickets will be \$1. For tickets, cottages, the twenty-five young men's scholarships of \$4 each, and other information, write to the business manager, Rev. Martin S. Bryant, Champaign, Ill.

#### WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT THE BULLETIN

"It is a real blessing—the Bulletin. It is sure good. Practically every family in our church takes it."—Tampico.

"It is a splendid Bulletin you edited in April. It was readable from cover to cover, and just made one hungry for more. At the Aid meeting yesterday so many spoke of it."—Roodhouse.

"I do think the Bulletin is doing a grand work in supplying Baptist news of the state."—St. Anne.

"I like the paper very much. I read it with much interest."—Littleton.

"Those who subscribe would not do without it. They say, 'That little Bulletin is the newsiest little paper they ever read.'"

"I believe that the Bulletin supplies a want no other paper does. I like it, and usually sit down as soon as I get it and read it through."—Utica.

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#### CHURCHES

Rev. A. H. Gage, pastor of the Garfield Park church, Chicago, gave the hand of fellowship to thirty-seven new members May 7th.

The Wilmette Church near Chicago, on the north, of which Rev. B. F. Tabor is pastor, is only three years old. Mr. Tabor, the first pastor, has been on that field two years. The membership is now 140. They have purchased a \$6,500 lot and will begin building a \$30,000 meeting house next fall.

Rev. L. D. Weyand, pastor of the Sycamore Church, recently baptized thirteen members. The church repaired the meeting house and sent the pastor to the Northern Baptist Convention at Minneapolis. Brother Weyand, who was the student pastor for several years is continuing with the church after his graduation.



The work at Cairo continues to prosper under the energetic work and strong sermons of Dr. Lamkin. The church recently showed its appreciation of the pastor by increasing his salary \$300. He delivered the address before the graduating class of the high school May 28th.

The Murphysboro church knows how to show its appreciation of a good and worthy pastor. It recently removed the old parsonage from the church lot and erected a splendid, modern parsonage, a cut of which appears in this issue of the Bulletin. One June 4th, the church voted the pastor, Rev. Minor Stevens, a vacation of one month and an increase of \$260 in salary. We have some fine churches in the Southern Illinois Association.

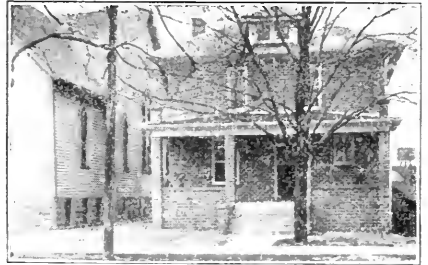
The Whites Grove church has been worshipping in a school house since its organization. Last year the Wyoming church, which has not had services for many years, donated its meeting house to the Whites Grove church. The house was moved a distance of several miles and put in good condition. Sunday, June 4th, it was dedicated. Rev. H. F. Jones preached the sermon. Rev. B. E. Allen and Rev. A. C. Hodgson were present and took part in the exercises. The small sum of money needed was easily raised.

On Tuesday night, May 16th, the Chrisman church, of which Rev. C. N. Manchester is pastor, received fifty-two new members, forty-nine of them by baptism. This large in-gathering was the result of a revival in the town held in the Methodist church, in which the Baptists took an active part.

The Carrollton Church recently had the Shurtleff College Glee Club for an evening. The pastor, Dr. Mundell,

preached the sermon before the graduating class of the high school, this being the third time in four years.

"The first Baptist church of Decatur sent the pastor, Dr. T. H. Marsh, to the Northern Baptist convention. In order to show their appreciation of his services a few of the members raised a fund to pay his expenses. All this was done without the knowledge of Dr. Marsh, and came to him as a complete surprise. His work at Decatur is going on with much satisfaction to all."



New Baptist Parsonage  
Murphysboro, Ill

The semi-annual meeting of the Quincy Association was held at Pittsfield, June 1 and 2. It is said to have been one of the best ever held in the association. "Those who attended the Northern Baptist Convention came back full of inspiration and succeeded largely in enthusing us all."

"There were sixty-nine lynchings in the United States during 1915, of which number fifty-five were negroes and fourteen white. It will be suggestive to know just where these murders occurred. Here are the facts: Alabama, 9; Arkansas, 5; Florida, 5; Georgia, 18; Illinois, 1; Kentucky, 5; Louisiana, 2; Mississippi, 9; Missouri, 2; Ohio, 1; Oklahoma, 3; South Carolina, 1; Tennessee, 2; Texas, 5; Virginia, 1."—*Journal and Messenger.*

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME  
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS**

**Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.  
Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron**

The entire plant of the Central Baptist Children's Home is undergoing a process of renovation and decoration. Already the building has had two coats of paint which gives it a new appearance. Everything looks clean and cheerful and beautiful, and, but for the expense incurred, we would be singing merrily.

Improvements though a benefit to the building and a saving of money finally, as well as a comfort and pleasure, nevertheless, add an additional financial burden at present. And the only way to meet this expense is by special subscription and that over and above our regular support.

The present improvements undertaken and contracted for by our board will cost one thousand dollars. This includes painting the building and replacing boilers for our hot water plant, thus assuring comfort for our children the coming winter.

The superintendent is now soliciting funds to meet this expense and he has been greeted with a kindly response so far. However, there must be a more general response and larger subscriptions if the debt incurred is paid. Are there not those interested enough in our work who will send in their pledge without waiting for the call of the superintendent?

We need a number of twenty-five dollar and fifteen dollar, ten and five dollar subscriptions if we are going to meet this extra expense. The debt removed will enable us to do a much larger work in the interest of needy children.

**HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE  
IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS**

**Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.**

While our sale of stock failed because of a severe storm on the day selected for it, the herd is making us some money by the sale of cream and milk. We are milking ten cows and the pasture is good. We have, therefore, a surplus of milk and cream.

We were glad to be able to help over her crisis, Mrs. Harris of Auburn Park, Chicago. Her two smallest children were with us for a little over four months. In the mean time her boy had secured a position in a bank where he was earning \$30.00 per month. This was a great help in the support of the family and the mother felt able to have with her again her five children for whose support and education she had so faithfully toiled.

Domestic tragedy is quite common in our day. While domestic life may begin with a romance, ultimate tragedy frequently appears. Recently a mother who had deserted for several years her husband and three small children, decided to secure possession of the children, who had been for over two years in this institution, having been committed to our care by the Court. She succeeded in persuading the judge to allow the children to be paroled to the grandmother. This mother had lived for years within a fifty cent ride of her children, but when she came after them they did not know her, nor did she know them.

## Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

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2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston.

We hope every woman who can do so is arranging to attend the Summer School of Missions under the auspices of the Interdenominational Committee of the Central West to be held at Winona Lake, Indiana, June 23-30.

Much thought has been given by the committee and a splendid program has been arranged which must be helpful and inspiring to all who attend. Among the instructors are Miss Angy Manning Taylor, Mrs. J. F. Fisher, Mrs. D. B. Wells, Mrs. E. H. Silverthorne, Miss Clara W. Davidson, Miss Emily Mae Sedgwick, and Miss Ruth Shipley. Other prominent workers will speak and a number of missionaries will be present. There will be normal study classes and especial prominence will be given young women's and junior work.

Another opportunity for a vacation which combines instruction as well, is given at the Illinois Baptist Summer Assembly held in Havana, July 13-20. The Woman's Baptist Mission Society of Illinois have arranged to have two interdenominational study books presented. "World Missions and World Peace" will be reviewed by Mrs. Martin S. Bryant; "Old Spain in New America" by Miss Gladys M. Topping. We want a great many women attending these classes, and the other good things which will be given. Every circle in the state will be greatly benefited by sending a representative who will take back the enthu-

siasm and knowledge she has acquired.

The May board meeting of the State Missionary Society was largely attended and much interest in our work and the annual meeting in October was aroused. The program committee gave suggestions as to the good things we might expect at that time, and items of interest from various parts of the state were reported. There is a change in presidents for Morgan-Scott Association, Mrs. Joseph Jackson of Jacksonville, having resigned. Mrs. Everett Barnett of Waverly has been appointed to the position.

There were many happy occasions at the national meetings in Minneapolis, but one of the best was our Illinois "Get-acquainted Luncheon." It was held in the Dayton Co.'s lunch room, and sixty-one chairs were taken. A number of our national officers who are Illinois women, were present and also missionaries, both home and foreign. Miss Church presented our workers on the foreign field; Mrs. John Chapman introduced those on the home field. All were greeted with applause and the vision of the world's need came before us with ever increasing vividness. In the many prayers which were the closing feature, the thought of our responsibility was foremost and all were filled with a desire to "measure up" to the work that God has put into the hands of the Illinois women.

## Foreign and Home Mission Societies

REV. J. Y. AITCHISON, D.D., Joint District Secretary

19 South LaSalle St., Chicago

J. Y. Aitchison, Editor

### TO THE BAPTISTS OF ILLINOIS

Dear Friends:

For nearly six years it has been our privilege to work with the pastors and church leaders of the great state of Illinois. During these last days, before leaving to take up the duties as Home Secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society at Boston, it has been necessary to arrange matters at the office so that whoever takes up the work will be able to do so with the least possible difficulty. We are frank to confess to you all that these have been exceedingly trying days. It has not been possible, as home after home, church after church, has been recalled to mind, to think of leaving the dear friends in Illinois without some heart aches.

The fellowship of these years has been an inspiration and a joy. We wish to give expression to the deep heartfelt appreciation which we feel towards the pastors and friends over the state for the loyal support, love, fellowship and hospitality, as well as the deep personal interest which has ever been shown. Our lives are richer for having known you all and for the love and confidence which you have manifested on every hand.

We want also at this time to express the joy which it has been to labor with Dr. Brand in the denominational work in this state. We do not see how it would be possible for any two men to get along in a more friendly and fraternal spirit than it has always been

our privilege to enjoy. We have relied greatly on his council and help, as no man understands the state of Illinois and its problems as well as does our beloved State Superintendent. We have faced together great problems and difficulties, but it is a **source of satisfaction** to feel wherever we have gone that Dr. Brand has had the love and affection and support of the Baptists throughout the State. Time alone will reveal the true worth and lasting value of his untiring services to the denomination..

We are not saying good by to our friends of the central west, for there is a sense in which we are not parting from you. Illinois is still to be in our field, though, of course, in taking in the whole country it will not be possible to see as much of you as heretofore.

Arrangements have been made for Rev. W. J. Longley, one of our missionaries, who is home on furlough, to take charge of the work during the interim between my leaving and the appointment of my successor. Churches are requested to continue their remittances to our societies as formerly, making checks payable to the American Baptist Home Mission Society or American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, and addressing the mail to Rev. W. J. Longley, room 1317, 19 S. La Salle street, Chicago, Illinois.

Wishing you all the richest blessings and assuring you of our continued love and esteem, I am,

Fraternally yours, J. Y. Aitchison.

## Baptist Young People's Union of Illinois

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The Twenty-third International Convention, Chicago, July 6-9, 1916, promises to be the most notable gathering of Baptist young people ever assembled in America. The young people who make up that gathering may expect to find in it one of the greatest experiences of their lives.

It is my earnest conviction that every person elected a delegate to such a gathering assumes a solemn responsibility and enters into a real privilege. No young person can afford to shut himself away from such an experience, if he can reasonably bring himself within its reach.

Chicago proves herself exceptionally capable for the entertainment of so notable a company. Chicago is a Baptist stronghold, and Chicago Baptists, young and old, will put forth a supreme effort to make this the greatest of denominational gatherings.

The Coliseum, where the sessions will be held, is admirably fitted for such a gathering. An added embellishment will be the decorations of the Republican National Convention. Can you imagine the splendor of decoration which \$22,600 will produce?

The city is adequately equipped with hotels, many within walking distance of the Coliseum. Hotel Sherman, however, has been chosen as official

headquarters, and here arrangements can be made for the accommodation of state delegations on one or adjacent floors.

The free-handed hospitality of Chicago is ever more than abundant—it is free-hearted, open-handed and alluring. It was in July, 1891, at Chicago, that the B. Y. P. U. of A. came into existence, and in 1901 Chicago was a second time host to the international organization. And now, in this year, 1916, the silver organization anniversary, they bid the young Baptists of Canada and the United States to again come and taste of their hospitality.

The fellowship in prospect depends mainly upon us who are the guests. We can make the convention in this respect almost anything we please.

In a similar sense the spirit of the convention will depend upon us. However well Chicago does her part, it rests with you who read this article, and him who writes it, to call into full realization the great spirit that accounts for B. Y. P. U. of A. We shall be upon inspection in Chicago as never before since our organization. Our proceedings will be more widely published. Our bearing will more radically affect the public estimate of our organization.

The Chicago convention, in short, is the greatest opportunity that has ever

come to B. Y. P. U. of A. God grant that we may be trusted to make the gathering the greatest honor that has ever come to B. Y. P. U. of A.

*"One thousand 'Os-ka-wa-was' at Chicago."*

Transportation arrangements for the B. Y. P. U. of A. Convention, Chicago, July 6-9, are difficult, because parties are not large enough at the start, to command special trains, and trains do not stop at all points. Also because some Associations are situated on several railroads. Those interested please apply to the leader in their association, or to the undersigned, for information regarding parties being formed.

Peoria will leave that city via the Rock Island railway at 1 p.m. July 5, and invite all the surrounding territory to join them. Write Archie Maple, Peoria. Other leaders are, Southern Illinois, Norman Clark, Mt. Vernon; Alton, Clifford Neill, Alton; Quincy, Arthur Rooks, Timewell; Salem, Ray Butterfield, Macomb; Dixon, Wilbur Barnum, Sterling; Ottawa, Carey Johnson, Princeton; Bloomington, Chas. Perry, Normal; Bloomfield, Claude E. Tilton, Fairmount; Aurora, Rev. E.J. Parsons, Joliet; Rock Island, Robt. H. Hoffman, Rock Island.

John Ruthven.

2319 West 109th St., Chicago.

Rev. E. T. Potter, our missionary pastor at Aledo, Reynolds, and Enon, is doing a large work on his field. The Reynolds Church has completely modernized its meeting house at a heavy expense, and will re-dedicate the third Sunday in June. The Aledo Church has raised all its apportionments plus 15 per cent increase.

#### CO-OPERATIVE CHURCHES

The Osceola Church, Rev. B. E. Allen, pastor, has adopted the Five Year Program.

The Pilgrim Temple Church of Chicago, of which Rev. J. C. Dent is pastor, voted on March 29th to become a co-operating church under the Five-Year Program.

The church at New Berlin of which Rev. A. W. Judd is pastor, has voted to become a co-operating church under the Five-Year Program.

The Galva church, of which Rev. N. L. Thomas is pastor, has adopted the Five-Year Program and has become a co-operating church.



Rev. J. Y. Aitchison, D. D.  
Home Secretary of the Foreign Mission Society

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## The Virgin Birth



There seems to be much confusion and mistiness in the minds of not a few concerning the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. I find that many well educated men, some of them seminary men, are confused on the terms "Immaculate Conception," and "Miraculous Conception." "Immaculate Conception" is the Roman Catholic doctrine of the sinlessness of Mary, the mother of Jesus. "Miraculous Conception" is the biblical doctrine that Jesus was miraculously begotten of the Holy Ghost. Both of these doctrines are held to be true by the Roman Catholics. The first has always been rejected by Protestants. The latter has been generally held by evangelical Protestants until quite recently, there has been a tendency in some quarters to call in question the Virgin Birth. While it is regarded by some as a matter of small consequence, we think it is a doctrine of vital importance. Those who deny the Virgin Birth seem to do it on the ground that it was a miracle without scientific explanation. But the same can be said of the Resurrection of Jesus, and if the doctrine of the Virgin Birth is rejected because of the miraculous element, the resurrection must be rejected on the same ground, and that takes out the

foundation of the whole system of Christianity, and would reduce it to the level of the many other religions in the world.

Upon what foundation can those who believe in the Virgin Birth base their faith in this doctrine? In the very first promise of a coming Redeemer, Gen. 3:15, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and her seed; he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his head." Here the promise is that the seed of *woman*—not the seed of the man—shall bruise the serpent's head. Again, the Virgin Birth had been foretold in prophecy, Isa. 7:14, "Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son and shall call His name Emmanuel" and in Matt 1:23 this prophecy is quoted as referring directly to the Virgin Birth. To deny it, one would have to deny not only the correctness of Isaiah's prophecy, but also Matthew's interpretation of it. Again, it is a matter of plain record in the New Testament: Matt 1:18, "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: when His mother, Mary, had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit." Luke 1:35, "And the angel

answered and said unto her, the Holy Spirit shall come unto thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee, wherefore also the holy thing which is begotten shall be called the Son of God."

To deny the Virgin Birth one must reject these records found in Matthew's and Luke's gospels. Some biblical scholars have claimed that the gospel of John was written at a much later date than the times of the Apostles, but no one has ever questioned the early date of Matthew, Mark and Luke, and while some, with apparently good reason, have regarded the last eleven verses of Mark as a later addition to that gospel, no one has ever claimed that any part of the books of Matthew and Luke were spurious or of later additions. If these accounts of the Virgin Birth are untrustworthy, then we cannot regard any portion of the books of Matthew and Luke as reliable.

Again, it seems to me, that the Virgin Birth is the only theory that can harmonize with the doctrine of the pre-existence of Jesus Christ. The New Testament, without question, teaches that He was with the Father in Eternity. John 8:58, "Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, before Abraham was born, I am."

If Jesus had an existence before his birth into this world, it is easier to believe that He was the Son of God than that He was the son of Joseph. It would have been a greater miracle for the pre-existent Christ to have had a human father, Joseph, than the divine Father, and to have been begotten of the Holy Spirit.

For one who believes in the deity of Jesus Christ, it is not difficult to believe in the Virgin Birth. Of course, it was a miracle, and so were many

things concerning Him. It was a miraculous conception, and miraculous announcement of His birth and miraculous preservation of His infant life, and miraculous announcements of Him at His baptism and transfiguration. He, Himself, wrought scores of miracles as wonderful and "unscientific" as His Virgin Birth. His resurrection and ascension were marvelous miracles. All these are easily believed by those who unreservedly accept the deity of Jesus, but none of them can be accepted, and all must be explained away by those who reject the deity of Jesus Christ, and look upon Him as the son of Joseph, and not as the Son of God.

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The Dixon Association met at Freeport June 27th and 28th. The writer could not be there the first day, but was informed that they had a good meeting. The second day was very interesting, both forenoon and afternoon. There was the usual attendance. The letters showed a very healthy condition in the churches. Every church in the association has a pastor, and all but one for full time. The association voted to accept an invitation from the Rock River Association to unite in one association. The Dixon Association now has twelve churches and the Rock River fifteen churches, but only twelve that are active. The two combined will not make a large association in the number of churches but it will cover a large territory, taking in eight counties and portions of two others. In all those nine or ten counties there are just two Baptist country churches, a few in small villages, and the remainder in large towns and cities. Having no hold on the country, it is not strange that the work is difficult in the city churches.



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**T**WO associations, Chicago and  
Dixon, held their annual meet-  
ings in June.

**A**LL the other associations in the  
state will be held from the  
middle of August until the middle of  
October, most of them being crowded  
into the month of September.

**T**HE Dixon Association voted to  
change its time to harmonize  
with a plan arranged by a committee  
of the State Convention, and endorsed  
and recommended by the State Board  
at its semi-annual meeting in April.

**T**HE time for meeting of the Chi-  
cago Association was not  
changed by this suggested order, as its  
present time of meeting seemed the  
best. The same thing is true of the  
Springfield Association.

**S**OME of the associations are re-  
quested to make a change of  
only a few days; others a change of  
one or two weeks. The most radical  
changes are in the case of the associa-  
tions that are asked to change their  
time from September to June.

**I**F ALL our associations could see  
their way clear to accept this rota-  
tion plan, by which no two associa-  
tions in the state co-operating with  
the State Convention and the Northern  
Convention would come at the same  
time, it would add much to the effi-  
ciency of our work, and in time would  
be appreciated and satisfactory to the  
associations.

**R**EV. F. M. DUNK, after four  
years of most faithful and suc-  
cessful work at Oglesby, closed his  
pastorate July 1st. Brother Dunk  
took this church while it was still  
young and had passed through some  
difficulties, and built up an efficient  
church. It is not yet self-supporting,  
but the debt on the property is nearly  
paid, and many have been added to  
the membership. The superintendent  
spent Sunday morning with them re-  
cently and helped to plan for another  
pastor.

**T**HE LaSalle church, with Rev.  
Arthur Meyes as pastor, is now  
quite hopeful. Plans have been made  
and funds are in sight for completing  
the auditorium of the building. I met  
with the officials of the church Sunday  
afternoon, June 11th.

**R**EV. Samuel Hoekstra has been  
pastor at Utica for about four  
years. The superintendent had a very  
pleasant visit with him and his people  
Sunday night, June 11th. The work  
is going nicely. The pastor has his  
people trained to sing, and this is a  
very delightful feature in all his ser-  
vices.

**T**HE Eastern Avenue Church, of  
Joliet, Rev. C. A. Neyman, pas-  
tor, has started a mission among the  
Hungarians. A missionary has been

secured for the summer. There are more Hungarians in Will county than any county in the state, except Cook county. The superintendent spent part of Monday, June 12th, in looking over this foreign field in Joliet.

**T**HE old Lockport church, which has not had regular services for a long time, held a meeting in the church building June 12th, and turned the property over to the State Convention and voted to disorganize the church. There were only six or seven members left, and some of them live in Joliet.

**T**HE Negro State Convention met in Chicago June 4th. The Editor of the Bulletin was given an hour on the program. The negro population is becoming quite large in Illinois, and they are making some definite progress. Our State Convention co-operates with them in their mission work.

**S**HURTLEFF College commencement took place June 15th. I have never seen Shurtleff College campus so beautiful nor the outlook for the school in every way so hopeful. President Potter seems to be growing in popularity, and in the confidence of the people. There were nine in the senior class this year. They are all Christian young men and women, and good church workers. Mr. Smith, son of Pastor C. C. Smith of Roodhouse, took the scholarship of \$250 for work at the State University next year.

**T**HE trustees of Shurtleff College, at its commencement, conferred upon the Superintendent of Missions the title of Doctor of Divinity. This came as a complete surprise to him, and while he had received this title from another college ten years ago, he appreciates this honor coming from Shurt-

leff, which is not only the pioneer Baptist college, but the oldest college of any kind in the Mississippi Valley, and a school which at this time has very bright prospects for the future.

**T**he rededication of the Reynolds Church took place Sunday, June 18th. Rev. E. T. Potter supplies this church in connection with the Aledo and Enon churches. They have made a complete modern meeting house out of their old church building. The cost was about \$3700. There was \$1954 indebtedness to provide for. The weather was not very favorable, the muddy roads keeping many from coming in their autos from neighboring churches. Yet we had a good congregation in the morning and afternoon, and an over-crowded house at night. The Editor of the Bulletin preached morning and night and had charge of raising the debt. He succeeded in raising \$1695.85, and the balance can be easily provided for.

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#### ORDINATIONS

On Tuesday, June 20th, the Editor sat with an ordination council called by the Vermont Street church, of Quincy, to examine Mr. J. Lee Lewis, a member of that church, who was graduated at Newton Seminary this year. Mr. Lewis is a Quincy boy and a volunteer for the foreign field, but for the present will locate in Massachusetts. This writer was elected Moderator, Rev. John Martin of Kinderhook, clerk, and Dr. LeGrand, examiner. He passed a very satisfactory examination, and was ordained at night. Rev. F. E. R. Miller of Elgin preached the sermon. Brother Miller was Mr. Lewis' pastor while he attended Knox College at Galesburg.

On June 27th, I attended a council called by the Gilman Church to ordain their pastor, Mr. Ernest Cox. Brother Cox had preached for the church in connection with superintending the Rankin schools for one year. He is a graduate of Franklin College and is a very successful educator. The council was organized by electing Dr. E. L. Krumreig of Danville, moderator, a layman of Hoopeston, clerk, and the Editor of the Bulletin examiner. Brother Cox has given much thought to the fundamental principles of Christianity and to Baptist polity. He passed a very satisfactory examination and was ordained at night. Rev. R. M. Scott of Hoopeston, his pastor, preached the sermon. His father is Rev. John L. Cox of Hutsonville, who for twenty years was moderator of the Palestine Association.

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Many scores of letters are received in the Bulletin office each year making inquiry as to Baptist belief and practice and custom. So many questions have been asked within recent months concerning the Lord's Supper that it seems opportune to write an editorial on the subject. In the first place, proper scriptural qualifications necessary to participate in the Lord's Supper should be taught from the pulpit, in the prayer meeting and on whatever occasion it seems to be needed. The greatest confusion and lack of uniformity among the Baptists seems to be at the time of assembling, including an invitation or no invitation. It is not the custom of Baptists to give an invitation to those outside the membership of the church. It has become quite a general custom not to give an invitation at all.

A very good custom adopted by many is to announce that at the close of the morning worship and after the congregation has been dismissed, the church will reassemble to celebrate the Lord's Supper, or that the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the close of the morning service. I have observed in several places where I have been, a custom that seems to me very objectionable. That is to close the morning service and pass to the observance of the supper without dismissing the audience and giving those who desire to retire an opportunity to do so conveniently. To celebrate the supper without dismissing the congregation and passing the elements to everybody seems to me much worse than a wide-open, promiscuous invitation. If there are unbelievers, unbaptized, Unitarians, Confucians, worldly-minded and what not present, they are compelled to remain to the Supper or appear rude by leaving the service before the congregation is dismissed. I was present once where the preacher not only did not dismiss the audience, but insisted on their remaining seated while the last hymn was sung, making it as difficult as possible for anyone to retire. Some present had sufficient respect for the ordinance and good sense to refrain from participation if the preacher did show such poor judgment. Some claim that if they dismiss the congregation some members of the church will leave; if that be the case, they ought to leave; it would be sinful for them to remain if they have no more interest in the atonement than that. There should not be too much haste in the observance of the ordinance. Better cut the morning worship short than to hasten through with communion. There should be time for

reading a few verses, some appropriate remarks by the pastor, a prayer before partaking of the bread and again before partaking of the wine. Aside from this it is the general custom to have perfect silence. It is not customary to have the organ played during the observance of the Supper, as it is often done during the offertory. The service is usually closed by singing a hymn and without benediction. In almost no cases are Baptist Sunday morning or Sunday night services closed without prayer and benediction, yet when the supper was instituted, "they sang a hymn and went out." As to the times for observing the Supper there is no uniform custom; the New Testament does not tell us how often. The Disciples church observes it every Sunday; the Methodists once in three months; most Baptist churches in the North celebrate it the first Sunday in each month. The church in which the writer is a member, observes it each alternate month, and has, perhaps, not failed five times in twenty years. Most churches that have part time preaching celebrate the ordinance once each quarter. Whatever time is fixed upon by the church should be strictly carried out. In one section of Illinois some of our pastors and churches are careless about the observance of this ordinance. Sometimes a whole year, and frequently several years, pass by without a single celebration of the supper. It seems strange that any pastor or church can claim to be Christian and carelessly neglect this important service.

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**A TERRITORY DESTITUTE OF  
BAPTISTS**

I recently went on the Illinois Central Railroad from Bloomington to Chicago. The distance to the outskirts

of Chicago is 120 miles. The railroad passes through twenty-nine towns and villages, and there are just two of these places where there is a Baptist church, viz: Chatsworth and Kankakee. It is one of the richest portions of the world in fertility of soil, and supports a large population, but if there were any Baptists among the early settlers, they were either neglected or were not very loyal to their religion and their principles, and now in all that region on the eastern side of the state, from Chicago to Champaign, the Baptists have to struggle to hold the few interests they have. Last fall the Gilman Association, that was composed of ten churches and 1400 members, occupying a territory of eighty miles north and south, and sixty miles east and west, got discouraged and disbanded, the churches joining other and larger associations. There is not much manufacturing or mining in that section of the state, but there is a rich farming community. It has generally been thought that now the Baptists could never build up in that section, yet one of the most marvelously successful mission interests we have had in the state is at Hopkins Park, which is located in that territory. Rev. J. B. Little began work at that point a short time ago with almost nothing but unconverted material in that community, and in about a year and a half has built a strong congregation and good meeting house. I think it was a mistake for the Gilman Association to disband; the Hopkins Park church would have helped to strengthen it.

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**STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES**

Rev. Frank M. Dunk has closed his four years' work as our missionary at Oglesby and removed to Prince-

ton, where he will make his home. His purpose is to give his whole time to evangelistic work and he is open for engagements to assist pastors and churches in that kind of service. We are hopeful that Brother Dunk will make a success in his new line of work. He seems to have some special qualifications for an evangelist, preaches good evangelistic sermons, and is an excellent singer. Those desiring that kind of assistance will do well to communicate with Brother Dunk.

Rev. John H. Martin of Joliet will take a three weeks' vacation, beginning July 20th, and visit his mother in North Carolina, whom he has not seen for eight years. Brother Martin has done faithful work and deserves a good vacation.

Rev. J. H. Bagwill, our missionary pastor at Ashley, Second Church Mt. Vernon, and Womac, reports very encouraging interest on all the fields. At Ashley the congregations are large. At this writing Evangelist J. L. Meads is assisting Brother Bagwill in a tent meeting at Mt. Vernon with good interest.

Rev. E. H. Fletcher, our colored missionary for Northern Illinois, has organized a church at Dixon, and they are pushing the matter of securing a lot and expect to erect a meeting house quite soon. There are about sixty colored people at Dixon and about forty of them are Baptists.

Rev. L. B. Trites, our pastor-at-large for a number of churches in the vicinity of Danville, is doing aggressive work. He recently held a meeting in a vacated saloon building at Kelleyville, resulting in eighty or ninety professions of faith. It is planned to have a baptismal service at Grape Creek for

a large number of these converts the Fourth of July.

The first anniversary of our church at Hopkins Park was observed June 4th. It was a great occasion, and a large crowd was present. The pastor, Rev. J. B. Little, preached the annual sermon, after which six united with church, two by letter, two by experience, and two by baptism.

Our missionary pastor, Rev. L. W. Hostetter, has spent three months with the Edgewood Church in Rock Island. During that time \$190 has been expended in improvements on the property. The congregation and Sunday school are increasing in number.

Rev. J. Livingston Duff, our missionary pastor at Mt. Sterling and Kellerville, reports very encouraging work. The attendance in proportion to the membership at the morning and evening services at Mt. Sterling is very good, and at Kellerville in his last visit there were seventy present at the Saturday service, eighty Sunday morning, and 120 Sunday night. This is a country field.

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"Among the specific gifts of Mr. John D. Rockefeller during 1915, reported by the Rockefeller Foundation, are the following to Baptist institutions: American Baptist Home Mission Society, \$100,000; the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, \$250,000; Baptist Church Extension Society of Brooklyn, \$3,000; Baptist Ministers' Home Society \$250; Baptist Missionary Convention, \$15,000; Baptist Union of Western Canada, \$10,000; Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, \$49,811.62; New Jersey Baptist Convention, \$900; New York Baptist Mission Society, \$2,985.60; New York City Baptist Society, \$21,000; New York City Baptist Mission Society, \$7,000; Ohio Baptist Convention, \$4,500; State Mission Board of the Pennsylvania Baptist General Convention, \$800. The total is \$465,247.23.

## CHURCHES

The Baptist church at Centralia at a business meeting June 29th, voted to increase the salary of their pastor, Rev. A. P. Howells, \$200. Brother Howells has been pastor of the Centralia church for six years and seems to be greatly appreciated by his people.

The First Baptist church of Alton, of which Rev. M. W. Twing has been pastor for twenty years, has a membership of 521. In making its financial budget of \$4,430, for this year, it is so well balanced along the line of home expenses and benevolence that we publish the items in full.

The amount needed from the First Baptist church of Alton for current expenses and benevolences during the coming year is as shown in the following statement:

## FOR CURRENT EXPENSES

Salaries .....	1740.00
Music .....	125.00
Interest and Insurance .....	50.00
Improvements and Repairs .....	200.00
Fuel and Light .....	275.00
Printing and Stationery .....	50.00
Delegate to N. B. Convention.....	40.00
Pulpit Supply .....	75.00
Church visitor .....	75.00
Incidentals .....	150.00
Water .....	100.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2880.00</b>

## FOR BENEVOLENCES

A. B. Foreign Mission Society.....	\$350.00
A. B. Home Mission Society .....	185.00
A. B. Publication Society .....	85.00
M. & M. Benefit Board .....	63.00
Northern Baptist Convention .....	43.00
Illinois Baptist State Convention...	230.00
Ministerial Education .....	55.00
Miscellaneous .....	144.00
Women's Home Mission Society...	195.00
Women's Foreign Mission Society..	200.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1550.00</b>

The North Shore Church in Chicago, of which Rev. J. S. Ebersole has been pastor for two and one-half years, is in a very nice part of the city, and the church is well located. A tem-

porary building for the church was erected on the rear of the lot, and now the vacant corner lot is worth \$40,000, and perhaps the entire lot would be worth from \$50,000 to \$60,000. The present building is not large enough for the Sunday School work and the church is planning a new building in the near future. Mr. and Mrs. Ebersole seem to be getting along nicely on that field. I spent Sunday morning, June 25th, with that church.

I spent Sunday night, June 25th, at Pilgrim Temple church, Chicago. Rev. J. C. Dent has been pastor of that church nearly seven years. This is a down-town church, surrounded by a dense Jewish population, and yet the church has received no outside assistance during Brother Dent's administration, and has paid all its bills and kept its property in splendid repair, and raised all its apportionments for missions. On that Sunday night there were about 200 present in the service. Two chorus choirs, the senior and the junior, rendered excellent music. A service was held on the street corner near the church for half an hour preceding the evening service. The people in large numbers listened to the testimonials and exhortations of the brethren. A number of laymen spoke. Brother Dent has thirteen different nationalities in his church.

Rev. M. P. Boynton has been pastor of the Woodlawn, Chicago, Baptist church, formerly Lexington Avenue, for nineteen years. When he took the church they had a temporary wooden building on the lot; now they have a substantial brick building worth \$45,000. The membership has grown from a small number to nearly 1000, and of this 1000 only about twenty-five

were members twenty years ago. at that date, and the meetings were to continue three days longer. There are seventeen Chinese among the membership, and they are said to be among the most devoted and consecrated members.

Rev. H. L. Mounce is rather hopeful concerning the work at Erie. He has only been there for a short time, but already has some increase in the Sunday school and congregations.

The Baptist church at Champaign recently expended \$2,000 in improving the basement and enlarging the capacity of the Sunday school rooms, etc. The money has all been raised to pay for this improvement.

The Roseland church in Chicago, of which Rev. W. J. Niven is pastor, recently celebrated its 25th anniversary. A strong program was provided; among the speakers were Rev. Fred Berry of Nebraska, who was the first pastor of the church, Rev. F. L. Anderson, Supt. of Missionary Work in Chicago, Rev. J. B. Thomas, D.D., and others. Brother Niven, who has been pastor of this church for several years, seems to be having good success.

Rev. C. A. Neyman, who has been pastor of the Eastern Avenue church of Joliet for nine months, is doing aggressive work. They have organized a Hungarian Mission and have a missionary upon the field. This church also has charge of the mission at Forest Park and another mission in another part of the city. Brother Neyman has received seventeen into the membership of the church since coming on that field.

Evangelist R. S. Kirkland recently held a three weeks' tent meeting with the Antioch Church in the Rock Island Association, of which Rev. W. H. Parker is pastor. Thirty-one persons were baptized on June 18th, and twenty-one others had been received for baptism,

At the First Church in Moline the pastor, Rev. Roy W. Babcock, is doing good work. The congregations are very encouraging.

One of the trustees of Shurtleff College made a donation to President Potter of a most beautiful set of office furniture, rug, etc., costing about \$250.

I recently met Rev. Jacob Meier on the train near Chicago. He is quite an aged German minister, and is at this time Superintendent of the German Baptist Old People's Home in Chicago. This institution was organized twenty years ago. It has a good brick building, four stories high, ninety-six feet front and thirty-five feet in depth, and two small frame buildings. Eighty-five old German Baptist people are supported at the home.

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#### PERSONALS

Miss Ada Comrie of Danville has done a real home missionary work during the past three years that is worthy of special mention. She is very busy in office work during the week and her religious work on Sunday costs her seventy cents in street car and interurban fares. She has been superintendent of a mission school, largely among foreigners, at Kelleyville, five miles south of Danville. While she has had some assistance she has been largely responsible for the development of this work, and a recent meeting held by Missionary L. B. Trites and his wife and daughter has resulted in 80 or 90 professions of faith at that point, and the organization of a Baptist mission which will, perhaps for the present, be under the control of the First Baptist church of Danville.

Rev. W. E. Tharp, who was pastor

for several years at Benson, located at Long Prairie, Minnesota, the first of last December. He reports very good success, having added twenty-eight members to the church, twenty by baptism. Also the Sunday School and congregations have greatly increased.

The Temple University of Philadelphia, has conferred upon Rev. D. O. Hopkins, Ph.D., pastor at Champaign, the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology. Dr. Hopkins has been doing some original research work by correspondence with this institution during the past four years.

Dr. Adoniram Judson Rowland, General Secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society, has resigned. His resignation will take effect February 1st, which time will complete twenty-two years of service in that capacity. During all these years Dr. Rowland has been prominent in our denominational life. Dr. Rowland is seventy-six years of age.

Dr. Guy C. Lamson has been chosen to fill Dr. Rowland's place. Dr. Lamson was employed a few years ago upon the death of Dr. Seymour, to take his place as Missionary and Bible Secretary of the Publication Society, and within a short time has demonstrated his ability to accomplish a large and successful work.

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#### PASTORAL CHANGES

The Paw Paw church, that had been pastorless for a long time, has finally located Rev. A. B. Wimmer of Chicago. He began his work May 28th.

Rev. Fred Comber of Murphysboro has accepted, temporarily, the pastorate of the Second Baptist church of Christopher. Evangelist J. L. Meads recently held a tabernacle meeting there

resulting in about forty additions. This is a new interest, but the outlook is hopeful. A lot will soon be secured and a temporary building erected for the use of the new church organization.

Mrs. Clara B. Aldrich of Joliet is willing and anxious to do some missionary work with some small churches if they desire her services. She has had quite a good deal of experience in that line of work, and is an able speaker. She may be addressed at Joliet, Ill., R. F. D. 5.

The Pierson Church that has been pastorless for some time, recently called Rev. I. C. Lough of Sidell to supply them.

Rev. F. V. Wright, who has been for some years pastor of the Second Baptist church of Carterville, has decided to close his work and enter Shurtleff College this coming September. Brother Wright is one of our successful young pastors, and doubtless will do good work at Shurtleff, and will be available for supply work during his college course. This leaves a good church pastorless in Southern Illinois.

The Girard Church that had been pastorless for some time, recently located Rev. H. R. Otto of Litchfield. Brother Otto did some aggressive work at Litchfield during a period of two or three years.

Rev. T. F. Chilton, who became pastor of the First Baptist Church of Streator the first of last November, recently closed his work there to accept a call to the Mahomet Church. Mr. Chilton was formerly pastor in the Bloomfield Association and is quite well known at Mahomet. During the seven months he was at Streator there were seventeen additions, ten by baptism, and a brotherhood of nineteen members was organized.



### MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING JUNE

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (\*) star.

*Atwood Church .....	\$ 12.00
*Aurora, Marion Avenue Church..	36.00
*Buda Church .....	45.00
Bulletin subscriptions .....	73.40
Collected on Mission Fields.....	176.94
Collected on Mission Fields, (Omitted from May issue) .....	499.43
Carbondale Church .....	50.00
Chicago, Englewood Church .....	10.00
Chicago, Englewood Ch., W. G. Brimson .....	14.00
Chicago, Logan Square Church.....	10.00
Chicago, Messiah Church .....	6.28
Chicago, Normal Park Church.....	20.00
Ravenswood Church .....	13.00
Chicago, Woodlawn Church .....	12.82
Chrisman Church .....	4.30
Danville Church .....	25.00
Dixon Church .....	32.00
Dixon Ch., Selma Louise Stoddard, (3 and 4) .....	10.00
Evanston Church .....	40.00
Elgin, First Ch., F. E. R. Miller on Hopkins Park Church Fund.....	10.00
Elgin, Immanuel Church .....	10.00
Elgin, Immanuel Ch., Rev. J. C. Mac- Donald on Hopkins Pk. Ch. Fund	5.00
Freeport Ch., A. F. Williams, Special Evangelism .....	25.00
Galesburg Church .....	150.00
*Gifford Church .....	31.00
*Gilman Church .....	12.00
*Hinckley Church .....	3.50
Kinderhook Church .....	20.00
*Lena Church .....	2.64
*Macomb Church .....	24.00
*McLean Church .....	6.00
McLeansboro Church, J. C. Hall....	5.00
Morgan Park Church .....	18.16
Murphysboro Church .....	25.00
Nokomis Church .....	11.00
Northern Baptist Convention .....	75.00
Oak Park Church .....	16.13
Paw Paw Church .....	30.00
Quincy, Vermont St. Church.....	44.00
*South Wilmington Church .....	5.00
*Streator, Beulah Church .....	16.00
Tonica Parsonage Rent.....	20.00
Upper Alton Church .....	12.35
University Church .....	328.89
Woodstock Church .....	2.84
Woodstock Sunday School .....	1.16
*Watertown Church .....	6.00
Westville, Oklahoma house rent....	4.00
*York Church .....	12.00
Total .....	\$2021.84

### A SHAMEFUL AND ACCURSED TRAFFIC

"To the fields occupied by the foreign missionaries of the Christian churches, America sends 20,000,000 gallons of liquor every year. Two million gallons of rum went from Boston to the West African colonies last year. More than 100,000,000 gallons of liquor go from so-called Christian countries every year to heathen lands. Rev. Harvey Wood has received the following letter from the Native Races and the Liquor Traffic United Committee, of London, England:

"A missionary from the Gold Coast, just returned, has been to see me this morning. He says that in August, 1915, a Yam festival was held in a village near his station, where the people were supplied with large quantities of American rum. The result was a fearful orgy of drunkenness and a riot in which more than thirty persons were killed. The government officials had to close down the liquor shops for a time in order to restore peace and order to this African village. This is what Boston rum means when it reaches West Africa."

"There is now a bill before Congress (House Bill 10,924), introduced by Mr. Gillett of Massachusetts, to prevent the exportation of liquor from the United States into missionary lands. As bearing upon this bill the New York Ministers' Conference appointed a committee to send the letter quoted to the President of the United States. In a personal letter to Mr. Wood the President acknowledges the receipt of the letter and promises to give careful consideration to the bill when it comes before him for official attention."

The first of July was the end of the third quarter of the State Convention year. The reports of the missionaries show up quite well as a whole. When we start in on the last quarter of the year it is with more or less anxiety as to the financial outcome of the year. As to how we will come out this year October 1st will depend upon those churches that have not yet made up their apportionments for the State Convention. Many scores of churches have not contributed anything yet this year for State Missions. Many others have as yet made up only a portion of the budget. We confidently hope that the pastors and churches will make an effort to raise the full apportionment for State Convention before October 1

**THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME**

Maywood, Illinois

**MRS. A. W. RUNYON**  
 Editor and Field Secretary  
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The annual birthday party at the Home, June 10th, was a pleasant and successful affair. We are only sorry more people from the State cannot be present to see the Home and its members and catch the inspiration that comes from direct contact with them and the reports and workers. The sun shone for the first time in several days and our dear Mrs. Crippen and the thirty members of the Home gave a cordial welcome to the large number of friends who came. The program was both interesting and entertaining, covering past history, present conditions and a hopeful outlook, interspersed with good music. Among the pleasant surprises of the day was the presentation from the Board of Managers, as a token of their appreciation and esteem, to Mrs. J. G. Hale, who has been their president for seven years, of a beautiful bracelet watch. Other delightful surprises were: A gift of \$500 from our dear Mrs. Howes, and \$100 each from two men at the party, toward our much needed hospital department, making in all \$2000 now in the hands of Mrs. P. R. King for this purpose. We are sorry not to be able to give you the program, but refer you to the Standard for fuller account.

Our treasury was enriched by about \$175 from the luncheon served at the church on this date and the birthday offerings left by guests. For this we are thankful, as the hard summer months are at hand. If you have a surplus in your benevolent funds, please remember the Old People's Home.

**HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE**

IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS

**Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.**

We entered the month of July with 50 children in residence. On account of shortage in help we are keeping the number as low as we can without turning away any for whom other arrangements cannot be made.

Our present prospects for crops are more promising than ever before. If we realize the present promise our farm will this season make a larger net contribution to the support of the orphanage than ever before. This is due to the faithfulness of our industrial helpers and also to the seasonable rains. While Rev. Frank Woodhull, when here, wrought as faithfully and efficiently as anyone could, the repeated draughts and the chintz bugs defeated best results. Last year the incessant rains drowned us out, but they also destroyed the chinch bugs in this part of the state.

We are making an effort to paint our buildings. The money is not yet in sight, but we have one or two encouraging contributions to that end. The little Baptist church at Alma, Illinois, organized an entertainment by which over \$30.00 was raised for this fund, and Mr. J. C. Hall recently sent a check for \$20.00, instructing us to apply it for painting the buildings. We are hopeful that others will follow the good example set, and send sufficient funds to both paint our buildings and also make at least one other needed improvement. Our power plant has only temporary quarters. Twice our electric dynamo has been out of commission by getting wet, and in cold weather our engine is in jeopardy from freezing.

## Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

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### A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOREIGN MISSION STATE SECRETARY

It is the privilege of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to have Miss Anna McKay of Pittsburg as our worker during the months of June and July. She is so consecrated and forceful that wherever she has been her work has been appreciated, and the missionary fires have been rekindled. All in the state of Illinois who see this are making a mistake not to arrange for her to speak in their church, for while quiet in manner, depending upon God, her words bring conviction wherever she goes.

In a personal letter received from Mrs. P. C. Metzger, of Africa, and one of our Illinois girls, telling of the hardships endured on the home trip, after leaving her devoted husband to work alone while she brings baby Roland, for health's sake, to this country, one is reminded of the Apostle Paul's description of his buffeting and perils. The trials and triumphs of many present day workers are as remarkable and show as much faith and trust as did those of the martyrs.

The apportionments carefully made have gone out to our churches, and whether seemingly too large or too small, may we be open to the leading of God's spirit that the ways of meeting them, which he puts into our minds, may be acted upon. He does not require more than we can do, but he does

expect us to do all we can. Those wishing Miss McKay can address Mrs. Milton Shirk, Kenwood Hotel, Chicago, immediately.

Miss Ruth Agar, Young Woman's State Secretary, leaves soon on a trip to the Orient and will be gone eight or nine months. Her trip will take in a number of our mission fields and on her return she will bring fresh news to our World Wide Guild Girls and enthusiasm which comes from personal knowledge.

Associations will soon be held and they are the places to work up interest in our state meeting which will be held on October 17th, in Upper Alton. We copy the following from dodgers which have been prepared for free distribution: General Topic for Woman's Day, "The Christian Warfare," 9:15 a.m., "Reveille"; 12:30 p.m., "Mess Hour"; 1:30 p.m., Noon Day prayers; 5:00 p.m. "Camp Fire," in Upper Alton Presbyterian Church.

Will not each Association appoint two delegates at their associational meeting and pay the expenses of some one from your associational officers, either the association president, home director or foreign secretary? Be sure and come yourself—Work it up, Talk it up.

One fourth of the fiscal year of our National Societies has passed. Has one-fourth of your apportionment been sent to the treasurer. If not please do so at once.

## Sunday School Work in Illinois



Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.



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The last Sunday in April it was my privilege to be in Cairo with the people I served as pastor some years ago. We conducted a Decision Day service at which twenty-seven came forward. Since that time these have united with the church. This church, under the enthusiastic and capable leadership of Dr. Lamkin is doing splendid work.

I spent a Sunday with the Roseville church and had a most enjoyable day. Pastor Harnley is a strong leader along the missionary as well as other lines.

One evening was spent at Graymont. The occasion marked the close of a contest in the Sunday school. Refreshments were served in the new basement and some practical phases of Sunday school work discussed.

At Nokomis I held a conference with the workers and discussed the Standard of Efficiency. Pastor Smith has in mind the organizing of a Teacher Training class.

I attended the township convention at Hoopeston. Mr. Lee is the efficient superintendent of our Baptist school and is doing a fine work. At his own expense he has secured a workers' library of nearly thirty volumes, and is vigorously pushing the reading course work.

It was my privilege to attend the Northern Baptist Convention. I carried back three distinct impressions from the great meeting: Spirituality, Democracy, Efficiency.

One Sunday was spent with the Colchester church where we held a Decision Service and several came forward. Pastor Ellison has organized a Teacher Training class at both Colchester and Plymouth.

The semi-annual meeting of the Quincy Association was held at Pittsfield. The attendance was not large, but the program was fine and practical, being devoted almost entirely to the discussion of Sunday school and Young People's work.

A Sunday at Fairmount was made a Sunday School Field Day. All the local schools were merged into one. The various departments met at the different churches for regular lesson study. In the afternoon a mass meeting was held, and a popular service at night. Why not plan a field day in your town. For particulars write to Mr. Claude Tilton of Fairmount.

The annual convention of the Illinois Sunday School Association was held in Springfield June 6-8. It was a great convention in every way. Forty-two separate sessions were held, including departmental conferences, sometimes as many as four simultaneous meetings. The addresses were of a high order and the general spiritual uplift was experienced by all.

Prof. E. O. Excell has conducted the song service of this convention for thirty-three years.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ENLISTMENT**

The Sunday school has a big part to play in the attainment of the Five-Year Program. But this part must be made definite. It seems to the directors of Sunday-school and young peoples work of the Publication Society that it would be well to give Sunday-school workers a special part in the Five-Year Program task. They recommend to the Five-Year Program committee that we plan a movement to increase our Sunday-school membership to a basis for later evangelistic and educational work. They submitted an outline scheme of an "Enlistment Campaign of Baptist Sunday schools" to open on Rally Day (Sept 24, 1916), and close on Five-Year Program Day (Oct. 29, 1916), in which each school should aim to increase 25 per cent. This plan was adopted by the Five-Year Program committee and has the hearty endorsement of the Publication Society, which will place all its editorial and field force behind it. The society will offer awards to two schools in each state making (1) the largest proportionate increase during the campaign, and (2) the largest total increase; and will also present at the Cleveland meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention, two handsome banners to the first and second states showing the largest increase in Sunday-school membership as a result of the enlistment campaign.

The state director of Sunday-school work, or the educational secretary of the Publication Society will be glad to supply further information, including suggestions for organizing the campaign and methods of Sunday-school extension. It is hoped that all Sunday school committees of state conventions and associations and cities will participate in this forward movement.

**PROPOSED BAPTIST TEMPLE**

Many inquiries have come to me from people in different parts of the state with regard to the movement for the great down-town temple in Chicago, something similar to Tremont Temple in Boston, which the Immanuel Church people, the Executive Council, and others have been talking about. This was intended, if accomplished, to make a place for Baptist headquarters as well as a great evangelistic church. The following quotation taken from the "Temple Advocate," published by Dr. Johnston Myers, will give the information desired :

THE NEW TEMPLE IS A VENTURE  
OF FAITH

"The new Temple is not as yet a reality. Some people question whether it will ever be built. We have very few gifts which have actually been pledged. How the building and the work carried on in it can be supported in coming years is also an open question. This plan is a venture of faith and if our faith is strong enough, we will be able to solve all these problems and the victory will be won. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen." If all the money were provided for this new building and all the support assured forever, then there would be no place for faith. If our plans succeed, it will be entirely due to persistent, overcoming, God-given faith. If there should come a Sunday when we are worshipping in the new building and dedicating it to the service of Christ for the good of humanity, we will all be willing to admit that it was the result of believing prayers to our Divine Lord who raised up friends, provided the funds, and gave necessary time and strength to achieve success. We are making a

venture, which not all Christians would dare to make. We are making a venture which challenges the courage, the hope and the genuine faith of people. The ordinary Christian faith will not do for this hour and this emergency. We must have in our confidence some of the elements which entered into the life work of Abraham, Moses, Paul, Judson and others "of whom the world was not worthy."

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#### TEMPERANCE

Many of the Roman Catholic people are opposed to the liquor traffic and voting for prohibition. The editor heard Archbishop Ireland make a strong plea in Chicago during the World's Fair against the liquor traffic. But it makes it hard to overcome the saloon in many places because of the sympathy of the Catholic officials. Possibly most of the saloon keepers in this country are communicants in the Catholic church. Recently a delegation of business men in Baltimore waited upon Cardinal Gibbons, the head of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the United States, to learn his opinion on state-wide prohibition in Maryland. The following is his answer:

"I believe that such a law is impossible of enforcement in a city the size of Baltimore. Such a law would interfere with personal liberty and rights and create hypocrisy in the people. The history of the world demonstrates that people always have and always will indulge in intoxicating liquors. Further, I am opposed to such a law because it would deprive the state of a large revenue without accomplishing results, and that, too, at a time when both city and state are very much in need of the revenue produced."

#### LET US SAFEGUARD OUR CIVILIZATION

The Christian civilization of today has grown on the basis of belief in the deity of Jesus Christ and the infallible authority of the Bible. There is no reason for believing that Christianity would have gained its present supremacy on any other basis. There are strong reasons for believing that the denial of the deity of Christ and of the authority of the Bible would cause mankind to revert to the moral condition of pagan Rome and polytheistic Greece. Wittingly or unwittingly those who deny the deity of Christ and the authority of the Bible are undermining Christian civilization, helping to reduce Christianity from its position of supremacy to the level of the ethnic religions, and aiding in the overthrow of morality, freedom and spiritual religion, and in the re-establishment of license in human relations, human slavery, and agnosticism or pure paganism in religion. It does not make any difference by what names they call themselves; those who hold to merely human standards are fundamentally and utterly opposed to those who submit to an external and divine authority.—Watchman-Examiner, Boston, New York.

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The summer school of the Normal University, Normal, Ill., is the largest in the history of the school, 2164 students having enrolled the first day of the school. About 1900 of these are women. The Normal Baptist church, Rev. E. K. Masterson, pastor, is doing good work. On Sunday, July 2nd., there was the largest attendance at communion, perhaps, in the history of the church, and also the largest attendance in the Sunday school. This church is one among the few in the state that has reached the standard class in missionary giving.

The B. Y. P. U. entered the contest for standard work and was one of the twelve unions in the state that reached the standard class. The Normal union stood fourth. The El Paso union took first place, Mt. Vernon second, and Arcola third. The Normal church hopes to improve its basement, heating plant and Sunday school equipment to the extent of \$2500 in the near future.

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## Deity of Jesus Christ



The keystone of the arch of Christianity is the deity of Jesus. To deny the deity of Christ is to take the heart and life out of Christianity and leave an empty shell; a system of ethical and moral teaching without life-giving power. There is great danger in these days of confusing the terms "deity" and "divinity," while they are synonymous terms in some particulars, there is a sense in which they widely differ. There are those who will readily confess their faith in the divinity of Christ, and yet if closely pressed in the matter will deny His deity. Divinity admits of a much wider range of meaning than deity.

In discussing the doctrine of the Deity of Jesus Christ, we shall attempt to prove that Jesus was in His essential nature God, one with the Father, from the teaching of the Scriptures. We have no argument with those who reject the inspiration and authority of of the Bible. But our purpose is to strengthen the faith of the thousands of readers of the Bulletin in the divine Christ revealed in the Bible, whose teachings they accept and believe.

In the first place, the prophets who were inspired to write of His coming into the world conceived of Him as

God in His nature and being. Isa. 9-16. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." There is no one that has ever been born into the world to whom this prophecy would apply except to Jesus of Nazareth, and if He were not God it would be blasphemy to apply it to Him. Psalm 110-1, "Jehovah saith unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand until I make thine enemies thy foot-stool." Jesus, as recorded in Matt. 22:42-5 interprets this passage as referring to the Messiah and teaches that it could not refer to the Son of David as a mere human descendant. This prophecy clearly refers to His deity according to the interpretation of Jesus.

Jesus, Himself, claimed not only to be divine, but He claimed deity itself. The passages which He uttered in which his deity were implied are so numerous that they constitute a large portion of His teaching. Jesus' conversation with His disciples on the night of His betrayal and the intercessory prayer recorded in the 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th chapters of John,

are incapable of being understood on any other theory than that of the deity of our Lord. Jesus said, "I and the Father are one." John 10:30. The Jews accused Him of blasphemy in saying this. They said, "Because thou being a man makest thyself God?" And Jesus did not deny it, but justified their interpretation of His statement. Among the last words that Jesus spoke before His ascension were the following, "All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth." This stupendous claim could not be made by anyone who was not God himself without blasphemy. We do not deny that Jesus was inferior to the Father in official relations and the Spirit inferior to the Son, as the Father sent the Son and the Son sent the Spirit. An officer in the army or government may be officially superior to another, and have authority to send him where he wills, but they are both men and of equal nature. So in some such relation may be the persons of the Trinity.

The New Testament writers believed in the deity of Jesus. The Apostle John writes as follows, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." John 1:1-4. It would be impossible to put language in stronger terms with reference to the deity of the Word which plainly refers to Jesus Christ.

Paul said, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Jesus Christ. Who, being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God." Phil. 2:6. This is only one of scores

of passages in which Paul expresses his faith in the deity of Jesus Christ.

The unknown writer of the book of Hebrews, says, Heb. 1:8, quoting Psalms 45:6. "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever." The connection shows that this writer applies the above quotation to Jesus.

When Jesus gave the Great Commission, He told the disciples to baptize converts "In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." This passage implies strongly the essential equality of the Son and the Holy Spirit with the Father.

I think no one ever has, or ever can, deny the deity of Jesus Christ until he has first rejected the inspiration and authority of the Scriptures. And yet, I think there have been some men ordained in the Baptist denomination who, if they did not deny the deity of Jesus, were at least uncertain about it. It seems to me that we have come to the time when no Baptist minister should vote to ordain, or be willing to lay hands upon one who is not clear and definite in his faith in the deity of our Lord.

Professor A. T. Robertson, D.D., LL.D., of the Louisville Seminary, says, "There are a few people here and there who deny the deity of Jesus Christ and yet retain their membership in Baptist churches. This is always a puzzle as to why they stay, for the Unitarians are only too ready to welcome all the recruits they can get."

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#### ERRATA

Some time ago we referred to Rev. R. E. Carney as having been pastor at Littleton for one year. That was an error; we should have stated two years.



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**D**URING the next two months will be annual meeting time for most of our associations. These annual gatherings ought to be made times of great spiritual power.

**O**NE or two things should be especially emphasized this year at the associational gatherings. One is the Five Year Program. We are *now* in the Five Year period. Let every association give it special attention.

**F**IVE Year Program Day should be emphasized at all the associations. The last Sunday in October has been set apart as Five Year Program Sunday. Programs will be provided and every church in the Northern Baptist Convention should observe that day.

**T**HE editor of the Bulletin is receiving urgent requests to attend associations where it will be impossible for him to attend. When three or four associations meet in different parts of the state on the same date it is impossible for him to attend all of them.

**W**E PRINT on another page of this issue the report of the committee on Redating the Associations. This was published in the May issue. We wish to call attention to it again. If the associations would adopt this plan one person could attend every one of these associations in one year. It would not be inconvenient for any association after it becomes adjusted to it.

**N**O State Convention Committee has any authority over any local association. This committee of the State Convention on re-dating and adjusting the dates of the meetings of the local associations, has worked out a scheme by which all the churches and all associations would be greatly benefited if all the associations would adopt this report. The only association that has had opportunity to act upon it as yet was the Dixon Association, and it voted unanimously and heartily to act upon this recommendation and changed the time of its meeting.

**I**T will be only about six weeks from the time this issue of the Bulletin reaches the readers until the books of the State Convention will close, October 1st. There are scores upon scores of churches that have not yet sent in anything on State Missions, and hundreds of churches that have not yet completed their apportionments. It would be but little less than a calamity for the Convention to be compelled to close the year with a deficit. The Board planned its work so that the expenditures and all appropriations would come within the apportionment. So that if there should be a deficit it will be because the churches have failed to raise their apportionments.

**T**HERE was a great effort made on the part of nearly all the churches to complete the budget for the national societies by the 31st of March. Many left the State Convention budget over, thinking they would have six months more to raise that. But the missionary enthusiasm has subsided to some extent, and it will require some special effort to arouse a renewed interest in missions sufficiently to make up the full budget for the State Convention. In most states this is the greatest effort of all; whatever else may fail, they feel that they must fully sustain their state work, for that is the real foundation of all denominational organization.

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"One of the oldest Sunday school superintendents in this country is John Wanamaker, who has presided over the Bethany Presbyterian Sunday school in Philadelphia for fifty-eight years. This is a rebuke to the average business man who excuses himself from such duties by saying he is too busy."

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#### RE-DATING ASSOCIATIONS

Most of the states within recent years have been making an effort to have some uniform time for the meeting of the local associations, i.e., an effort to get the associations in a given state to relate themselves to each other with regard to the time of meeting. At our Convention in Aurora last October, the following committee was appointed to study this matter and make some suggestions to the associations: Dr. J. Y. Aitchison, President W. G. Brimson, Sunday School Director W. B. Morris, Mrs. Milton A. Shirk of the Women's Societies, and Supt. E. P. Brand. The committee met and carefully studied the matter and gave five

reasons why there should be a readjustment:

1. More national workers can attend all the associations in the interest of the Five-Year Program.
2. Economy in traveling expenses and physical endurance of those who make an effort to attend associations.
3. It will be a satisfaction to the association to work in a co-operative way.
4. It will not be any great hardship for an association to change its time of meeting.
5. All the associations but two, according to this plan, would be held in two months, and no two associations would conflict in time.

Below we give in the first column, the dates on which the associations meet this year, 1916, and in the second column the proposed dates suggested by the committee. We hope the brethren and sisters will study these dates and be prepared to act upon them at the next meeting of their associations.

This committee reported its work at the semi-annual meeting of the board, and after careful discussion the board recommended it to the associations. We hope that the associations will see their way clear to fall in line with this plan.

**Report of Committee on Re-Dating Associations for the  
State of Illinois**

Association	Place of Meeting	Present Date	Suggested Date
Chicago .....	Chicago .....	June 1-2 .....	June 1-2
Rock River .....	Rockford .....	October .....	June 5-7
Dixon .....	Freeport .....	June 27 .....	June 7-9
Rock Island .....	Silvis .....	August 29 .....	June 12-14
Peoria .....	Galva .....	October 4 .....	June 14-16
Salem .....	Bushnell .....	Sept. 12 .....	June 19-21
Ottawa .....	Princeton .....	Sept. 26 .....	June 21-23
Aurora .....	Plainfield .....	Sept. 19 .....	June 26-28
Macoupin Co. ....	Nilwood .....	August 30 .....	August 30
Central Illinois ..	Petersburg .....	Sept. 5 .....	Sept. 4-6
Greene-Jersey .....	Roodhouse .....	August 28 .....	Sept. 6-8
Bloomington .....	Bloomington .....	Sept. 18 .....	Sept. 11-13
Bloomfield .....	Charleston .....	Sept. 5 .....	Sept. 13-15
Morgan-Scott .....	Jacksonville .....	Sept. 12 .....	Sept. 18-20
Quincy .....	Barry .....	Sept. 27 .....	Sept. 20-22
Alton .....	East Alton .....	Sept. 27 .....	Sept. 25-27
Southern Illinois ..	Carterville .....	October 3 .....	Sept. 27-29
Springfield .....	Springfield .....	October 4 .....	October 4.

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**TWO CHURCHES RECOGNIZED**

July 24th a council from a number of churches in the Alton Association met in East St. Louis for the purpose of recognizing the Unity Baptist church of that city. This church was organized in a tent meeting held there last fall by Missionary V. Colbert. They purchased a lot and built a cheap tabernacle for winter work. The church and Sunday School are doing good work. It is the only religious organization, except a Catholic church, within about two miles and the city in that section is rapidly growing. After an examination of the conditions of the field and the doctrinal standards of the church, it was voted to recognize it as a regular Baptist church, with one dissenting vote. That brother felt that he could not vote for the recognition because the church had declared itself willing to receive other Baptists, such as Free Baptists, Separate Baptists and General Baptists, into its fellowship without rebaptizing them. But after that brother registered his protest he joined with the rest in a good spirit in the exercises following. Rev. V. Colbert was made moderator and Mr.

Julian Neill, clerk.

A portion of this same council, together with quite a number of others, met the same night at Wood River to examine and recognize the new Baptist church in that place. A few weeks ago our missionary, W. R. Johnson, held a tent meeting there, which resulted in the organization of the church, which now has twenty-eight members. Wood River is the new town which has grown up around the great Standard Oil Refining plant. There are now about 2000 people in the town with only one small church building and a union church carried on with but little general interest. The editor of the Bulletin was elected moderator of the council and Dr. M. W. Twing, clerk.

After careful inquiry into the field and its religious condition and the doctrinal position of the church, it was voted unanimously to recognize it as a Baptist church. Rev. F. W. Stewart of Upper Alton gave the charge to the church, and Rev. D. C. Blunt the hand of fellowship. Rev. V. Colbert, the missionary of the Alton Association, is supplying these two new churches for the present.

**THE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY**

The Illinois Baptist Assembly met at Quiver Lake, near Havana, July 13-20. It was very unfortunate for the assembly that the International B. Y. P. U. A. Convention was held in Chicago the week preceding, and as there was a large attendance of young people from Illinois at the Convention, it was very difficult for many of them to attend the Assembly. Yet there was an increase in the regular attendance over last year. The registration of those who bought season tickets was about 115. The interest seemed to be deeper than the year before, there was a more general satisfaction with the meetings than the year preceding. The committee voted unanimously to recommend to the State Convention to hold another assembly next year. The superintendent asked for pledges to the extent of \$200 toward the expense of the assembly next year, and the people present heartily subscribed \$210. Business Manager Bryant, not only planned with the committee a splendid program, but conducted the affairs so economically that all bills were paid with a few cents in the treasury, and with quite a number of pledges made last year not yet paid up, but will be collected and applied on the expenditure of next year.

The forenoons were given to class work and the interest seemed to be good. The people were broken up into groups; Mr. Bryant had one section, Miss Davis of Benton, a class; Miss Topping of Elgin, the young women in mission study; W. B. Morris had a section in Sunday school methods, and Mrs. W. J. Sparks had the boys and girls; Dr. S. J. Skevington of Chicago, had the preachers in a class on pastoral theology; Dr. Skevington also

preached on Sunday. Rev. D. O. Hopkins, Ph.D. of Champaign, taught a class. Rev. C. W. Gilkey of Hyde Park Church, Chicago, gave three or four addresses. Rev. E. Rafferty of Philadelphia, Rev. J. M. Stifler, of Evanston, Rev. J. C. Hazen of Peoria, and Rev. H. W. Hines of El Paso also delivered addresses. The editor of the Bulletin conducted the Illinois State Convention session and conducted the closing testimony meeting of the last night of the Assembly. Mrs. S. C. Fulmer of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Mrs. W. P. Topping of Elgin, were present and spoke in the interest of women's work.

The afternoons were given to recreation; tennis, croquet, boating, bathing, etc. Some good fishing was done in the early mornings. On the last day Pastor J. G. Little of Havana, Dr. Garrison of Aurora, and the Superintendent of Missions, went out about three miles at four o'clock in the morning and by 9 o'clock had a fine string of about seventy fish—bass and perch. The most time and sport enjoyed by the great majority was bathing and swimming in the river.

**THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH**

The University Church is nearing completion, the contractors having pushed the work along at a very rapid rate. Nothing has interfered with the work and the indications are now that the building will be completed by September 1st. The building shows up beyond our expectations. It is very beautiful, fine in its appearance, and will be convenient in every way and well adapted to the purposes for which it was intended. While it is not so large as some, it is the most beautiful

church building around the campus. The contractors are greatly surprised at the promptness with which all bills are met. We have about \$22,000 of uncollected pledges yet, that are not due, but they are good, and we are borrowing money with these unpaid pledges, as collateral security. Brother Bryant is encouraged with the response to the special appeal he sent out to a number of people for assistance in furnishing the meeting house.

#### CHURCHES

The Kane Church, Rev. R. T. Gasaway, pastor, has conducted a very successful every member canvass campaign. More than enough was secured to cover local expenses and the missionary budget. Before the canvass less than one-third of the members were giving anything. Now 95 per cent of the members are contributors.

On July 31, lightning struck the Sullivan meeting house and set it on fire. The fire was put out, but the fire and water did much damage to the church. It was covered by insurance. The pastor, Rev. J. L. Watson, hopes to have it fully repaired within a few weeks.

The First Church of Quincy has secured the services of Rev. Thomas Stephenson of Oregon, as a permanent supply, or until such time as the union of the First Church and the Vermont Street Church can be effected. Brother Stephenson was formerly pastor at LaGrange, Illinois, and afterwards became superintendent of missions in Montana. While engaged in that work he met with an automobile accident that laid him aside for a while. The church in Quincy is very fortunate in securing him. He begins work September 1st.

The Jerseyville Church, Rev. Joseph Jenkins, pastor, laid the corner stone of the new meeting house June 18th, and they hope to have the building completed by November 1st.

The Marion Avenue Church, Aurora of which Rev. Henry Clay Miller is pastor, seems to be enjoying great prosperity. They have recently secured subscriptions sufficient to clear the church of indebtedness, \$1600 in cash having been paid. This debt raising was a memorial to Rev. Norman Carr, deceased, who took the church at a most critical point in its history. During the past year the new organ was fully paid for, current expenses kept up, all missionary apportionments met, and thirty-six were baptized into the fellowship of the church.

The Antioch Church in the Bloomfield Association, of which Rev. Ira Blythe has been pastor for six or seven years, is in good condition and doing good work. The Sunday School is the best in its history. Five were recently baptized and other candidates have been received for baptism.

The Elliott Avenue Church, Springfield, of which Rev. H. H. Ford is pastor, now has a membership of 522. \$3700 has been pledged and is being paid in toward improvements on the meeting house. Since Brother Ford went on to that field he has baptized 140 persons.

The First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon is at this time undergoing a complete overhauling and remodeling. The improvements include the putting in of a basement under the entire church with provisions for ladies' parlor, dining room, kitchen, boys' club room, and individual class rooms to accommodate all departments. Also the redecoration of the main auditor-

ium. This will give the First Church people one of the most complete and attractive plants in Southern Illinois.

Forty-six new members have been added to the church since January 1st. Our B.Y.P.U. was one of the Standard societies for the year, winning second prize offered for the society making the highest percentage and sent a large delegation to the Chicago convention. The graded Sunday school maintains its fine spirit and enthusiasm despite the summer weather. We are already talking of "big things" for this fall."

The Second Church of Christopher, Rev. Fred Comber, the permanent supply, is making some progress. A lot has been secured and a temporary tabernacle erected. The pastor writes, "The outlook here is very encouraging for the new work lately started."

The Antioch Church in the Rock Island Association, Rev. W. H. Parker, pastor, is planning to remodel the meeting house to the extent of \$4,000.

The Tiskilwa Church has made some repairs on the meeting house. Among other things, they took fifty-one feet off their 110 foot steeple. Rev. O. C. Kirkham is the pastor.

Rev. J. C. Honigh seems to be encouraged with his work at Mason City. The congregations are quite good, and he recently baptized two young people.

Rev. J. B. Little recently baptized two in the new baptistry at Hopkins Park, and married a couple in the new church. He will take a vacation in August and visit his father in North Carolina. It is a well earned vacation.

The Watertown Church is having splendid success. The Sunday school is too large for the building; \$140 was recently expended in improvements on

the basement, twenty-three new members were received. Rev. J. M. Osborne has been our missionary pastor for six or seven years. He is also pastor of the Silvis and East Moline churches.

The Belleville Church, of which Rev. Jesse Hyde is pastor, reports progress. The Sunday school and congregations keep up well. The church was struck by lightning July 19th, and considerable damage was done, but it was fully covered with insurance. During the eighteen months of Brother Hyde's pastorate forty persons have been received into the church, sixteen of them by baptism.

#### MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING JULY

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (\*) star.

Alton, First Church .....	\$114.81
Aurora, First, Mrs. W. H. Healey, special evangelistic fund .....	5.00
Aurora, First, Mrs. A.N. Faye, special evangelistic fund .....	15.00
Aurora, Marion Ave., Mrs. Julia Boersenecker, special evangelistic fund .....	10.00
Belvidere, First, G. W. Sterling, special evangelistic fund .....	5.00
Belvidere, First, Frank Sewell, special evangelistic fund .....	5.00
Bloomington Church .....	40.50
*Carthage Church .....	16.00
Centralia Church .....	9.15
Chicago, Austin Church .....	43.29
*Chicago, Bethany Church .....	26.00
Chicago, Englewood Church .....	5.00
Chicago, First Church .....	14.74
Chicago, Pilgrim Temple Church.....	35.00
Chicago, Western Ave., Church....	23.41
*Cordova Church .....	34.94
Cordova Sunday School .....	5.06
Collected on mission fields .....	156.70
*Delavan Church .....	23.00
*Decatur, East Park Church.....	15.00
Decatur, First Church .....	100.00
Decatur, First, Nannie Anderson, special evangelistic fund .....	15.00
Decatur, First, Josephine Anderson special evangelistic fund .....	15.00
Deer Park Church, Mrs. Elizabeth Beguin, special evangelistic fund ..	5.00

Dixon Church, Theo. J. Miller special evangelistic fund.....	10.00
Elgin, First Church, Dr. C. E. Sharp special evangelistic fund.....	10.00
Evanston Church .....	40.00
Home Mission Society, on salary of Adolph Kelih .....	75.00
Hoopeston Church .....	6.86
Interest .....	247.50
Joliet, First church .....	10.50
Joliet, First Ch., J. M. Potter, special evangelistic fund .....	5.00
Joliet, First Church, Alma Potter special evangelistic fund .....	5.00
Joliet, First Church, B. T. Potter, special evangelistic fund .....	5.00
Joliet, First Church, F. C. Hayward special evangelistic fund .....	10.00
Joliet, Eastern Ave., J. E. Bush special evangelistic fund .....	12.00
Jerseyville Church .....	17.25
Kelleyville Mission .....	2.00
Marengo Ch., Mrs. Martha Ingersol special evangelistic fund .....	5.00
Marengo Ch., Sarah W. Ingersol, special evangelistic fund .....	5.00
Marengo Ch. Mrs. Harvey Crossland, special evangelistic fund .....	5.00
Normal Church .....	8.58
Northern Baptist Convention .....	75.00
*Oglesby Church .....	17.00
Ottawa Church .....	10.00
Osceola Church, Celium Rylander special evangelistic fund .....	1.00
Peoria Association Missionary Com- mittee .....	88.78
Raritan Ch., J. Y. Gearhart special evangelistic fund .....	5.00
Rockford, First Church .....	20.00
Rockford, State Street Church.....	22.00
Silvis Sunday School .....	3.00
*St. Anne Church .....	10.00
St. Charles meeting house rent.....	7.00
*Tiskilwa Church .....	27.00
Toulon Church, Mrs. E. B. Culbert- son, special evangelistic fund ....	10.00
University Church, payments .....	2115.00
*Watertown Sunday School .....	2.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3617.01</b>

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#### OBITUARIES

It has been our custom to write, in the Bulletin, obituaries of ministers and

members of their families, and to omit all other obituary notices on account of lack of space. In a little monthly paper like the Bulletin, it is simply impossible to give space to lengthy obituary notices concerning all the Baptist people who pass away, and yet we feel that there ought to be some notice of such; so we have decided to make a note of the death of any and all, when such notice is sent to this office, but we cannot find space for obituaries.

Deacon Joseph Pickard, one of the pillars of the Minonk church, died as the result of an operation in a hospital in Streator July 15th. He had been a member of the Baptist Church forty-eight years.

#### DANVILLE AND VICINITY

The editor of the Bulletin gave Saturday and Sunday, July 28th and 29th, the hottest of the season, to Danville and vicinity. Our missionary, Rev. L. B. Trites and his family, wife and daughter, with their musical instruments, were with me at each meeting. We gave Saturday night to Grape Creek. The congregation was good. There have been quite a number of baptisms and conversions during the year. Considerable repairs have been made on the house. There is a good Sunday school, of which Miss Hay has been superintendent for many years. Missionary Trites conducted a religious picnic and an outdoor baptismal service at this place on the Fourth of July.

Sunday morning I went to Union Chapel, two miles east of the end of the Danville street car line. This work has but recently been opened up. There was a splendid Sunday school and good

congregation. The Trites family have some good music.

Sunday afternoon was given to Hillery. This mission point has been at times almost hopeless, but times are better; a \$250 debt has been paid and the outlook is more hopeful. Missionary Trites has charge of this field.

Sunday night I spoke at Calvary, South Danville. Rev. C. C. Rork of Chrisman is the pastoral supply for this field. There have been about a dozen additions during the past six months. Money is being raised to repair the meeting house.

The people at Kelleyville mission came to the South Danville meeting, after their Sunday evening B.Y.P.U. service. Our Missionary Trites supplies the churches at Palermo, Grape Creek, Union Chapel, Hillery and Kelleyville.

A league of Christian workers has been formed in Danville and vicinity. This league furnishes lay preachers and workers so that all these mission points have service every Sunday. Dr. Krumreig, pastor of the First Church, is very active in this mission work.

An all day picnic, trolley ride, dinner, etc., was given to about 1600 of Danville's poor children. It was entirely under the management of Brother Trites and his wife, although an undenominational affair. It was a great success.

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#### PERSONALS

The Mason City Church feels the loss of one of its aged members, Mrs. Mary Franklin, aged eighty-nine years, who has removed to Indiana. For forty years she had taught the infant class, and was in every way an efficient member.

We are glad to learn that Rev. J. N.

Hilton, pastor at Lincoln, and who has been taking a vacation on account of ill health, has been in Minnesota since the middle of May, and is reported much better and hopes to return to his work with health and vigor restored.

Rev. G. W. Stoddard of Dixon has been spending some time this summer camping out with the boys of his church and Sunday school.

Rev. Harry Monroe, the famous conductor of the Pacific Garden Mission, in Chicago, the man through whose influence Billy Sunday, Mr. Trotter, and other noted characters were converted, died recently in Morgan Park. Thirty-six years ago he was a moral derelict, but since his conversion has been a hero in the Lord's service. The funeral service was conducted in the Morgan Park Baptist church.

Rev. A. H. Harnly of Auburn, supplied two Sundays this summer for Rev. J. W. Brougher, D.D., at the Temple Church, in Los Angeles, Calif.

On the 4th of July, Rev. R. A. Clemens of Manlius, met with a painful accident; we hope by this time he has fully recovered.

Lake Geneva missionary conference was held at the Y. M. C. A. camp the early part of August. There was a goodly number of Baptists in attendance and on the program. The editor spent one day there in conference with Rev. John M. Moore of New York and Secretaries Hulburt of Wisconsin and Pope of Minneapolis, and others. Next year we hope to have a greatly increased number of Baptists from these central states in attendance on this conference. There is no reason why there should not be fifty pastors, laymen and young people from Illinois. We aim to have at least 100 Baptists present at the next conference.



**PASTORAL CHANGES**

Rev. C. C. Smith closed his work at Roodhouse about the last of July. Since he went on that field a new pipe organ has been installed. Brother Smith went from Princeton to Roodhouse a few years ago. At Princeton he brought the church from a rather discouraged condition to that of occupying one of the leading places in that city.

Rev. A. E. Prince will close his work at Charleston September 10th, to accept the pastorate of the church at La-Grange, Missouri. Brother Prince has done a good work at Charleston.

Rev. F. C. Webber, after graduating at the Moody Institute, took the full course at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary at the Second Church in Chicago. For about three or four years he successfully supplied the Hinckley church. He has now resigned that field and will enter Shurtleff college in September. Some church near Alton will do well to secure the services of Brother Webber during his college work.

Rev. A. N. Sharpes for two years our missionary pastor at Riverside, Decatur, has resigned, although he still aids in the work of the church and Sunday school. This is a very important interest in Decatur and it is hoped that a pastor can be secured in connection with the First church, so that a more solid and permanent work can be established there.

Rev. J. W. Campbell recently begun work as pastor of the Waverly church.

Rev. O. W. Shields closed his work at Medora to accept a call to the Carlinville church. This church had been pastorless for a long time and was greatly in need of pastoral work. It is an important field.

**DEATHS**

Rev. J. M. Wood of Decatur was buried July 28th. Brother Wood was well known in Illinois. After having been pastor in the Mattoon Association for some time, he became pastor at Havana. From there he was called to Hudson, and after a successful pastorate of a few years, he removed to Decatur and took charge of the East Park Church. After two or three years' pastorate he took up evangelistic work in which he had been quite successful until his death. His death was sudden and unexpected; he had submitted to an operation. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

Mr. Ray Griffin, a student at the Moody Bible Institute, who had just been called as student pastor of the Hinckley Church, lost his life July 22d by drowning while bathing. We have not learned where it occurred.

**JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY**

James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier Poet, one of whom Indiana especially, and America in general, will always be proud, died at his home in Indianapolis July 22nd. Many things have been written of him since his death. Perhaps decades will pass before there can be a correct estimate of him as a poet, but there can be no doubt but that he will always hold a prominent, if not the chief place among American poets in the place he gives to the common people, to rural life, and to the children.

A card dated August 7th, states that Rev. Fred Comber was in a hospital in St. Louis, having just passed through an operation. The outlook at that time for a speedy recovery was hopeful.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME  
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**Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.**

**Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron**

**HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE  
IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS**

**Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.**

Things are moving along nicely at the Home. We have just finished painting our building and the interior has also been decorated, so everything has a new appearance.

Financially we need assistance at this time, for the boilers of our hot water plant have been renewed, costing in the neighborhood of \$800.00 which must be raised by private subscription over and above our daily demands and there is no limit to the demand for charity work.

Our Illinois Churches have done little so far this year to aid us; many in our territory have not contributed at all. A large number of our sustaining members are back on their pledges from three to six months. I trust that those who read this article will consider whether they have done their part for the Children's Home and will also inquire as to what their church has done for the work during the Associational year.

Every day the need for a Receiving Home is more clearly seen. We need this for the protection of the children. A friend of large experience in child saving work said the other day, "We must have a detention home and hospital right away, and if your board will get things going in this direction within sixty days, I will give \$500.00 towards it." Shall we take this offer and secure the pledge as the nucleus for the new building, or shall we allow this opportunity to pass? Those blessed with means should come to our help at this time.

We close the month of July with 59 children in residence. Though three of them are babies about eighteen months old, they have been in usual health this hot weather.

Our wheat and oats are in the stack. The quality of wheat is good, but the yield per acre will be light. The yield of oats will be much better and the quality is good. Our corn crop gave fine promise, but is already injured by excessive heat and drought.

Rev. J. T. Green has entered the field as district superintendent for H. B. O. His field will comprise Jersey, Calhoun, Green, Pike, Macoupin, Morgan, Scott, Adams, Brown, Cass and Menard counties. For many years he worked for the White Hall child-saving plant, but it was recently closed by the State Board of Administration. The evidences of poverty were too abundant in that institution. If the "survival of the fittest" in equipment and buildings and supporting funds is to obtain in Illinois, Catholic institutions will soon hold almost exclusively the child-saving field unless non-Catholic institutions can secure better support. Recently a non-Catholic institution at Carlinville was put out of business by the Board of Administration, and judged by the lurid report of Mr. Virden, State Visitor, it should have been closed. Evidences of poverty are abundant in this institution. We ought to paint our buildings. We ought to have at least two more efficient Christian women to help us. We are always confronted with shortage in funds.

## Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor  
Morgan Park.

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer  
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston.

The Baptist women were well represented at the Assembly held at Quiver Lake, July 13-20. Young women predominated in attendance, which was very encouraging, as it shows a growing interest in missions among them and prophecies well for the future when the work must fall into their hands. Mrs. Martin Bryant was to have given instruction in the Foreign Mission book "World's Missions and World's Peace" but was detained at home on account of sickness. Miss Gladys Topping gave very instructive and entertaining talks on the Home Mission book, "Old Spain in New America," and also much information on the foreign book, for which, however, she had not made especial preparation. Mrs. Sparkes, who has had large experience with children, and junior work, through her years of service in the chapel car, "Herald of Hope," gave each day very helpful talks and suggestions to those who are interested in children. The talks by each of these speakers were of a high order.

Preparations are nearly completed for the annual meeting of the Women's Baptist State Mission Society, to be held in Upper Alton October 17. Fifteen years ago it was organized as a Foreign Mission Society in the First church in Alton, with an attendance of less than twenty. There was much difference of opinion among the Baptist women as to the wisdom of organizing

a state society, but it has proved to be a potent force among women in the state, not only in mission work, but the general interests of the denomination and has well repaid the arduous work and anxiety made necessary in the early years of its existence. Each year the attendance has been larger, and although it has at times seemed impossible, each meeting has been called better than the one of the previous year. We want this year's to excel all others in attendance and merit. The Associations will soon meet. We hope each woman reading this will go to her association and cease not to talk "State Meeting" to all the women she meets. Have several appointed especially to attend, and urge all others to go. The meetings will be held in the old historic chapel of Shurtleff college. The women's banquet will be in the Presbyterian church. It will be a splendid place for the women of the state to become acquainted and this means so much to us all in a broader outlook and larger circle of acquaintance. It is the only opportunity in the year when Baptist women of the state may get together and realize we are working in a common cause and desire to be helpful to each other.

Are you buying new literature for mission study? Each of our national societies has recently published some very attractive exercises for public meetings. Send for catalogues.

## Sunday School Work in Illinois



Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.



Director, W. B. MORRIS,  
117 North Monroe St., Decatur.

I have changed my place of residence and my address is now 117 North Monroe St., Decatur, Illinois. I presume the editor will have something to say about the Assembly, but I wish to say a word.

We may safely say it was a success in every way. The program was helpful throughout and those who attended the various classes and heard the addresses are enthusiastic in their praise.

Miss Davis of Benton, our state B.Y.P.U. secretary did excellent work and the interest in her class was sustained from first to last. It is a matter of gratification to know that we are to have another assembly next year. No doubt the attendance will be still larger.

The pennants for the 100 per cent societies awarded by the American Baptist Publication Society are now in my hands and will be forwarded at the direction of President Glen Shuler. There may be a little delay as I am leaving for West Virginia to attend the summer assembly of that state. I will attend to the matter when I return.

The great convention in Chicago was a place of vision and inspiration. We will reap the result in the years to come in increased earnestness and efficiency of those who will soon be the leaders in the work of our various churches.

The Illinois banquet was an enjoyable and enthusiastic affair. Mr. Schuler is a capable presiding officer for such an occasion.

We are hoping for a good response to the great "October Offensive" in our Sunday schools. Let each superintendent secure the co-operation of his officers, teachers and scholars to increase the attendance. The campaign will commence Sunday, September 24, and close October 29th. Talk it up, work it up, and pray it up. Don't forget that two awards are offered by the American Baptist Publication Society for the schools making the largest gross and proportionate gains respectively. I will mail leaflets to each superintendent in our territory in the near future.

I visited the Farmersville and Zenobia churches the first of the month and notwithstanding the almost intolerable heat we had good services at the latter place.

I spoke to the Colored Baptist State Sunday School Convention in Chicago at the Hermon Baptist Church. The attendance and interest were good.

At a union meeting of the young people's societies of the Decatur churches, buttons were distributed bearing the letters I. T., signifying "I'll try," to be faithful to my duties.

"The late archbishop of York is said to have classified the preachers of the Gospel as follows: "There are three kinds of preachers—the preacher you can't listen to, the preacher you can listen to, and the preacher you can't help listening to." Of the three classes the last is in a very decided minority."

The International B. Y. P. U. A. meeting was held in the Coliseum, Chicago, July 6-9. There was an enrollment of about 2500. About 1000 enrolled from Chicago. There was much enthusiasm and a great deal of interest in the meetings. It was the 25th anniversary of the organization; the Baptist Young People's Union having been organized in the Second Church, Chicago, a quarter of a century ago. There seems to be much more interest in the young people's organization now than there was a few years ago, and there is no state in which there is more interest, if so much, as in Illinois. Next to Illinois this year Pennsylvania, and especially Philadelphia, had the largest and most enthusiastic delegation. Some of the notable speakers were Rev. O. C. S. Wallace, D.D., LL.D., of Montreal, Can., Dr. J. B. Gambrill and Rev. L. R. Scarborough of Texas; Pres. E. Y. Mullins of Louisville, Ky.; Rev. W. K. Towner, D.D., of Oakland, Calif.; Dean Shafer Mathews of Chicago; Dr. Emery Hunt of Massachusetts. On one or two occasions there were probably from 8,000 to 10,000 people in the auditorium.

It was in a very true sense a young people's meeting. There were a few gray heads present, but not many. There seemed to be very few pastors present, even from the state of Illinois. The writer was the only State Convention Superintendent in the

meetings so far as I know. We were glad to see their organization kept in the hands of the young people and so largely in the hands of young laymen and young women.

The salutation of the flags is always a session of much interest, when someone from almost every state in the union and every province in Canada is introduced, a young lady with a banner and a young man to speak a few words for that state or province. The banquet for the Illinois delegation was held at the headquarters hotel. There were probably 500 Os-ka-wa-was present, and they had a good time, and a fine program was carried out.

The East St. Louis delegation to the B.Y.P.U.A. Convention was much in evidence, especially at the Illinois banquet. They seemed to enjoy the fellowship of these Illinois Baptist young people; yet perhaps nineteen out of twenty of these young people are affiliated with the State Convention and Northern Convention, and yet the East St. Louis young people were not affected by Northern heresy. They seemed to be just as good Baptists, no better, and no worse, than the rest of the Illinois delegation! Illinois Baptist please copy!

Dr. L. R. Scarborough of Texas, in his address at the B.Y.P.U.A. Convention in Chicago, in speaking of great Baptists, mentioned David Lloyd George of England at the head of the list, and in speaking of the Baptist institutions of learning included the University of Chicago. Dr. Scarborough is a *Texas* Baptist.

Illinois Baptist, please copy.

Prof A. T. Robertson, D.D., LL.D., of Louisville, Ky., in a leading article

article in the *Biblical World* July 13th, says that the J. R. Graves doctrine of alien immersion has caused more trouble among Southern Baptists than any other doctrinal issue. "If a cleavage were to come among Southern Baptists on the basis of the Graves view of Baptist doctrine, we should have two separate denominations." And yet, many of our Southern Illinois Baptists seem to think there is entire harmony in the South among Baptists, and especially on the theory of alien immersion. Illinois Baptist please copy.

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Rev. M. P. Boynton, who for about twenty years has been pastor of the Woodlawn Baptist Church of Chicago, (formerly Lexington Avenue,) and who built up the church from a mission point to a strong church of 1000 members, is announced as a candidate for the nomination in the September primary on the Republican ticket against Congressman Mann. Mr. Mann is at this time leader of the Republican side in Congress. Dr. Boynton will put up a strong fight for the nomination. The saloon-keepers and brewers generally are against him.

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#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The summer meeting of the Executive Committee was held in Bloomington, Friday, July 28th. There were present Dr. E. Mammen, J. D. Crumley, W. S. Davison, E. K. Masterson and G. M. Shott. The following missionary pastors were appointed, Rev. Fenton Bartine for Pittsfield and Perry, Rev. Carleton W. Harris, Damascus, Rev. Adolph Kelih, Hungarian Mission, Granite City, Rev. J. L. Watson, Sullivan, Rev. C.L. Flanders, Rochelle. Conditional appropriations were made for the colored work in Galesburg and for the work at Oglesby.

#### ANNUAL MEETING

It will be only about two months until the annual meeting of the State Convention in Alton, October 16-19. The associations are entitled to representation—one delegate for each association and one additional for each 1000 members or major fraction thereof. Let these delegates be appointed at the meeting of the associations. It is not too soon for people to begin planning to attend the Convention in October. The Convention will be held in the Upper Alton Church, near Shurtleff College. There are scores, yes hundreds of people who have never seen this noted school, who ought to attend the Convention this fall.

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Mrs. E. M. Wells, mother of Mrs. Melbourne P. Boynton and widow of the late Thomas F. Wells, a member for many years of the Woodlawn church, Chicago, was buried Saturday, July 29, from the Woodlawn church. Mr. and Mrs. Boynton and two grandsons will have the sympathy of many readers of the *Bulletin* who know them.

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#### AN APPRECIATION

"I have never expressed my appreciation of the annual that I know of, but have appreciated the splendid make up. My years in the "print shop" make me somewhat critical but there certainly is nothing to criticise in the Illinois annual. I cannot say that much for some, one state, for illustration, has no index of church, if one does not know the state, he must go through all the associational tables until he finds the church he wants. That is awful. Such things do not exist in the Illinois annual."—*Quincy*.

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## THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST



There may be many readers of the Bulletin who can wisely ask the question, why write upon this topic; who that pretends to be a Christian can deny the resurrection of our Lord? But there are those who deny it; I was present with a large council of men in one of our Baptist schools and a prominent professor boldly and strongly denied the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and another, a theological professor, evaded the matter when asked if he believed in the physical resurrection of Jesus by saying that that was not his special department in teaching. I was present in a Baptist church a few years ago on Easter, and the pastor preached in the morning and conducted a vesper song service in the afternoon, and not once during the day did he refer to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

A few years ago an eminent Scotch theologian wrote a book which he named, "The One Foundation," in which he argued strongly that the resurrection of Jesus Christ was the substantial foundation upon which Christianity can stand. He wrote the book because of the fact that some professed Christian scholars were disposed to surrender all miracles, including the resurrection of Jesus. Personally, I

wish to say that my hope is based upon what I understand to be the teachings of the sacred scriptures, especially those portions concerning which there can be no question as to interpretation. If the Bible, and especially the New Testament, teaches the fact of the resurrection of our Lord, then I must believe it or surrender my claim to be a Christian.

Now what evidence do we have that Jesus arose from the dead: all four of the gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, have made a full record of his resurrection. In these four gospels there is too much for us to quote in the Bulletin. In Matthew the 28th chapter is practically all given to the evidences of the resurrection. In Mark the whole of the last chapter is practically given to the same subject, twenty verses being wholly given to the subject of the resurrection. In Luke the last chapter, consisting of fifty-three verses, is given up almost wholly to a series of proofs of the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in John's gospel, the last two chapters, one with thirty-one verses, and the other with twenty-five verses are given to prove the resurrection of Jesus. Any one who would deny the

resurrection of Jesus must deny the truthfulness and authority of each of the four gospels.

Jesus Christ himself, foretold his resurrection: John 12:40—"For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." This passage, without doubt, refers to his resurrection. John 2:19—"Jesus answered and said unto them, destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." That he here refers to his resurrection is declared by his disciples, and John makes a record of it.

Mark 9:9-10—"And as they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, save when the Son of Man should have risen again from the dead, and they kept the saying, questioning among themselves what the rising again from the dead should mean."

Mark 9:16—"For he taught his disciples and said unto them, the Son of Man is delivered up into the hands of men, and they shall kill him, and when he is killed, after three days he shall rise again."

When Peter preached on the day of Pentecost, he referred to the resurrection of Jesus in the following language: Acts 2:23—"Him being delivered up by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye by the hand of lawless men did crucify and slay; whom God raised up, having loosed the pangs of death; because it was not possible that he should be holden of it." John 2:32—"This Jesus did God raise up, whereof we are all witnesses."

We shall not attempt to select from Paul's writings and from his sermons but one passage, among the scores of

passages bearing upon the resurrection. This is recorded in I. Cor. 15:3-7—"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures and that he was buried and that he was raised up on the third day according to the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephus; then to the twelve; then he appeared to about five hundred brethren at once. . . . then to all the apostles, and last of all . . . he appeared unto me also." This makes it impossible for Paul's preaching and teaching to mean anything if the resurrection were not true, and yet Paul's preaching and writings were based upon the resurrection as a great fact.

Anyone who accepts the New Testament teaching of the resurrection of Jesus Christ can easily accept the doctrine of his deity. I heard Dr. W. R. Harper, while president of the University of Chicago, state that anyone who accepted the fact of the resurrection of Jesus, could, without trouble, accept the fact of any miracle, of which there was reasonable evidence of its occurrence. But he who denies the fact of the resurrection of Christ, in that rejection, sets himself against the doctrine of inspiration and authority of the Bible, and in fact, rejects the whole system of Christianity as a religion of spiritual power in the world.

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#### ERRATA

A month or two ago we reported a change of Rev. H. R. Otto from Litchfield to Girard, and stated that he had been pastor there for two years. That was an error; it should have been four years.



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**STATE** Convention: Place, Alton,  
Illinois. Time, October 16-19.  
Now is the time to begin to prepare to  
attend the State Convention in Alton.

**NOVEMBER** is the time to get 2,000 new  
names for the Bulletin, before  
November 1st.

It was largely through the Bulletin  
that we got the State University  
Church, with its splendid equipment.  
Why do not the pastors talk it up  
more? We expect to order 6,000 Bul-  
letins for September, the largest  
amount ever published.

**STARTING** September and the first  
half of October, the Superinten-  
dent of Missions is compelled to spend  
his Sundays at home, or near home.  
He attends two associational meetings  
every week, taking his time from Mon-  
day night or Tuesday morning until  
Friday, at a time when the office work  
is very heavy. He must take Saturday  
and Saturday night and all day Mon-  
day for office work.

IT IS to be hoped that all the asso-  
ciations will so arrange their time  
of meeting that the Superintendent and  
all others who desire can attend every  
association affiliated with the North-  
ern Baptist and State Conventions.

**WELCOME** the churches reporting  
to the associations have so far  
not reported as large a number of bap-  
tisms as last year, yet it must be re-  
membered that last year was the larg-  
est in the history of the Convention. I  
have never seen a better spirit in the  
meetings than this year.

**THE** object of the Convention's go-  
ing to Upper Alton this year is  
to put the entire State Convention as  
solidly back of Shurtleff College as  
possible. Now is the time when the  
whole denomination should give its  
energy to the strengthening of that  
splendid school. The school was per-  
haps never in better condition than at  
the present time, with one of our best  
men, Geo. M. Potter, at the head of it.

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### PERSONALS

Dr. and Mrs. Clifton D. Gray of the  
Chicago Standard, announce the ar-  
rival of a son in their home August 21,  
1916.

Rev. H. C. First of Rock Island, who  
was superintendent of Illinois Baptist  
State Missions for eleven years, has  
been elected chaplain of the Grand  
Army of the Republic of Illinois. We  
are glad to learn that our brother has  
been thus honored by his fellow sol-  
diers.

Our State Missionary, Rev. W. R.  
Johnson and wife, announced the ad-  
vent of a son in their home a few  
weeks ago.

**ASSOCIATIONS**

I attended the Central Illinois Association at Petersburg Monday night and Tuesday, September 4th and 5th. This was the first time that association had met in Petersburg for twenty-seven years. Last year there were about 100 people attending the association at Atterberry. This year about 250 people ate dinner at the church, and fully 200 of them were from outside of Petersburg, and they anticipated fully as many, if not more on Wednesday. Pastor Wolfe and his wife were leaders among their people in the entertainment. The entertainment was altogether free, and it was splendid.

On Wednesday, the 6th, I made my way to Charleston to the meeting of the Bloomfield Association. By unusual good luck in making connections, I got there immediately after noon and remained until Thursday afternoon. The spirit of the meeting was very good and the attendance fully up to the meeting in Danville last year, but was not nearly so large as that of the Central Illinois Association, in proportion to its size. Three churches from the disbanded Gilman Association came into the Bloomfield Association. It is now the third in membership in the state. Next year it will meet in Paris.

The Rock Island Association met with the Silvis Church, August 29th. It was a fine meeting. Tuesday night all of the available room in the church was taken up by the more than 300 people who attended. The attendance was good, but not so large, on Wednesday. Nine of their churches reported 124 baptisms, but 72 of these were reported by one church, the Antioch church where Evangelist Kirkland held a tent

meeting. One half of the churches reported no baptisms; yet the churches seemed to be in good condition and hopeful for the future. Rev. W. E. Andereck of Orion was elected moderator, and Rev. H. W. Reed, Ph.D., of Rock Island, clerk.

I went Wednesday night, August 30, 116 miles from Silvis to Nilwood, where the Macoupin County Association met. I did not secure the statistics of the churches more than to learn that four months of missionary work resulted in about fifty additions to the churches. There was a good attendance and the spirit of the meetings seemed good. Enough money was raised to enable them to secure Rev. Wm. Gaither of Jerseyville as a missionary evangelist of the association for one full year. Rev. W. E. Vaughn was re-elected moderator and Mr. G. W. Gibson was re-elected clerk.

**OBITUARIES**

It was reported at the Macoupin County Association that two of their elderly preachers had recently passed away. Rev. D. P. Deadrick of Carlinville, a minister more than eighty years old, recently died. Brother Deadrick had lived at Carlinville for many years. He had not been a regular pastor for perhaps twenty years or more, but did much service in earlier life.

Rev. A. M. Stamper of Girard died some time ago. He was perhaps, sixty-five years of age, but was actively engaged in preaching for the churches of that section until a short time before his death.

Mr. J. W. Aldrich of Normal, a trustee of the Baptist Church, and for one year treasurer of the State Convention, died August 25th. He was buried Sunday, August 27th.

**ORDINATION**

A council was called by the Buda church to meet August 23, to consider the matter of ordaining Mr. Howard A. Hammer, a member of that church who had spent two years at the Louisville Seminary and who is planning to go back this fall and give one more year, possibly two, to seminary work. Many of the pastors of the Ottawa Association must have been on vacations; but there were eight ministers and other delegates present. The council was organized by electing the editor of the Bulletin, moderator, and Rev. O. R. Thomas of Galva, clerk, and Rev. B. E. Allen of Osceola church, examiner. The candidate passed a very satisfactory examination, and the council voted unanimously to recommend his ordination. The moderator was selected to preach the sermon. The council was thoroughly convinced that Brother Hammer has the ability and much of the preparation necessary to make a successful pastor.

On Thursday night, August 24th, the editor of the Bulletin was requested to preach the sermon at the dedication of the Tabernacle, arranged for a meeting to be conducted by Evangelist R. S. Kirkland at Colchester. It was to be a union meeting for Colchester and many miles of country around the town. The people put up a good building and the prospects were fine for a good meeting. Mr. Kirkland and his helpers were there, and the congregation was fine and very attentive.

On Sunday, August 27th, I preached one of the three sermons at Orion, closing up a three-days' home-coming for that town. It was a great occa-

sion. I was the 400th person from outside that community who signed the roll of visitors. There were some good speakers there, one who gave two addresses, was from Harrisburg, Pa.

The editor of the Bulletin spent the first Sunday in August in Springfield, supplying for Dr. Bowyer. The congregation was not large; many people seemed to be taking a vacation, but the interest was good.

I gave Sunday, August 12th, to the Streator Church, where the First Church and the Beulah Church have united, calling the pastor of the Beulah Church to become pastor of the united church. The name will be the First Baptist Church of Streator. About five years ago 100 members went out and formed the Beulah Church. They came back with about 240. While there was, of course, some little dissatisfaction, yet the spirit of harmony and good feeling seemed to be very general, and the congregations were fine.

**PASTORAL CHANGES**

Rev. D. C. Blunt of Alton, who for two years has been pastor at East Alton and Fosterburg churches, and has made a splendid success of both of them, has been called to take our mission church at Wood River for half time. The church has already purchased a fine lot upon which to erect a meeting house.

Rev. A. LeGrand, D.D., who has been pastor of Vermont Street church in Quincy for six and a half years, has accepted a call to the Central Baptists Church of Kansas City. The church in Quincy accepted his resignation with regret. Brother LeGrand will close his work in Quincy the 24th, and begin in

Kansas City the first of October. We hope that his departure from Quincy will result in the further organization of the new United Baptist Church in Quincy, as the First Church is also pastorless at this time.

Rev. F. C. Webber of Chicago, who did faithful and successful work at Hinckley for three years while attending the Moody Bible Institute and the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, has decided to enter Shurtleff College. The Palmyra Church has invited him to visit them with a view of supplying them while in school.

Rev. A. A. Todd of St. Louis, Mo., recently accepted a call to the pastorate of the Jacksonville Church in Illinois. Brother Todd is well known in this state, having been pastor at Shelbyville, Ewing, Mt. Vernon First Church, and Pontiac. We are glad to welcome him back to our state, where he always did good work.

Rev. G. C. Mitchell, who has been pastor at Flora for about one year, has resigned, to take effect September 15. This leaves one of our important fields in that part of the state again pastorless. Flora is a good field and we hope it will be able to locate a new pastor soon.

Rev. Earl Williams came from Indiana and located as pastor at Gifford a few months ago.

Rev. Ben P. Johnson closed his work at Ashland and removed to Springfield a week or two ago. We understand that his plan is to be pastor of four small churches and spend a part of his time in working insurance. Brother Johnson did good work the years he spent at Ashland, and the church regretted to have him leave.

Rev. W. H. Main, who has been a successful pastor in Philadelphia for a

number of years, has accepted a call to the First Baptist Church in Chicago, and will begin work October 1st.

Rev. R. C. Smith became pastor of the Indianola Church in April. He speaks very hopefully of the work there.

Rev. Samuel C. Welsh, who had been pastor at Farmington in the Peoria Association for five years and five months, resigned August 17th, to become pastor at Fairmount in the Bloomfield Association. Brother Welsh was present at the Bloomfield Association and made himself felt and recognized as a strong worker in that field.

#### MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING AUGUST

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (\*) star.

Alpha Church, Mrs. P. J. Allison	
(3) .....	\$ 5.00
Alton, First Church, Mrs. S. H. Ryan	
Special Evangelistic Fund .....	25.00
*Arcola Church .....	28.00
Belleville Church .....	10.00
*Berlin Church .....	26.50
*Berwick Church .....	83.00
Berwick Church, A Member, Special	
Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
*Bloomington Church .....	30.00
*Bushnell Church .....	13.70
Bulletin Subscriptions .....	53.22
Carbondale Church, Charlotte Han-	
son, Special Evangelistic Fund....	25.00
Carrlton Church, J. C. Bowerman,	
Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
Chicago, Calvary Church .....	18.00
Chicago, Englewood Church .....	5.00
Chicago, Ravenswood Church .....	10.00
Chicago, Normal Park Church.....	30.00
Danville, First Church .....	10.00
El Paso Church .....	50.00
Elvaston Church .....	2.50
Farmington Church .....	15.52
Galesburg Church .....	50.00
*Hillery Church .....	5.00
Hoopeston Church .....	5.85
Jacksonville Church .....	15.00
*Joliet, Eastern Avenue Church....	101.00
McClure, Sarah J., Pratt, Kansas....	1.00
Manchester Sunday School.....	3.55
*Mattoon Church .....	39.00
Murphysboro Church .....	15.00
Mt. Zion Church (Quincy Ass'n)....	3.00

Northern Baptist Convention .....	75.00
Orion Church .....	29.00
Otterville Church .....	1.00
Ottawa Church .....	20.00
*Oquawka Church .....	12.00
Oquawka Church, Miss Martha Moir, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	88.00
Peoria, Bethany Church .....	21.35
Quincy, Vermont St., Church.....	50.00
*Rock Island, Edgewood Church, Rev. L. W. Hostetter.....	14.00
*Shabbona Church .....	4.00
Springfield, Elliott Ave. Church.....	29.00
Stonington (Old) Church, Mrs. Mary S. Duncan .....	5.00
Tonica meeting house rent .....	39.32
Tonica parsonage rent .....	20.00
Toulon Church .....	24.15
Toulon Sunday school .....	8.05
Toulon B. Y. P. U. ....	2.30
*Urbana, Cunningham Ave. Church	6.89
Urbana, First Church.....	100.00
Urbana First Church, Rev. R. S. Kirkland (3) .....	5.00
University Church Fund .....	1929.13
	\$3172.03

#### WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT THE BULLETIN

"I consider the Bulletin a very valuable paper, and do not want to be without it."—Chicago.

"Your front page editorials in the last two numbers are especially fine and timely.—University of Illinois.

"The Bulletin has arrived. It is full of good things. I especially enjoyed reading your article on the Diety of Jesus Christ. It will be a help and inspiration to the thousands who read the Bulletin. There is great need of placing such articles before the many Baptists of Illinois and away beyond our borders."—Danville.

"We enjoy the Bulletin very much."—Rantoul.

"I want to thank you for that splendid editorial upon the Lord's Supper. My church celebrates without dismissing the congregation, and the elements are passed to everybody. Your editorial, I hope, may be of help to us."—South Central Illinois.

#### BAPTIST PAPERS

In the first place, we think that every Baptist in Illinois ought to read the Bulletin; i. e., if a person is so situated that he cannot spend more than twenty cents per year for a Baptist paper, he ought to take the Illinois Baptist Bulletin, but if twenty or more names are sent in at one time the Bulletin comes at ten cents per year, and if ten or more names are sent in at one time, it is fifteen cents per year. We believe, furthermore, that every reader of the Bulletin should be also a subscriber of a Baptist weekly paper, and that paper for Illinois, is the Standard of Chicago. The Standard gives the Baptist news for Illinois and the northwestern states as no other paper does. This splendid weekly paper can be secured for two dollars per year. However, a well posted Baptist family cannot get along with the Bulletin and Standard only: it must have Missions, a monthly missionary magazine. Our Missions is what a few years ago was the Home Mission monthly, and the Foreign Mission magazine, and Tidings, and the Helping Hand, and Good Works, but now all the Foreign, Home, Publication Society, and women's papers for the denomination are published in the one volume, Missions, of which Howard W. Grose, D.D., is the editor. If a minister sends fifty cents, all others seventy-five cents, to Ford Building, Boston, Mass., he can secure Missions for one year. In clubs of five or more it is fifty cents.

If any readers of the Bulletin would like some other Baptist weekly paper, we suggest the Watchman-Examiner of Boston and New York, or the Journal & Messenger of Cincinnati, O., or Baptist World of Louisville, Ky., or

the Word and Way of Kansas City, Mo. There are many other Baptist papers and periodicals of great value, to some of which we may refer at a later date.

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#### STATE CONVENTION

The Illinois Baptist State Convention will meet in Alton, Upper Alton church, October 16-19. Fourteen years ago the Convention met with the First Church in Alton. This year all three Baptist churches extend the invitation, but the meetings will be held in the Upper Alton church on account of its being the location of Shurtleff College. It is very desirable that the whole denomination in the state should get behind Shurtleff College, and it was especially for this reason that the Convention meets in Upper Alton this year. We will have a splendid place of meeting. All the great railroads running into St. Louis either pass through Alton or near it, and all are connected with a splendid interurban. People who have plenty of time can make a fine trip on the river. There are about 35,000 Baptists within sixty miles of Alton. Many of these, on account of southern affiliation, will not attend, but many among them will attend; and beyond this thickly settled Baptist territory near Alton we shall have good attendance from all parts of the state, from Cairo to Rockford. Every contributing church in the state is entitled to one delegate, and one additional delegate for each 100 members, or major fraction thereof. The delegates both from the church and the association should be appointed, but they do not need written credentials. We trust the delegates to be true and honest and expect them when they reg-

ister to state whether they are delegate or visitor. Visitors are welcome and have all the privileges of the Convention except that of voting and holding office. We think that in many cases the church or a group of friends should aid the pastor and his wife to attend the convention. No church can hardly afford to have a pastor who is deprived of the privileges of the State Convention, and many pastors cannot afford the expense of attending without some assistance. The women of the local churches should see to it that whenever possible the pastor's wife should attend the Convention.

Two of our strong educational men cannot attend the Convention except on the first and second days, so that we expect Drs. Lyon and Padelford to speak on Monday and Tuesday nights.

The women have planned for an all day meeting Tuesday closing with a women's banquet Tuesday evening at 5 o'clock.

The Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work will be given all of Thursday afternoon.

A general banquet will be given on Thursday evening in lower Alton and the night session will be held in the First Baptist Church, where the people who desire to go Chicago way that night can get a ten o'clock train.

We are not able at this time to give a definite statement with regard to the year's work, but every indication is that we have had a good year in spiritual interest, and the financial part will depend upon what the churches do before October 1st. Only a comparatively few have made up their full apportionments as yet, but we have faith in our pastors and feel sure that if every pastor would make a reasonably

strong effort to raise the entire apportionment in his church that we would come out all right on the financial side October 1st. We urge our pastors to take this matter up vigorously. If we are not to be seriously handicapped next year our churches that have not yet made their apportionments must make a strong effort in the little time remaining before October 1st.

The State Association in Southern Illinois, in a printed circular, is asking for \$20,000 for state missions, \$4,000 for home missions, and \$7,000 for foreign missions. We have always insisted that state missions should have a more prominent place than the State Convention has ever had, but we had not thought of asking for it five times more than for home missions and nearly three times more than for foreign missions. The State Convention is asking churches of Illinois to contribute this year to Foreign Missions \$31,500, Women's Foreign Missions \$21,275, Home Missions, \$19,000, Women's Missions \$18,000, and State Convention \$19,000, and other things \$20,224, a total of \$129,000.

#### MISSIONARY EVANGELISTS AND PASTORS

While Missionary W. R. Johnson was holding a meeting at Bloomeld, near Winchester, in August, a severe storm blew his tent down and damaged it considerably. The disagreeable weather interfered very much with the meetings, but we hope much good was accomplished.

Rev. A. E. Powell, who has spent almost two years at Geneseo, closed his pastorate a few weeks ago. Brother Powell has done hard work on that field and has added quite a number to the church organization.

#### CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.

Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron

August 31st finds us with a full house; all our children in splendid health, bright and happy; demanding three square meals a day.

The tussle of fitting the thirty-one boys and twenty-five girls for school with shoes, books, etc., has begun. All these things demand cash over and above the \$30.00 which it takes every day. Added to this the superintendent must raise \$800 to replace hot water boilers for heating plant to fit the home for winter.

Many Illinois churches in the territory of the home have failed to contribute to our work thus far this year. Church people should consider it their duty to remember our work on their benevolent budget. Our Christ declares that such service rendered to the least of these is done unto him. Again true religion and undefiled before God is to visit the fatherless and widows. Our home is not only helping poor homeless children, but also helping widowed mothers bear their burdens.

Again I call the attention of Life Members, sustaining Members, and also churches to the fact that your offering sent in before October 1st will do us a great amount of good as our burdens are heavy.

# Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor  
Morgan Park.

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer  
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston.

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS W. P. TOPPING

"Rest is not quitting the busy career;  
Rest is the fitting of self to one's  
sphere."

And so, dear Illinois women, as the summer days have passed and we have had rest in various ways, let us now take up the duties of the fall and winter season with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Our state meeting comes in October. How is your society measuring up to the Standard of Excellence put out by our National Societies?

Here it is—look it over carefully and answer the questions. Are you to be one of the Honor Societies? If not you will come under some class. Do not be discouraged if this year you are not in the very highest class. Send in your report anyway, and next year work harder for every point. If you do not receive a separate Standard from your associational president, cut this standard out, answer the questions and return it to our secretary, Mrs. F. W. Heath, 2937 Wilcox Ave., Chicago, Illinois, by October 10th.

When you are at Alton you will wish to see the name of your society posted.

### STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR WOMAN'S SOCIETIES

Woman's American Baptist Home.  
Mission Society.

Woman's American Baptist Foreign  
Mission Society.

Societies attaining five of the points  
will be enrolled in Class C; those at-

taining seven, in Class B; those attain-  
ing nine in Class A; those attaining  
eleven will be enrolled as Honor So-  
cieties.

1. A fifteen per cent increase in  
contribution.

2. A fifteen per cent increase in  
gifts.

3. Quarterly payments equal to one  
fourth of the apportionment.

4. Definite Missionary instruction  
in the Sunday school, with contribu-  
tions to home and foreign missions.

5. A subscription list for missions,  
equal to at least ten per cent of the  
church membership.

6. One or more mission study  
classes, studying both home and for-  
eign missions.

7. Ten per cent of the women hav-  
ing read at least one missionary book  
during the year.

8. Organized work among the girls  
and young women of the church, pre-  
ferably as chapters of the World Wide  
Guild.

9. All letters from officers prompt-  
ly answered, and reports promptly re-  
turned to Associational secretaries and  
directors.

10. The annual observance of "A  
Day of Praise and Thankoffering, a  
Day of Prayer."

11. A group of women praying  
daily for the missionary enterprise.

Please notify Mrs. M. W. Twing,  
535 East 6th St., Alton, when and  
where you expect to arrive.



## Baptist Young People's Union of Illinois

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The observance of the Silver Jubilee Anniversary of our International Organization is now a matter of history, and the Chicago convention, the twenty-third, will long remain memorable as a source of inspiration to the young Baptists in attendance upon its sessions.

The Coliseum, a building more than adequate for the accommodation of the large congregation of Sunday evening, estimated at eight thousand, was the scene of all general sessions, morning and evening. The numerous and commodious assembly rooms of Hotel Sherman, official headquarters, were at the disposal of our members for simultaneous afternoon conferences.

The attendance from the country at large must have proved a disappointment to the Chicago Union, who had labored so long and faithfully for the entertainment of a "banner" delegation. That they had planned well was evidenced by the precision which marked all proceedings. Only words of praise are due them for the satisfaction afforded in every detail.

Illinois may claim distinction in the excellent showing made by the locals comprising our State Union. It would be expected that we should have the largest delegation. Our registration enrollment totalled more than four hundred delegates and visitors from

down-state, in addition to which there were probably many more visitors who failed of registration. The International Prize Banner, awarded to the state delegation having the greatest mileage to its credit, went to Pennsylvania, with an attendance of about seventy-five, more than fifty of whom "hailed" from Philadelphia. The Philadelphians were "boosters" for the 1918 convention, and this year's assembly heartily accepted their invitation, as also that of Detroit for 1917.

Distinctive features provided for Illinois delegates included a "get-acquainted" meeting, evening devotional services, visits to the Baptist Missionary Training School, and various Chicago Missions, and the fifth annual "Os-ka-wa-wa" pow-wow, marked by an overflow of "spizzerinktum." On this latter occasion more than four hundred Indian squaws and braves gathered in the banquet rooms of Hotel Sherman, and after an appetizing supper, listened to a delightful program of inspiring music and readings, and brief messages from former "chiefs" of the "tribe." The "fellowship" was supreme, and all felt that it was good to be there.

Space will not permit of detailed comment on the general convention.

**PROGRAM OF THE ILLINOIS BAPTIST  
STATE CONVENTION**

**Meeting in Alton, October 16-19, 1916—  
Watchword—"Education"**

**Monday Evening, Oct. 16**

- 7:30 Prayer Service, conducted by Rev. J. H. Bagwill, Ashley.
- 7:55 Appointment of Nominating Committee and Committees on Program and Obituaries.
- 8:00 Annual Sermon—Rev. N. J. Hilton, Lincoln.  
Address—Education  
Rev. John S. Lyon, D.D.,  
Holyoke, Mass.

**Tuesday Morning, Oct. 17**

- 9:00 Devotional—Rev. L. E. Riley, of Tremont.
- 9:20 Development of the Rural Church, Rev. Chas. R. Drussel, Berwick.
- 9:50 Discussion.
- 10:05 The Combined Worship—Rev. N. C. Miller, Aurora.
- 10:35 Discussion.
- 10:50 Business.
- 11:00 Introduction of New Pastors—Supt. E. P. Brand.
- 11:15 Obituary Report—Rev. L. A. Abbott, D.D., Alton.
- 11:30 Memorial Address—Rev. W. E. Mundell, Ph.D., Alton.
- 12:10 Adjournment.

**Tuesday Afternoon**

- 1:40 Devotional—Rev. S. J. Skevington, Chicago.  
The six devotional services conducted by Dr. Skevington will be held in a separate room from the convention hall.  
Reports of Special Committees.
- 2:10 Social Service—Rev. M. E. Adams, Chicago.
- 2:20 Non-Resident Members—Rev. J. W. Merrill, Chicago.
- 2:40 Baptist Assembly—Rev. T. Harley Marsh, D.D., Decatur.
- 3:00 Evangelism—Rev. John M. Dean, Chicago.

- 3:15 Church Federation—Rev. S. T. Ford, D.D., Chicago.
- 3:25 Orphanage Investigation—Judge J. Otis Humphrey, Springfield.
- 3:40 Five Year Program—Francis W. Parker, Chicago.
- 4:00 Re-Dating Associations—E. P. Brand, Normal.
- 4:10 Apportionment, Rev. M. W. Twing, D.D., Alton.
- 4:20 State of Religion, Rev. L. C. Trent, Kewanee.
- 4:30 Discussion on State of Religion.
- 5:00 Adjournment.

**Tuesday Night**

- 7:10 Prayer Service—Rev. S. J. Skevington.
- 7:40 Special Music.
- 7:50 Words of Welcome by Pastor.  
Response by President.
- 8:00 Annual Sermon—Rev. T. Harley Marsh, D.D., Decatur.  
Annual Convention collection for minutes.  
Address—The Claim of the Christian College—Rev. Frank W. Padelford, Boston, Mass.

**Tuesday, October 17, 1916**

Meeting of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of Illinois, in Shurtleff College Chapel, Alton.

Mrs. W. P. Topping, President, presiding  
Miss Lulu Rhodes, Pianist.  
Mrs. M. W. Twing, Leader of Music.

**Program**

General Topic—"The Christian Warfare."  
"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty, through God, to the pulling down of the strongholds."  
—2 Corinthians 10:4

**Morning Session**

- 9:15 "Reveille."  
"Call to Duty," Mrs. James P. Slade East St. Louis.
- 9:30 "Salute from Alton," Mrs. William H. Stifler, Alton.
- 9:40 "Activities on the Field," Mrs. F. W. Heath, Chicago.
- 9:55 "Our Resources," Mrs. H. W. Tate, Evanston.

- 10:00 "Message from Headquarters," Mrs. W. P. Topping, Elgin.  
Hymn, "Only an Armour Bearer."
- 10:20 "Captain's Review."  
Home Field, Mrs. J. D. Louderback, Chicago.  
Foreign Field, Mrs. Milton Shirk, Chicago.
- 11:00 "Drilling Recruits," Mrs. Joseph Jenkins, Jerseyville.
- 11:20 "State Revenue Offering."  
Solo, Miss Irene Elder, Alton.  
"Our Ammunition."
- 11:30 Prayer, Mrs. Hope Way Orr, Cairo
- 11:40 Gifts of Silver, Mrs. R. H. Flannigan, East St. Louis.
- 11:50 Gifts of Service, Mrs. W. J. Hilton, Lincoln.
- 12:00 Information, Presented by Alton Young People, directed by Miss Lulu Rhodes.  
Closing Hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers."
- 12:30 "Mess Hour."  
Luncheon served in Cafeteria near the chapel.

#### Afternoon Session

- 1:30 "Noon Day Prayers," Mrs. S. D. McKenney, Alton.
- 1:40 "Council Hour."  
Reports of Committees.  
Election of Officers.
- 2:00 "Dispatches from the Firing Line," Mrs. O. L. Swanson, Golaghat, Assam.
- 2:45 Miss May Morey, Associate Superintendent, Aiken Institute, Chicago.
- 3:10 Quartette from Shurtleff College.
- 3:15 "Recruiting and Training Volunteers," Miss Alice Brimson, Chicago.  
Miss Gladys Topping, Elgin.
- 3:30 World Wide Guild Pageant, Directed by Mrs. George M. Potter, Alton.  
Closing Hymn.
- 5:00 "Camp Fire." Every soldier expected to report.  
Toastmistress, Mrs. M. W. Twing of Alton.  
"Look Afield," Mrs. S. H. Bowyer, Springfield.  
"Look Afar," Miss Goldia Whitesell of Colchester.  
Solo—Mrs. Stanley Castle, Alton.

- "Line Up," Miss Nancy E. Browning of Benton.  
"Mrching Orders," Mrs. L. S. Shumaker, Paris.  
"Taps."

Wednesday morning, Conference Hour, Miss Eleanor Mare, home secretary W.A.B.F.M.S., leader.

Thursday morning, Conference Hour, Mrs. S. C. Fulmer, General Worker, W.A.B. H. M. S., leader.

Speakers for Wednesday afternoon before convention—

World Wide Guild, Miss Gladys M. Topping; Miss Alice W. Brimson.

Woman's Home Missions, Mrs. Reuben Mapelsden, district secretary for middle states, W.A.B.H.M.S.

Woman's Foreign Missions, Miss Eleanor Mare, home secretary, W.A.B.F.M.S.

#### Wednesday Morning, Oct. 18

- 9:00 Devotional—Rev. T. C. Coffey, Bunker Hill.
- 9:20 Report of the Nominating Committee on Members of the Board and Standing Committees.
- 9:30 Report of the Executive Board and Introduction of State Convention Missionaries—Supt. E. P. Brand, Normal.
- 11:00 Business, Report of Committee on Enlargement of the Scope of the Work of the State Convention—Rev. S. H. Bowyer, Springfield.
- 12:00 Adjournment.
- 12:15 Dinner for the missionaries of the Convention.

#### Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:30 Devotional—Rev. S. J. Skevington
- 2:00 Report of Committee on Affiliated Societies—Rev. David Magill, Chicago.
- 2:15 World Wide Guild—Miss Gladys M. Topping, Miss Alice W. Brimson.
- 2:40 Women's Foreign Missions—Mrs. Eleanor Mare, Chicago.
- 3:10 Woman's Home Missions—Mrs. Reuben Mapelsden, Philadelphia.
- 3:40 Address—Rev. L. C. Barnes, D.D., New York.
- 4:20 Phases of the Five Year Program, Rev. Walter I. Fowle, Galesburg.

- 4:40 Discussion.  
5:00 Adjournment.

### Wednesday Night

- 7:00 Prayer Service—Rev. S. J. Skev-  
vington.  
7:30 Song Service.  
7:50 Address, "The Baptist Ministry of  
Today," E. T. Tomlinson, D.D.,  
New York.  
8:30 Music.  
8:40 Address, Rev. Frank L. Anderson,  
Chicago.

### Thursday Morning, Oct. 19

- 9:00 Devotional—Rev. J. A. Cozad, De-  
catur.  
Business of Convention and Com-  
mittees' Reports.  
9:20 Report of the Treasurer and Aud-  
iting Committee.  
9:35 Education—Rev. J. M. Stifler,  
Evanston.  
Address—Chairman Stifler.  
10:00 Resolutions.  
10:30 Charitable Institutions, Rev. S. H.  
Bowyer, Springfield.  
11:15 Temperance, Rev. M. P. Boynton,  
D.D. Chicago.  
Address  
12:00 Election of President and Secre-  
tary.  
12:20 Adjournment.

### Thursday Afternoon

Program of the Sunday School and  
Young Peoples session of the Illinois State  
Convention.

### Sunday School Session

- 1:45 Devotional—Rev. S. J. Skevington.  
2:00 President's Address—Mr. Glenn  
Shuler, Ottawa, Ill.  
2:15 Report of Secretary, Miss Allie  
Gene Davis, Benton, Ill.  
Music, Shurtleff Male Quartette.

- 2:30 B. Y. P. U. Address, "The Un-  
earned Increment," Rev. Norman  
B. Henderson, Chicago, Ill.  
3:05 Music.

### B. Y. P. U. Session

- 3:10 Election of B. Y. P. U. Officers.  
3:20 Report of State Sunday School and  
Young Peoples Director, W. B.  
Morris, Decatur, Ill.  
3:30 Music, Shurtleff Male Quartette.  
3:35 Address, "Next Steps in Sunday  
School Work," Dr. H. E. Tralle,  
Kansas City, Mo.  
4:10 Sunday School Demonstration.  
4:45 Adjournment.  
5:30 General Banquet, held in Y. M. C.  
A. building, Alton.  
Toastmaster, Clifton D. Gray, of  
Chicago.  
1. Need of Educated Leaders for  
Sunday Schools—G. W. Harding,  
Kewanee.  
2. Laymen's Responsibility for  
Our Denominational Schools—  
Watts Johnson, Princeton.  
3. Responsibility of the Baptists of  
the entire State for Shurtleff  
College—H. M. Owen, Decatur.  
4. Special Claims of Shurtleff Col-  
lege upon the Baptists Within  
easy distance of Alton—J. C.  
Baldwin, Springfield.  
(Speeches limited to ten minutes).

### Thursday Night

Session to be Held in First Baptist Church  
Men's Classes of all the Alton Baptist Sun-  
day schools invited to attend in a body.

- 7:15 Prayer Service—Rev. S. J. Skev-  
ington.  
7:45 Special Music.  
8:00 Address—H. F. Stilwell, Clevel-  
land, Ohio.  
8:45 Address—Laymen and the King-  
dom—Rev. F. E. R. Miller, of  
Elgin.  
9:30 Closing Remarks by the Pastor,  
President and Superintendent.

**SUDDEN DEATH**

On Sept. 8th, Miss Anna Kirkland and two other school teachers were struck by an interurban train at Muncie twelve miles east of Champaign, and almost instantly killed. The other two were Miss Edith Ellenborg of Marion, Ill., and Mr. Harold Gentven of Beaver Dam, Wis. Miss Kirkland was a daughter of Evangelist R. S. Kirkland of Urbana. At the time of the accident he was conducting a meeting at Colchester. Miss Kirkland was an admirable young woman, a good scholar and successful teacher. Brother Kirkland and family will have the sympathies and prayers of the readers of the Bulletin.

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"Rev. G. M. Shott, pastor of the First Church of Urbana, Ill., presented his resignation on August 27, the close of the fourth year of his second pastorate there. He is now ready for another field. A steering committee has been appointed to look after the pulpit during such absences as may occur until he is settled on some other field. E. M. Knowlton, W. L. Bennett and C. W. Richards constitute that committee."

**UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH**

The University Church is at this writing almost completed, and I understand that the pastor has located in the residence rooms in the building. The dedication will be postponed for a few weeks and will take place possibly in October. Rev. Martin S. Bryant, the pastor, made an appeal to a number of individuals and churches to assist in furnishing the rooms of the church building. According to the circular which he sent out, furnishings for

the class rooms and many other things are needed. Many of these things have been provided, but a week or two ago he wrote me that they still needed: (4) A carpet for the auditorium; (8) Furniture for class room No. 1, \$18.00; (12) Furniture for class room No. 5, \$33.00; (13) Furniture for class room No. 6, \$42.00; (14) Furniture for the B. Y. P. U. room, \$100.00; (16) Tables for the dining room, \$40.00; (17) Dishes for 200 persons; (18) Silver for 200 persons; (19) Gas range for the kitchen. Any reader of the Bulletin who can supply any of these needed things will do an appreciable work by writing to Mr. Bryant, whose address is the University Baptist Church, Champaign, and let him know what they can do.

**CHURCHES**

Rev. Leo B. McKee writes encouragingly concerning the work at Canton. The church is now redecorating the building and making other improvements in all to cost about \$1000. Brother McKee hopes to make an every member canvass of the church this fall.

The Old Stonington Church, one of our best country churches in the state, is still without a pastor. It has been pastorless almost a year, but during all that time has been earnestly seeking for someone to locate. We hope they will find the right man soon.

The Moline Church, of which Rev. Roy W. Babcock is pastor, has given a hearty invitation for the State Convention to meet with that church in Moline, October, 1917. We hope that five other churches within street car distance of Moline will join with them in extending this invitation.

We called attention several months ago to the burning and complete destruction of the Baptist Church in Rantoul. The building had \$4,000 insurance. This church, of which Rev. E. C. Poole is pastor, began promptly to rebuild, and they are erecting a \$12,000 or \$13,000 meeting house. It will be very complete in all its arrangements, and modern and up-to-date. Pastor Poole recently delivered a sermon at the Twin City Chautauqua in Urbana which was highly appreciated.

The Rozetta Church, under the pastoral care of Rev. G. W. Wright, is doing a good work. Two were baptized August 13th, and others are expected to make the surrender soon. The pastor and church are planning for special meetings to begin the third Sunday in September.

The Elliott Avenue Church, Springfield, has seemed to make considerable progress during the two or three years pastorate of Rev. H. H. Ford. He has baptized 140 into the church, and they now have a membership of 529. The pastor has raised \$3700 toward repairing the meeting house.

The work at Towanda is in good condition. Rev. Chas. H. Davies, who lives at Forest City, has supplied the Towanda Church for one and a half years for half time. The congregations are fine. The Presbyterians have closed up their work there for the present, and the M. E. Church is not doing a large work. Brother Davies has had thirty-three additions to the church since he went there.

Louis H. Randle of Shurtleff College, who is the student pastor of the Pleasant Ridge Church, writes of that church as follows: "The Pleasant Ridge Church, Alton Association, is enjoying great prosperity this summer. The audiences at the morning and

evening services are twice as large as they are during the winter, and the church was never in better condition financially or spiritually. Provision has been made for the entire budget for missions. A young men's Agoga Class was organized in April, and a young ladies Amoma Class in June. The young people have taken hold of the works splendidly and each class now has a membership of twenty-two. A primary class with a regular teacher has been added also. One of our young men enters Shurtleff College this September to study for the ministry."

We regret to report that our missionary pastor, Rev. J. H. Bagwill, is now closing his work at Ashley and Second Church, Mt. Vernon. He was called to the pastorate of the Second Baptist Church in Johnston City, and felt strongly inclined to take that field. Ashley and Mt. Vernon immediately began making an effort to secure another pastor.

Rev. N. T. Hafer, who has spent a portion of the summer in raising an evangelistic fund for the State Convention, has had very good success. He perhaps will visit one more association during a few days before the Convention meets in October. He is now engaged in a special meeting at the Kingston Church in the Rock River Association.

Whenever a Baptist church gets to the point where it feels that it is necessary to take into its membership pedobaptists who have been sprinkled or christened in infancy, or people from the world without any pretense to obeying the Lord's command to be baptized, in order to increase its financial resources or to give it social prestige, is approaching dangerously near the beginning of the end as a loyal and witnessing Baptist church.

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## SEVENTY-SECOND MEETING



The seventy-second meeting of the Illinois Baptist State Convention will be held in Alton, Upper Alton church, October 16-19. This will probably be one of the most important meetings of the State Convention that has ever been held. Dean Shailer Mathews, who has held more responsible positions bestowed upon him by the Baptists and other Christian people within the past three years than any other Baptist in the world; a man whose opinion ought to be worth something, said in substance at Detroit in 1913, and at Boston in 1914, and in Minneapolis in 1916, that the state conventions are the most responsible factors we have in our denominational organizations for solving the great problems we will have to meet within the next few years. I think Dr. Mathews was absolutely correct in what he said.

Most states have recognized this for some time, and all are rapidly coming to that conclusion. Illinois has been one of the most backward states in recognizing this fact. It is now making rapid advancement but is still far behind many of the other states. In many of our states the first benevolent interest to be considered is the state convention, and the largest amount of

money asked from the churches is for state convention work; while in Illinois, even yet, the smallest amount given by the churches is for state convention. The churches give more for either of the woman's societies than for their own state convention, and in a state where there are such superlative needs as in this state. We hope this condition will soon pass; not that the churches will give less for other objects, but much more for the state convention.

We have not, at this writing, secured all the reports for the year ending October 1, 1916, but we feel sure that we have had a good year, though not quite as large results as last year possibly, in additions to the churches. Last year our report showed forty-six missionaries employed besides those working in Chicago that the State Convention aids in supporting. The missionaries reported last year 1,561 weeks of labor and preached 4,240 sermons, made 16,002 religious visits, and added to the churches by baptism and letter and experience 1,789. Think of that! more than 4,000 sermons preached and nearly 2000 persons added to the churches by men our State Convention is aiding to support; and this missionary work is scarcely one-half of what the Con-

vention is doing and yet some of our people seem slow and careless with regard to its support.

One of the notable things the Convention has done during the year just closed has been the building of the University church. This is, perhaps, the best building of the kind the Baptists have at any state university in America. It is one of the best arranged and most complete buildings of its kind to be found anywhere. The building completed, and equipped with heating, lighting and furnishings, will perhaps cost about \$34,000. The Baptists of the state have already put something more than \$40,000 into that work including the cost of the lot and the expense of carrying on the work for more than three years in the rented Y. M. C. A. rooms.

The Convention is doing foreign work among Hungarians in Granite City and Joliet, and is helping the negroes in their work. It is joining hands with the executive council in Chicago in the mission work of that great city, and each year helps some churches in a small way in the building of meeting houses or the payment of debts.

For two years the Convention has carried on a summer assembly at Quiver Lake, near Havana, and has planned for another assembly next summer. Last summer the meeting followed the great 25th annual meeting of the B. Y. P. U. A. in Chicago. The young people of Illinois went in large numbers to the Chicago meeting and yet we had 115 enrolled as regular attendants at the assembly. I see no reason why we should not have from 200 to 300 in attendance next summer.

While the State Convention is not putting any of its missionary money directly into Shurtleff College, yet the Convention is organically connected

with it, and its whole moral force is back of the institution and is striving for its success.

There are, at this time, many thousands of negroes in Illinois, and they are coming over the Ohio river rapidly. Last year 16,971 of these negroes in Illinois were reported members of Baptist churches. There may possibly be more than 16,000 negroes in Illinois who were formerly Baptists who are not now lined up anywhere. The State Convention at this time has three men employed among the colored people and we desire to do a large work among them.

This is a very brief account of the work of our great Convention that will meet so soon in Alton. It ought to have the heartiest sympathy and support of every church and every pastor. In Convention work, as almost everything else, almost everything depends upon the pastor. If the pastors are active and energetic toward the State Convention, the church is sure to do something, and in most cases will come up to the apportionment.

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#### PERSONALS

Rev. J. M. Osborn of Silvis, Ill., is taking a few weeks' vacation visiting his father in Kentucky. Brother Osborn has been pastor for about six years at Silvis and Watertown, and was never so popular on his field nor so successful as at the present time. As an indication of how he has been working on his field, we give the order of his services on Sunday, September 10th: Taught a Sunday school class of forty-two young people at ten o'clock; preached at eleven; preached a funeral sermon at two; married a couple at three; had a baptismal service in the Mississippi river at four, and preached in the regular evening service at 7:30.



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**M**ANY people are forgetting that  
the blue cross was recently on  
their Bulletin.

**A**BSOLUTELY every paper must  
stop immediately after the blue  
cross is placed upon it.

**N**OW for the Convention. We  
ought to have 1000 register at  
Alton this fall.

**T**HE program of the Convention  
this year is fine, and the place of  
meeting ideal.

**T**HE attendance at the Convention  
should be very large and enthu-  
siastic, and this meeting should be the  
beginning of much larger things for  
the State Convention.

**W**E ARE expecting a great meet-  
ing Thursday night at the clos-  
ing of the Convention. Dr. Stillwell of  
Cleveland, Ohio, and Dr. Miller of El-  
gin, Ill., will be the speakers. We are  
expecting not fewer than 300 men from  
the Altons to be out that night.

**L**ET ALL Sunday School superin-  
tendents remember the call of Di-  
rector W. B. Morris for a meeting in

one of the college buildings Thursday  
forenoon.

**T**HE women have a great program  
in their meeting, all day Tuesday,  
including dinner and supper, but will  
close in time to hear the Convention  
sermon Tuesday night. The women  
will have a great day.

**T**WO strong men are on the pro-  
gram for each night, and the mis-  
sionary meeting Wednesday afternoon  
will be of much interest; also the Sun-  
day school and B. Y. P. U. meeting on  
Thursday afternoon.

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**WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT THE  
BULLETIN**

"I enjoy the Bulletin and read it  
through. Those who take the Bulle-  
tin and Missions are not found behind  
in Baptist news."—Bushnell.

"I look anxiously every month for  
the Bulletin. It is like getting a letter  
from home."—Jacksonville.

"Your article on the Deity of Jesus  
Christ, is one of the best things I have  
read, and it has suggested a new ser-  
mon to me."—Cairo.

"I have read with profit your note  
in the last Bulletin on the Resurrection  
of the Savior. Accept my thanks for  
your forceful way of presenting this  
fundamental doctrine of the New Tes-  
tament. You have done faithful ser-  
vice in the kingdom of our blessed  
Master."—Kalamazoo, Mich.

"I am enclosing twenty cents to re-  
new my subscription to the Bulletin.  
As I have little time to read it, I  
thought of dropping the Bulletin, but  
would miss it much; the article on the  
Deity of Christ in the August number  
is well worth the price for several  
years."—Texas.

**FIVE YEAR PROGRAM DAY**

The matter of a "Five-Year Program Day" was given much attention at the Northern Baptist Convention last May in Minneapolis. The 5th Sunday in October, that is, October 29, was selected as the day. The denomination in thirty-three states has been looking forward to the 29th of October since last May. The Five Year Program Committee appointed by the Northern Baptist Convention is now sending out literature bearing upon that day. These have been sent, I think, to every pastor who could be reached in thirty-three states, and possibly in the foreign fields. This envelope that is now ready to be sent to the pastors and churches contains the following literature. These envelopes are sent to Illinois pastors from the State Convention office.

1. Five-Year Program Manual.
2. The Ten Point Standard.
3. The Five-Year Program in Action.
4. The Every Member Canvass.
5. Eight Great Things.
6. Challenging Facts.
7. A Few Facts.
8. By October Offensive.
9. Five-Year Program Day.
10. Is it Worth While?
11. Missions: a Leaflet on Missions.
12. The Efficient Church.
13. Some Important Features, etc.

All this splendid literature, sent free to all who will use it, is a very notable offer. We wish to urge all our pastors and churches to make the most possible of the Five Year Program Day. State Missions and the State Convention are as much interested in observance of this day as any of our societies. The first

goal of the Five Year Program is the winning of many souls to Christ. The second is to influence more young men and young women to enter the ministry and missionary work, and the other three goals are along financial lines in missionary and educational work. What would it mean if the whole 163,000 Baptists in Illinois would move forward in one solid phalanx, to take this state and the world for Christ; but suppose more than two-thirds of them would not do it! What would it mean if 50,000 should give their hearts and brains and means and industry to this work? It would bring such a blessing that we would be scarcely able to receive it. Anyone who needs literature on the Five Year Program Day can send to "The Five Year Program Committee, 23 East 26th St., New York City, or to E. P. Brand, Normal, Ill.

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**ASSOCIATIONS**

Tuesday, September 12th, the Salem Association met at Bushnell. The attendance was small on Tuesday, but on Wednesday the attendance was good. Yet the primary election on Wednesday, Sept. 13, affected the attendance at several associations. The churches in the Salem Association are nearly all supplied with pastors at this time, and the number of baptisms reported was considerably larger than the year before. The same officers were re-elected for another year, viz: Thomas Garvey of Elvaston, for moderator; and Rev. G. W. Wright, pastor at Rozetta, clerk.

On Wednesday I made my way from Bushnell to Jacksonville, where I attended the Morgan-Scott County Association. This association as it seemed to me, was unusually well attended.

The officers, Mr. A. A. Curry of Pisgah, was re-elected moderator, and Mrs. W. A. Barrow of Waverly, was re-elected clerk. I did not get the statistics of all the churches, but six reported 128 baptisms, which indicates larger results in that particular than last year. All the interests were given plenty of time for discussion. Rev. A. A. Todd, the newly elected pastor at Jacksonville, ran up from St. Louis and was present in the meetings, and also preached on Thursday afternoon.

The Bloomington Association met in the city of Bloomington September 19-21. The enrollment was said to be one of the largest for many years. The interest was good all through the meetings. There were 360 baptisms reported, and these did not come from a few big revivals, but were well distributed among the churches of the association. The ministers' conference was held Monday night and Tuesday forenoon, and at the same time the woman's mission societies were held.

The editor of the Bulletin spent Monday night and Tuesday at Bloomington and Wednesday forenoon made his way to Plainfield to attend the Aurora Association, which met in the beautiful church in that town. The meeting was well attended, especially by the women. One unfortunate note in the meetings was the illness of the pastor of the Plainfield church, Rev. T. C. Probert. He had not been well for some time and a few weeks before the association met he was taken very sick. About an average number of baptisms for that association were reported. The spirit of the meeting was very fine.

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The Ottawa Association met at Princeton September 26-28. The su-

perintendent was able to attend Tuesday night and until afternoon Wednesday. The wet weather prevented many automobiles from being there, but considering the rain and muddy roads the attendance was good. There was a reasonable number of baptisms. Every church in the association now has a pastor except Mendota and Marseilles. There are nine new pastors who have been located this year, and only five pastors who have been in the association for more than one year. The Baptists must have longer pastorates or fail in one of the most important features of our work. Rev. O. C. Kirkham, who will be eighty years old next winter, has been pastor at Tiskilwa for thirteen years. He is one of the active and energetic men of the association.

I went from Princeton to Barry, to attend the Quincy Association. I spent Thursday, September 28th, with the good people of that association. The rainy weather disappointed many people who desired to attend by means of automobiles. There were about seventy-five delegates present, and the meeting was of much interest. The churches reported 119 baptisms, a less number than last year. The Quincy pastors are both gone, Rev. Thomas Stephenson of the Pacific Coast is supplying both churches. The outlook for the Quincy Association is quite hopeful for the future.

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"Pastors who are looking for the services of a soloist and chorister will profit by the service of Jesse J. Miller of St. Jacob, Ill. Write for terms and reference."

Brother Miller had for some time been the chorister for Evangelist J. M. Wood of Decatur, who died a few weeks ago, following an operation.

### MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING SEPTEMBER

On'y a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (\*) star.

The offerings that came in the last three days of September will be reported in October.

Atlanta church, Mrs. Hattie McClure, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	\$ 5.00
*Aurora, First Church .....	61.00
*Antioch church (Rock Island Asso).....	17.00
*Arthur church .....	48.00
*Barry church .....	25.00
Barry church, Mrs. G.W. Claxon (3) .....	5.00
Barry ch., Mrs. L. H. Grammer (2) .....	5.00
Barrett, Rev. J. M., Central Illinois Association .....	1.00
Belleville church, Mrs. Cyrus Thomp- son, Special Evangelistic Fund.....	5.00
Bethel church (Greene-Jersey Co. Association) .....	5.00
Bethel church (Rock Island Assn).....	17.00
*Bethel church (Salem Assn).....	13.00
B'andinsville church .....	32.00
Blandinsville church, Chas. Jeffries Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
Blandinsville ch., C. D. Knappen- berger, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
*Bradford church .....	3.34
*Bunker Hill church .....	28.00
Bunker Hill ch., C. E. Drew.....	10.00
Belvidere, South church .....	31.86
Belvidere, South B. Y. P. U.....	2.50
Buda Church, Rev. J. E. Hart (4) .....	5.00
*Bois d'Arc church .....	5.00
Centralia Church .....	14.00
*Chatham church .....	6.00
*Chatsworth church .....	24.00
*Carrollton church .....	41.00
Clarks Chapel church .....	5.00
*Cornell church .....	15.00
*Cairo Baptist church .....	53.00
*Champaign, First Church.....	96.00
*Chicago, Austin Church .....	85.15
Chicago, Galilee Church.....	8.00
Chicago, Maplewood Church.....	12.50
Chicago, Normal Park Church.....	25.00
*Chicago, Pilgrim Temple Church.....	28.00
*Chicago, Parkside Church.....	15.00
*Chicago Heights Church.....	17.00
Chicago, Garfield Park Church.....	45.00
Chicago, Irving Park Church.....	17.75
Chicago, Lorimer Memorial Church.....	15.00
Chicago, Messiah Church.....	5.65
Chicago, Millard Ave., Church.....	25.00
Chicago, Ravenswood Church.....	4.00
*Decatur, First church .....	61.00
*Deer Creek church .....	42.00
Diamond Grove Church.....	2.00
Dundee church .....	10.00
*Danvers church .....	17.00
*East Alton church .....	13.00
*Elvaston church .....	4.50
*Enon church .....	4.00

Edinburg church .....	11.11
*El Paso church .....	25.00
Evanston church .....	20.00
*Fosterburg church .....	18.00
*Geneseo church .....	5.50
*Greenfield church .....	14.00
*Galesburg church .....	49.00
*Griggsville church .....	4.00
Havana church .....	15.00
*Hutsonville First church .....	8.42
*Hoopeston church .....	7.73
*Jerseyville church .....	18.00
*Jo'iet, First church .....	10.50
*Knderhook church .....	15.00
Knderhook ch., Mrs. Bessie Martin .....	5.00
*Kankakee church .....	59.00
*LaMoille church .....	49.00
*LaSalle church .....	21.00
Literberry ch., Mrs. W.E. Murray (1) .....	5.00
*Lincoln church .....	16.00
Lexington ch., Mrs. V.M. Bruffy (4) .....	5.00
*McLeansboro church .....	20.00
Mendota church .....	24.00
Mason City church .....	11.00
*Minonk church .....	29.00
Minonk ch., Oliver Parks .....	5.00
Minonk ch., Mrs. W. S. Davison.....	5.00
Minonk Ch., Mrs. Geo. Nellinger.....	5.00
Minonk ch., Rev. J. C. Oranger.....	5.00
Minonk B. Y. P. U. ....	5.00
*Monmouth church .....	42.50
*Morgan Park church .....	34.38
*Moweaqua church .....	65.00
Moweaqua ch., Rev. Woodhull, (3) .....	5.00
*Murphysboro church .....	21.00
*Mt. Carrol church .....	136.00
Mt. Zion church, Quincy Assn.....	3.00
*Mt. Sterling church .....	7.00
Nokomis church .....	5.00
Northern Baptist Convention.....	75.00
North, J. R., El Paso ch., special Evangelism .....	10.00
Oak Park First church .....	23.13
Olney church .....	8.00
Oreana church .....	20.00
Ottawa church .....	50.00
Plainville church .....	5.00
Plano church .....	3.20
*Plymouth church .....	2.75
Palmyra church .....	19.30
*Paw Paw church .....	15.00
Pleasant Ridge church (Alton Assn) .....	8.00
Pontiac church .....	100.05
*Princeton church .....	27.00
*Peoria- Bethany church .....	2.05
Peoria, Bethany ch., Wm. Swords, Jr. (3) .....	5.00
Plymouth ch., Mrs. D.M. Parks, (1) .....	5.00
Quincy, First church .....	50.00
*Quincy, Vermont St. church.....	25.00
Raritan church .....	22.00
Raritan ch., Adrian Weddington (2) .....	5.00
Rent of Westville, Okla., property .....	8.00
*Rockford, State St. church.....	23.00
*Roseville church .....	74.97
*Rozetta church .....	58.00

Sparland church .....	8.00
South Chicago church .....	2.00
*Springfield, South 7 St. church .....	50.00
Sandwich church .....	25.00
*Sidell church .....	20.00
*Slvis church .....	10.00
*Somonauk church .....	7.00
Springfield, Central church .....	80.00
*Stillman Valley church .....	20.00
University church Fund .....	730.00
Union church, Pisgah .....	20.00
*Urbana, First church .....	20.00
*Warren church .....	11.00
*Walnut church .....	12.70
*Waverly church .....	15.00
*Wilton Center church .....	10.00
*Woodstock church .....	4.86
Yorkville church .....	18.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3563.40</b>

The editor spent an hour Sunday evening, September 24th, in the B.Y. P.U. of the State University church. There were about eighty present and they had a fine meeting. On that Sunday morning there were 112 in the Bible school, practically all students and members of the faculty and their families. There were more than 200 at the preaching service. At this date there are thirty-three women and eighty-seven men who are Baptist students in the school for the first time. The church will not be complete and ready for dedication for perhaps six weeks yet. But the pastor and students were anxious to occupy it so as to have evening preaching service, which they could not conveniently have in the Y.M. C.A. building.

According to the public press, a Baptist pastor in Illinois is preaching upon "What is Salvation and How do We Get It?" From his third sermon the paper in his town printed the following: "Men have puzzled to know how God could forgive sins and have invented elaborate theories of atonement.

They have built up great theories of animal sacrifice. They have supposed that mediators must stand between them and the All-Father to plead their cause in some way to make it possible for God to forgive. Others have found, to their great intellectual relief, that no mediatory person or ceremony is necessary. They have appealed straight to their Father and have found that He forgave without any machinery whatever. How He does it is a part of the greatness of His nature. . .

"How does He do it? He just does it. When your child is sorry for the wrong he has done you forgive him. . . You do not have to call another boy and thrash him in order to forgive your child. Nor do you have to inflict punishment on yourself in order to forgive him." This with other matter printed in a report of that sermon, if we can understand it, indicates that at least one pastor in Illinois repudiates the New Testament plan of salvation. Both the old and new Testaments plainly teach that God did devise and formulate a plan by which He could forgive the penitent, and that His Son, Jesus Christ, did suffer for the sinner, and that because He suffered, and for His sake, God forgives those who repent and come to Him through Jesus Christ.

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, for the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and as an offering for sin, condemned sin in the flesh."—Rom. 8:1-3.

Rev. J. C. Ellinwood, who has been pastor at Atlanta for four years, recently resigned, but one week later the church passed a resolution so strongly urging him to reconsider the matter that he finally did so, and will continue for the present in the Atlanta pastorate.

It is reported that there are 18,000 Baptist churches in the South that have only once a month preaching. That may seem, to many, to be a sad condition; but when we remember that nearly all of those churches are in the open country, and that in much territory in the north there will be found but very few churches and almost no preaching, we must conclude that there are some things worse than "once a month" preaching.

The Parkside church in Chicago has called Rev. Ingram E. Bill as its pastor. A number of years ago Brother Bill was pastor of the North Shore church in Chicago.

#### PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. Ellis M. Jones, who has been pastor at Carbondale Church for seven or eight years, was recently called to become pastor of the Washington church, in Indiana. We regret very much for Brother Jones to leave Illinois, as during the ten or more years he has been in this state, he has had two successful pastorates, at White Hall and Carbondale.

Dr. O. P. Miles of Indiana has been called to the pastorate of the Griggsville Church. A few years ago Brother Mills was pastor of the Olney church.

Rev. T. L. Stephens began work at Claim Street Church, Aurora, last

spring. Since that time he has had twenty-four additions to the church, twenty-two by baptism.

I recently learned that Rev. Mr. Spindler of Brown University had been called to the pastorate of the Taylorville church.

It was announced some time ago in the public press at DeKalb that Rev. D. A. MacGregor had resigned the pastorate of that church, where he has been for about three years.

Rev. F. A. S. Kelly of New Fane, Vermont, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Oglesby church, and is already on the field. Brother Kelly was highly recommended by Dr. Davidson, Superintendent of Missions in Vermont. We hope he will succeed on that field.

Rev. W. E. Andereck has closed his work after seven years at Orion and accepted a call to the Bradford and Whites Grove churches in the Peoria Association. This makes him a strong field with large opportunities for aggressive work. There was a strong protest against his leaving the Orion church, but he felt that he ought to accept the new field.

#### CHURCHES

Rev. G. E. Mayfield of LaGrange College, Missouri, recently held a successful meeting in the Pleasant View church in the Quincy Association. At this writing he had baptized twenty and the meetings were still in progress.

Rev. R. H. Claxon began work with the First Baptist church in Aurora the first day of last May. Since that time thirty-five members have been added to the church, twenty by baptism. Recently a few of the members of the church made Brother Claxon a present of a five passenger automobile.

The Eastern Avenue church of Joliet, of which Rev. C. A. Neyman is pastor, recently sold its property to the high school board of that city for \$42,500. They will not leave the meeting house immediately, but will secure another lot and build a first class meeting house in the future.

The Stillman Valley Church, of which Rev. B. H. Coon is the student pastor, sends its full apportionment for State Convention and reports that the church has adopted the efficiency basis for its offerings for the next year.

Rev. C. W. Webb is pushing the work on his new field at Blandinsville. The church has just sent in its State Mission offering and they are planning for evangelistic meetings in the month of October.

The Roseville Church, of which Rev. J. W. Harnly has been pastor for several years, sends its full apportionment for State Convention, plus 15 per cent and \$2.00 additional. Roseville is one of our splendid missionary churches.

Receipts of five co-operating organizations of the Northern Baptist Convention.	
From churches on budget 1915..	\$1,189,623
Same, 1916 .....	1,211,291
Gain churches on budget.....	21,622
Same, per cent.....	1.8
From individuals, excluding annuities:	
1915 .....	\$543,611
1916 .....	919,063
Gain .....	375,452
Percent .....	69.
From churches and individuals for all purposes (exclusive of additions to annuity funds)	
1915 .....	\$2,054,081
1916 .....	2,227,978
Gain .....	173,897
Per cent .....	8.
Legacies, 1915 .....	\$267,464
1916 .....	1,041,095
Gain .....	773,631
Per Cent .....	289.
Additions to permanent funds	
1915 .....	\$ 161,105
1916 .....	746,687
Gain .....	585,582
Per cent .....	363.
Total receipts applying on Five Year Program (excluding additions to annuity funds and miscellaneous receipts, 1915..)	\$2,590,940
1916 .....	3,507,756
Gain .....	916,816
Per cent .....	35.

In addition to above receipts there has been added to annuity funds, \$778,338, an increase of \$356,455 over preceding year.

**DEATHS**

We notice in a Southern Illinois paper a notice of the death of Dr. W. H. Mayfield of St. Louis. Dr. Mayfield was personally known to many Illinois Baptists. Many people from Illinois have gone to his sanitarium for treatment. He was a devout Christian and an earnest Baptist, and used his means largely for the advancement of the kingdom.

Rev. Stephen Rice of Medora died September 6, 1916, at the age of 74 years, seven months and twenty-seven days. He had not been well for two years. He was converted in 1865 and ordained to the ministry in 1870. During his forty-six years of ministry he baptized more than 800 converts.

**FIFTH GOAL**

Receipts reported 1915-16 on the Fifth Goal of the Five Year Program, including receipts from individuals, legacies, annuities matured, income from funds, additions to permanent endowments.

American Baptist Foreign Mission Society .....	\$1,543,478
American Baptist Home Mission Society .....	719,438
American Baptist Publication Society .....	284,507
Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society .....	617,890
Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society .....	342,643
Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board .....	471,227
Northern Baptist Convention .....	16,508
State Missions .....	562,065
City Missions, (estimated).....	200,000

Total .....	\$4,757,556
1914-1915 .....	3,369,406
Gain .....	\$1,388,150
Comparisons of important items in re-	

### NORTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago will open its fourth year of instruction on September 26th, with an excellent registration of students. During August, President Dean of the Seminary was in the East holding conferences with friends of the Seminary and was greatly encouraged by their interest.

The Seminary has changed from the semester to the term system, with a requirement of 270 term hours for graduation.

The graduates of last year are all actively engaged in the pastoral or the evangelistic field.

A special convocation will be held in November for two weeks, during which a special course of lectures will be given by Henry C. Mabie, D.D., LL.D., of Northfield, Mass., on "The Clew to Religious Certitude."

### STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY

Baptists in the United States have fourteen theological seminaries, in which there are 119 instructors and 1,792 students for the ministry. These seminaries have in property and endowment \$7,792,442. Their annual income from endowment is \$199,083. The total number of students for the ministry in Baptist institutions, in the United States is 3,580. Of these 1,905 are in Southern schools.—*Watchman Examiner*.

"The Englewood church, Chicago, Dr. S. T. Ford, pastor, are rejoicing over the prospect of the erection of a Sunday school and social center building at a cost of about \$45,000, to certain twenty class rooms, adequate rooms for primary and junior departments, an auditorium or concert hall, a large dining room, a modern kitchen and gymnasium facilities."

"A Virginia reader of *The Companion*, who was interested in our recent account of two ministers who have served their parishes for unusually long terms, sends us the remarkable story of the Broadus family and the Salem Baptist Church, in Caroline County, Virginia. In 1824 the Rev. Andrew Broadus became pastor of that church, and served it until his death in 1848, at the age of 78. His son of the same name became his successor, and remained pastor of the church for 48 years, until 1896, when the infirmities of age led him to resign. His son, the third Andrew Broadus, immediately succeeded him, and is now serving his 20th year in the pastorate. Thus for 92 years father, son and grandson have served the same church. Is not that a unique case?"

### THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

Maywood, Illinois

MRS. A. W. RUNYON

Editor and Field Secretary

5742 Maryland Ave., Chicago

Three new members have recently been added to our Home. Other members are all in reasonable health excepting Mrs. Williams, who has had to have a special attendant for several months, and Mr. Bryant, who has been quite ill for three weeks. Mr. Wharton, who passed away in June, is greatly missed by the Home circle, who say of him, "He was so kind to everyone." While your Board gratefully acknowledges past co-operation, they are carrying heavy burdens now, and ask continued assistance, hoping that many will have a part in the Five-Year Sustaining Fund plan which is endorsed by leading pastors and business men of our denomination, and falls in nicely with the Five-Year Program. Contributions of fruit, vegetables and articles for the bazaar will be appreciated. Last year "Somebody did a Golden Deed," yes, several did, which added \$12,000 to our endowment fund.

The Home is gradually being placed on a stronger and more efficient basis and keeping out of debt, but sufficient has not been contributed to meet the call for larger service. Where are the people who are recognizing good service in a worthy cause, who will build a memorial to some loved one that shall go on caring for these aged ones when they themselves are gone.

This needed section should contain, in addition to a hospital department, more residence rooms, so we need not continue to say—*no room*.



**HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE**

IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS

Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**

MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.

Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron

The number of children in residence is unusually small, a number having been placed in family homes, and others removed by parents, who have been able to reorganize their homes. There are but 49 as we near the close of September.

The extreme heat and drought of July and August greatly injured our corn, but we were able to put up 100 or more tons of silage with it. We plowed 12 acres of wheat stubble, and in early July planted it with Ninety-day Yellow Dent. This was intended for the silo, but it now gives promise of furnishing us with enough grain to fatten our meat. We threshed over 600 bushels of oats and 200 bushels of wheat.

We are now enjoying roasting ears and sweet potatoes. We hope to harvest enough Irish potatoes to put us through the winter. It will be seen that we are doing the best we can to take care of ourselves, but there is large room for cash contributions. Our farm and stock constitutes a very liberal contributor, but of course it cannot supply all of our needs.

Rev. T. F. Klotzsche and his wife are doing excellent work, the farm products testifying to the faithful efficiency of the former, and the boys' department reveals the same qualities in the latter.

Mrs. Etta Crooker of Alma, is added to our teaching force. She is getting a fine grip upon the affections of the children.

The improvements necessary are being made in the Home. They will cost in the neighborhood of \$1200.00. The recent cold spell showed us how badly they were needed.

We are endeavoring to arrange for a hospital and receiving building to cost about \$2500.00. One individual much interested in the Home, has promised \$500.00 towards this if the work is started by October 1, 1916. This means that the Baptists must hustle if they are going to take advantage of this splendid offer. The Home could do a much greater work with this new building and each reader of the Bulletin should feel it his duty as a Baptist to give what he is able and thus enable the denomination to do a greater amount of charitable work. Who will be the first to respond to this call?

It may seem to you that we are begging most of the time, but we are just reminding you as busy people that our needs are great. We have been caring for over 60 children most of the year and the supply of fine fruit which you sent us last year is nearly finished. So we will just remind you that the Central Baptist Children's Home wants to be remembered by a barrel of canned fruit from your church this fall. The high cost of living and advance in all food supplies is being felt keenly by us, and any donations of that sort would be greatly appreciated.

## Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor  
Morgan Park.

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer  
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston.

Vacations are now over and we must redeem the time by putting greater vigor into the work for others, which indirectly is the real object of life. One half of the fiscal year of the societies is gone. Is one half of your apportionment paid? If not, try to pay it at once for it is much needed. The bills of the societies must be paid when due, and if money is not on hand it must be borrowed with the additional expense of interest. The amount due from your circle may not be large, but many small amounts make the large deficits, the responsibility for which rests in some degree upon each one who does not do all she can to prevent it. Will you try to do your part towards making a deficit impossible on April 1, 1917?

Our State leaders in the World Wide Guild are working hard and interesting many wide awake girls to organize. There are now in our state 82 strong chapters. Of these 34 are star chapters, as they are included in the first 500 organized from all the states.

There has been reported to us a change of presidents in two associations. Mrs. Francis Morgan of Greenview becomes president of Central Illinois Association, and Mrs. L. S. Shumaker of Paris succeeds Mrs. W. E. Pool as president of the Bloomfield Association.

Are you planning to have Mission study classes either as your monthly program or outside of your regular monthly meetings? Do you know what splendid suggestive programs have been arranged for classes and how very interesting the books are? Do you know what an education it is to have thoroughly studied these books?

"Our South American Neighbors," by Bishop Homer C. Stuntz; "Old Spain in New America," by Robert McLean, and "World Missions and World Peace," by Caroline Atwater Mason, are the principal books, they with a large quantity of helps for their study may be procured from headquarters of the Home and Foreign Mission Societies, 2969 Vernon Avenue, and 450 E. 30th St., Chicago.

Are you planning to observe as a special day, October 29th, when as a denomination we are to consider the Five Year Program and its opportunities? If not why not? It is not too late, quick energetic action will bring to pass that which often seems to be impossible.

Have you seen the fine program for the day in September Missions, prepared by Howard B. Grose? If you cannot use it all you can get many suggestions and adapt them to your local need. Don't fail to read it.

## Sunday School Work in Illinois



Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.



Director, W. B. MORRIS,  
117 North Monroe St., Decatur.

Has *your* school voted to enter the enlistment campaign?

Remember—The dates, from Rally Day, September 24th, to Five Year Program Day, October 29th.

The goal—an increase of at least twenty-five per cent over your enrollment of May, 1916.

Remember—Any increase you may have had since last May will be counted in your total gain.

Remember—The American Baptist Publication Society offers the following awards: (1) To the school making the largest increase in proportion to its membership reported to the State Director at the beginning of the campaign; (2) The school making the largest total increase, irrespective of its size; (3) A banner to the state making the best record of schools enlisted, and of total additions to the schools of the state.

These banners will be presented at the Cleveland meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention.

For further information write to your State Sunday School Director.

Has your B.Y.P.U. prepared to observe Young People's Day?

This should have been done Sunday, Sept. 17th. If you have neglected it, plan to observe it as soon as possible. For information write to your Direct-

or or to Mr. Shuler, of Ottawa.

A word to superintendents—Plan to attend the conference for superintendents and heads of departments in our schools, to be held at Upper Alton, on Thursday morning, October 19.

A program both practical and interesting is being planned. The following have been asked to speak.

R. M. Utterback of Mattoon, "Building Up the School"; Dr. H. E. Tralle, Kansas City, The Opening Exercises; Dr. J. M. Cody, of Tremont, "How to Secure Efficient Teachers"; W. C. Gates of Alton, subject to be selected; W. B. Morris, "How May We Enlarge our Baptist Sunday School Work in the State."

These addresses will not exceed twenty minutes each, in order to provide ample time for discussion by those present.

A word to the schools: Request your superintendent to attend and vote to defray his expenses if necessary.

Rev. Norman B. Henderson will speak for the young people on "The Unearned Increment." Dr. H. E. Tralle of Kansas City will deliver the Sunday School address on "The Next Steps in Sunday School Work."

There will also be a demonstration by the Sunday school of the entertaining church which will attend in a body.

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### ATTENTION, YOUNG BAPTISTS!

Your presence is desired at the State Convention, meeting with the Upper Alton Baptist church, Alton, October 16th to 19th. Thursday, the 19th, is Young People's Day. Our program includes two strong addresses, Rev. Norman B. Henderson, of Irving Park, Chicago, speaking on "The Unearned Increment," and Dr. H. E. Tralle, of Kansas City, Missouri, on "Next Steps in Sunday School Work." A general banquet will be another feature of this day. Plan to attend.

Appended is the code of rules governing the 1916-1917 "Standard" work campaign. *Be an Entrant; be a Winner!*

1. This campaign shall be based upon the Standard of Excellence of the Baptist Young People's Union of America.

2. It shall begin November 1, 1916, and continue through March 25, 1917.

3. All Unions desiring to "engage" must send the addresses of the President and Pastor (or church clerk, if no pastor), and total membership to the General Secretary (Miss Allie Gene Davis, 1105 LaFayette Avenue, Mattoon, Ill.) *before* November 1, 1916.

4. State "per capita" dues (10¢ for each and every member, active, associate and honorary, resident and non-

resident) must be paid in full *before* March 1, 1917.

5. Full and final report of all percentages attained (including the actual percentage of gain in membership and the actual percentage of members engaged in Daily Bible Reading), attested by the President and Pastor, (or the church clerk), must be mailed to reach the Division Vice-President *not later* than March 28, 1917.

"Standard" unions must make duplicate report to the State Director of Young People's Work (Rev. W. B. Morris, 117 N. Monroe St., Decatur, Ill.) the same to be received *not later* than March 28th, 1917. This latter report must be accompanied by a fee of \$1.00, entitling said Unions to "pennant" recognition from the Northern Baptist Convention.

6. Ten cash awards, ranging from \$15, descending by one, to \$6, and aggregating \$105, will be given to ten "Standard" Unions, according to the relative standing on the following extra percentages:

To the union having the largest percentage of gain in membership, 20 per cent, the scale descending by one to 11 per cent.

To the union having the largest percentage of daily Bible readers, 10 per cent, the scale descending by one to 1 per cent.

All awards must be used for the transportation of delegates to the 24th International Convention, at Detroit, Mich., July 5-8, 1917.

All unions becoming "Standard" will receive some recognition of their efforts from the State Union.

7. The breaking of *one rule* invalidates the union so doing.

8. The Vice-President of each Division shall be final referee for his Division.

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The Orion church gave a farewell party to Rev. W. E. Andereck, who had been their pastor for seven years, and presented him with a fifty dollar gold watch, and his wife \$20.00 in money. He becomes pastor at Bradford and Whites Grove.

Rev. Frank M. Dunk aided the pastor at Berwick for three weeks in special meetings. There were eight conversions and fourteen additions to the church. The attendance was good and the people showed their appreciation of the work of Brother Dunk.

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The Streator church recently sold the property owned by the Beulah church before the union of the two churches was effected. The price received was \$3,700. The work of the united church was reported at the association as doing very well.

#### RUSSIA BENEFITTING BY PROHIBITION

Petrograd, June 1.—Correspondence of the Associated Press.—After a year and a half of prohibition, Russia may be said to have successfully abolished the liquor traffic. The sale of intoxicants since Emperor Nicholas put his signature to the ukase, forbidding the traffic at the very outset of the war, has fallen from nearly a billion rubles, (\$500,000,000) yearly to approximately 4 per cent of that sum. This 4 per cent largely consists of the sale of liquors for medicinal purposes, although

in it is included also a limited traffic in wines, for which there is a restricted permission in certain parts of the empire.

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Vodka, formerly the most easily obtainable commodity in Russia, has become as rare as whisky in the most strictly prohibition community in the United States. Wines are still to be had, surreptitiously for the most part, but also in some cases and under prescribed conditions with the knowledge of the authorities, but at prices which limit their sale to people of wealth or woeful extravagance. It is possible in Petrograd and Moscow, for instance, where the ban even on wines is strict, to purchase wines in certain hotels, but they may be served only in private dining rooms, and the privileges enjoyed by these institutions are frequently interrupted by the police for some infraction of the restrictive rules.

—Chicago Tribune.

#### THE CARD-PLAYING HOME

A converted gambler of Chicago said with emphasis and from wide experience: "The card-playing home is the kindergarten for the gambling saloon." Says Mr. John Bigelow: "Nine people out of ten, when they for the first time accept an invitation to join in a game of whist or poker, have no more suspicion about the passions that they may be apt to nurse than the maid of sixteen when she engages in her first flirtation." The Christian Index observes: "We have never known a reputable, spiritually-minded, soul-winning preacher to be a card-player, nor have we ever known church members, distinguished for their piety and spirituality and for their regular attendance upon the mid-week prayer meeting, who were card players. Card playing is not profitable for the development of Christian character and for enlarging the usefulness of Christians in the promotion of spirituality and consecration in the lives of others. The tendencies of card-playing, like those of dancing, are in the wrong direction. Just as the dance furnishes victims of vice, just so social card-playing furnishes recruits for the gambling room."—Raleigh Christian Advocate.

#### SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

The non-Christian world is open to us as never before; the Christian world other than ourselves is torn by war as never before; on account of the spread of democracy and other world-wide movements the opportunity for Baptists is greater than ever before; the Baptists are behind in equipment and education on almost every mission field; the fields we occupy are undermanned and new fields are calling continually. That in brief is the world condition before us. What of the situation

at home? These are some of the factors: Southern Baptists are the most numerous and consistent body of Baptists on earth; they are rapidly increasing in wealth and all the elements of intellectual and spiritual power; they are giving less to missions per capita than any other similar body of Christians in the world; half the whole number of our churches are taking no part in the world's evangelization outside of their own immediate community; half of the membership of those churches that do co-operate are contributing nothing; a large number of prepared young men and women, asking to be sent out at once, are kept in uncertainty, are growing older and are having difficulty in earning a living because of the uncertainty.—The Baptist World, Louisville, Ky.

**ANNUITIES—AN ENTICING PROPOSITION**

Under our plan for annuities we will make you the following proposition:

Give to the convention \$1000. Look below—find your age. The amount set opposite is the amount we will pay you each year, as long as you live. If you desire payments semi-annually, we will pay the money in that way. There will be no change from this table as the years pass.

Years	Years	Years	Years
40—\$50	50—\$60	60—\$70	70—\$80
41—\$51	51—\$61	61—\$71	71—\$81
42—\$52	52—\$62	62—\$72	72—\$82
43—\$53	53—\$63	63—\$73	73—\$83
44—\$54	54—\$64	64—\$74	74—\$84
45—\$55	55—\$65	65—\$75	75—\$85
46—\$56	56—\$66	66—\$76	76—\$86
47—\$57	57—\$67	67—\$77	77—\$87
48—\$58	58—\$68	68—\$78	78—\$88
49—\$59	59—\$69	69—\$79	79—\$89

For 80 years and over the payment is \$90 a year.

And we will do more than that. There will be special rates where two lives are involved, and if the annuitant desires it, the fund will be held in the donor's name or any other person's name whom he may suggest for ever after the death of the annuitant, the interest only being used in State Missionary work. The amount can be made any number of hundreds or thousands of dollars.

**WHAT A JUG DID**

"Why is my house so shabby and old,  
At every crevice letting in cold?  
Why are my eyes so swollen and red?  
Whence is this dreadful pain in my head?  
Why is my wife broken-hearted and sad?  
Why is it my children never are glad?

Go, ask your jug!"  
—Ram's Horn.

Some years ago an old man in New Jersey found \$5,000 scattered in bills of large denominations through the family Bible. In 1874 this man's aunt died, and a paragraph of her will read as follows: "To my beloved nephew I will and bequeath my family Bible, and all it contains, with the residue of my estate after my funeral expenses and just lawful debts are paid." The estate amounted to only a few hundred dollars, which was soon spent, and her nephew, neglecting to read the Bible, did not find the treasure put there for him. He lived in poverty all that time, and it was while packing up his things to remove to his son's home for the remainder of his days that he discovered the money. How many people miss the precious treasures that are placed in the Bible for them by a failure to read its pages! How many rejoice in having found Christ in the blessed Book worth more than all the money of all the banks, the pearl of great price worth more than all the costly jewels of the earth! Christ thus bids us all to secure this wealth: "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me."—The Christian Herald.

The Baptist Times tells this sad news: "Ira Allen Sankey, son of the late Ira D. Sankey, died on the steamship "Korona" on the way to the West Indies. He had just been married and was on his wedding tour. He had been suffering from tonsillitis, and hoped to benefit by a warmer climate. Mr. Sankey was born in Scotland when his parents were engaged on a mission tour with D. L. Moody."

**PRAYER**

I know not by what methods rare,  
But this I know, God answers prayer  
I know that He has given His Word,  
Which tells me the prayer is always heard  
And will be answered, soon or late.  
And so I pray and calmly wait.  
I know not if the blessing sought  
Will come in just the way I thought;  
But leave my prayers with Him alone,  
Whose will is wiser than my own,  
Assured that He will grant my quest,  
Or send some answer far more blest.

—Selected.

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## The Illinois Baptist State Convention

Held its 72nd annual meeting in Upper Alton October 16-19. We do not like to say that it was the best meeting the Convention ever held, but we do not hesitate to say that it was one of the best. In some respects it was without question the best, and in some respects it has been surpassed by others. Several people have expressed themselves as believing that we had one of the strongest programs in the history of the Convention, and it was well carried out, almost every person being in his place and filling well his part on the program.

We cannot report this meeting of the Convention in full in the Bulletin, but can give only a very brief account of it. In the first place, we want to say, that the Alton churches entertained the Convention splendidly. Of course, the heaviest burden rested upon Rev. F. W. Stewart, the pastor, and his people at Upper Alton, but the First Church and the Cherry Street Church aided very much. We have heard no complaint on the part of anybody for not being treated well in Alton. Brother Stewart and his people had worked on the church building in getting it in good shape for the Convention. The pastor has expressed

himself since the Convention that he and his people were greatly pleased and benefited by entertaining the Convention. Mr. John Leverett, who was chairman of the Registration Committee, writes: "Many local comments upon the Convention, both within and without our Baptist people, are very complimentary to the program and the personnel of the delegates and visitors. I hope the guests feel as kindly toward their entertainers."

The report of the Board of the Convention is always a matter of great interest. That is, in fact, the primary object the Convention has or ought to have, in its annual meeting. The report, a document of twelve pages, written by Superintendent Brand, was printed, and read to the Board for criticism and correction. Aside from possibly a half dozen type errors and one ungrammatical expression, the report was passed by the Board and unanimously adopted by the Convention. The report showed that the superintendent had traveled 21,962 miles, had written or dictated 4,939 letters and 325 cards, and delivered 229 sermons and addresses besides very much detail work too tedious to be mentioned. The missionaries supported in

whole or in part by the Convention had preached 3,714 sermons, made 12,425 religious visits and baptized 772 converts and had, through their work, added to the churches 1444 members. While the churches had failed to raise their proportion of money for the State Convention by several hundred dollars, yet the Convention raised for its current work \$19,774.52 and for all its work, including the State University church, \$31,349.40, the largest sum ever raised in one year by the State Convention. The report showed that on the first of October, all debts were paid, with \$1,114.66 in the treasury.

The attendance was not quite so large in total enrollment as at Aurora last year, yet it seemed to us that there was at all times a larger attendance than at Aurora. It appeared that almost the whole attendance came the first day and remained throughout the entire Convention. There were not so many from Chicago and suburbs, but more from central and southern Illinois.

The speakers from a distance were Drs. Lyon and Padelford of Boston; Drs. Tomlinson and Barnes of New York, and Dr. Stilwell of Cleveland, Ohio. From Illinois were such speakers as Miller, of Elgin; Stifler of Evanston; Anderson and Skevington of Chicago, Marsh of Decatur; Hilton of Lincoln; Thomas of Chicago; Mundell of Carrollton; Miss Eleanor Mare of Chicago, and Mrs. Reuben Mapelsden of Philadelphia, and many others too numerous to mention.

The women had an all day meeting on Tuesday in the College Chapel. There were about 400 present and some claim that it was the best meeting the women have ever held in Illi-

nois. Eleven years ago, this organization of the women was effected when the Convention met in Alton.

Education was the watchword of the Convention. Both the Educational Secretary and the Financial Secretary of the Northern Baptist Convention were present and delivered splendid addresses. The leading thought of every session was some form of education, but the dominant educational thought was *Christian* education, and this thought seemed to center largely around Shurtleff College. It was a great thing for Old Shurtleff College that the Convention met this year, right on its territory and by the side of its campus. President Potter and his school made a fine impression upon the great Baptist body assembled.

The Obituary Hour was said by some to have been the most deeply impressive meeting of the kind they had ever attended. The report of Dr. Abbott, who is past ninety-two years old, the address of Dr. J. B. Thomas upon the life and character of his deceased father, who was the oldest minister in the state, and the very brief but splendid sermon of Dr. Mundell, together with the presentation of seventeen large and beautiful flowers to Dr. Abbott, who has served for seventeen years as chairman of the Obituary Committee, was a very impressive meeting.

Wednesday forenoon was given up mostly to the Report of the Board and the introduction of the State Convention missionaries. There were sixteen of these men present, all of whom were introduced by the Superintendent, and each gave a short address. This is an exercise that is always pleasing and of great interest to the people. This was

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March 3, 1879.”

**O**N two rainy nights the great auditorium at Alton was crowded with delegates and visitors at the Convention.

**A**T THE women's meeting a bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs. M. W. Twing of Alton, who was one of the leaders in the organization of the Woman's Society fourteen years ago. Mrs. E. P. Brand, with appropriate words of appreciation, presented the flowers.

**M**ISS Gladys Topping and Miss Alice Brimson gave very interesting short addresses in the main body of the Convention.

**N**OW is the time to work for an increased circulation of the Bulletin. The cost of publishing has greatly increased. The paper on which it is printed costs about twice what it did one year ago, yet the Convention will continue to publish it at the same price this year.

**T**HE Bulletin ought to be sold at twenty-five cents, club rates. We are not trying to make any money out of it, but we ought to get enough out of the subscriptions to pay for the

paper and printing and mailing, if the editor and his secretary do all the work on it at the expense of the Convention.

**T**HE Convention Board employed one evangelist who comes from Pennsylvania, in case the Home Mission Society concurs in the appointment. His name is Rev. Francis L. Church, of New Brighton Pennsylvania. We hope to employ another evangelist soon, and hope we shall be able to keep these men working continuously for three years.

**N**OW is the time for churches in all parts of the state, small churches and large churches, that desire assistance in evangelistic meetings, to correspond with superintendent. We shall be glad to hear from pastors or churches that are without pastors. We would like a clear understanding on this matter. Some pastors and churches seem to continually misunderstand the work of our missionaries and evangelists. Some think that the state should furnish them an evangelist free, and others that if they give anything to the evangelist they should get credit for it on their missionary budgets.

**T**HE Convention never aims to do for a church what it cannot do for itself. We always expect the church to do what it reasonably can. If the evangelist should cost the Convention for salary and expense \$150 per month, or \$75 for two weeks, then if the church where his work is done, is able to raise that much, it ought to do it. If it can only raise half of it, or one-fourth of it, it ought to do that much, and will be expected to do the best it reasonably can.

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followed by the missionary dinner at 12:30. All employees of the Convention and their wives, are invited to this dinner. This year there were thirty. A half dozen brethren and one sister were called upon to speak.

The general banquet on Thursday evening was quite a success. There were so many present that some tables had to be arranged for quite a number who could not be accommodated in the banquet hall. Dr. Mammen of Bloomington made a splendid Toastmaster, and the addresses by four laymen were very fine.

The last meeting was held in the First Church in Alton so that many people could take the ten o'clock train north. The main auditorium, Sunday school room and class rooms were crowded, notwithstanding the fact that it was a rainy night. About 100 men from the Bible classes in the three Alton Baptist churches were present. Taking it all in all, this was one of our great meetings. Many letters received since the meeting, indicate that the people were well pleased.

We wish to call attention to one feature of the Convention that will mean much for the future work. Last year the Convention appointed a committee to consider the enlargement of the Scope of the Work of the Convention and to report this year. Formerly the work of the standing committees meant almost nothing. They were hardly expected to do anything or assume any responsibility, and at the close of the year the chairman would write a report of nothing done, or of work done by someone else, but not by the committee. Now about all those committees have been abolished and the

work arranged in four departments, and four vice-presidents placed at the heads of these four departments. Dr. S. J. Skevington of Chicago is 1st vice president and chairman of the Department of Missions; Rev. F. E. R. Miller of Elgin, is 2nd vice president, and chairman of the Department of Efficiency; Rev. J. M. Stifler of Evanston is 3rd vice president, and chairman of the Department of Education; Mr. V. V. Johnson of Rockford is 4th vice president and chairman of the Department of Philanthropy. Brother Miller called the members of his department together in Chicago Monday, October 23, and thoroughly organized the efficiency work. Three of these vice-presidents and the Superintendent had a meeting in Chicago Monday, October 30. All these departments will hold one meeting early in the year and all must meet at the same time and place, the second Thursday in April, when the semi-annual meeting of the Board is held. Also, all these departments are expected to hold meetings at the annual meeting of the Convention. The Convention Board will pay the necessary expense of these departments, except at the annual meetings, the time and place where all our true Baptists should go and work without their expenses being paid.

Attorney E. L. Chapin of Springfield was elected President and Rev. E. K. Masterson of Normal was elected Secretary. According to the constitution, their term of office will begin with the opening of the Convention year.

By a hearty invitation of the church at Moline, this invitation having also been given last year, the Convention decided to go there next year. The First and Edgewood churches of Rock

Island and the East Moline, Watertown and Silvis churches joined Moline in the invitation. These churches are all within street-car distance from the Moline church, and can assist in the entertainment.

Let us all work for large things this year, and a great Convention at Moline in 1917.

#### MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING OCTOBER

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes apportionment, it will be indicated by a (\*) star.

American Baptist Home Mission Society .....	75.00
Barry, Ed. Grammer, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	10.00
Belleville Church .....	7.00
Bennville Church .....	2.50
Bethany Church (Alton Assn) .....	14.35
Bloomfield Church .....	27.00
Bourbon Church .....	8.65
Bushnell Church .....	8.00
Carrollton, Mrs. Mary B. Pierson, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	15.00
Chrisman Church .....	4.48
Chicago, Englewood Church .....	8.00
Chicago, Humboldt Park Church .....	6.36
Chicago, Woodlawn Church .....	4.41
Convention Collection .....	23.91
Eldred Church .....	9.00
Erie Church .....	14.00
Evanston Church .....	20.00
*Farmersville Church .....	8.00
Flora Church .....	15.00
Girard Church .....	45.00
Havana Church .....	22.04
Hebron Church .....	20.50
Honey Point Ch. (Quincy Assn.) .....	1.00
Interest .....	161.23
Kewanee Church .....	10.40
Kinderhook, S. S. Gaines, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
Kinderhook, C. K. Foster, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
Kingston Church .....	8.30
LaGrange Church .....	25.00
Martin's Prairie Church .....	.65
Marengo, Mrs. Jennie P. Gill, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
Morrison Church .....	15.00
Northern Baptist Convention .....	75.00
Pastoral Union Collection .....	23.15
*Pawnee Church .....	8.00
Pleasant Grove Ch. (Peoria Assn) .....	1.00

Quincy, Emily and Gertrude Pease, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	15.00
Quincy, J. N. Brown, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	1.00
Ravenswood Church .....	4.00
Robinson Church .....	5.50
Roodhouse Church .....	4.00
Springfield, Central Church .....	116.00
Springfield, Central Ch., A. L. Converse, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	10.00
Springfield, Elliott Avenue, W. E. Fagan .....	2.50
St. Charles Meeting House Rent .....	14.00
Springfield, George W. Taylor Evangelistic Fund .....	1.50
Tremont, E. Litwiller, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
Taylorville Church .....	51.00
Thomas Church .....	2.03
Tonica Parsonage Rent .....	20.00
University Church .....	210.00
Wasco Church .....	4.00
Wheaton Church .....	23.21
Total .....	\$1213.64

#### DEDICATIONS

The University Church at the State University was dedicated Thursday afternoon and night, November 2nd. The day was fine. Quite a number of people who had given liberally for the building, were present, and everybody was delighted with it. Every person who had given to the fund was glad he had given. The church shows up beautifully, both in appearance and for service. It is admitted by all to be the best church building at the University. It cost more than we had originally planned for. The entire cost of the building was \$33,231.41. The expense of raising the fund was about \$2400. The lot, with expense of raising the fund, cost about \$3800. About \$1500 has been raised by the church or by solicitation for pianos, carpets, rugs, and for furnishing rooms, and \$1,705.87 is set apart to pay interest on funds until collected. The entire cost of the building and lot is, therefore, \$41,146.27. We came out with a debt

of \$2813.72. Superintendent Brand promised to look after \$813.72 of \$2000 could be raised that day. He had charge of the program, and after a splendid address in the afternoon by Dr. Charles W. Gilkey of Chicago, he proposed to raise \$1000 from the students and \$1000 from other people. The attendance was not large, but he raised \$950 from the few people who were there, and more than \$600 from the students present. The students were very enthusiastic over it, and felt sure that, after seeing those who were not present, but who attend regularly on Sunday, they could easily secure \$1,000 and perhaps make it \$1200. It was a time of great rejoicing among the students and others. Dr. Padel-ford of Boston, gave a very fine educational address at night. He is delighted with the work that is being done at our State University. There is no question but what the Baptists of Illinois are putting in much more money and doing a larger work at our State University than the denomination is doing in any other state in the Union. That we should have secured a more than \$40,000 plant, with the money provided for, and all accomplished within so short a time, is a matter for great rejoicing. Rev. M. S. Bryant, who has been pastor for four years, and his wife, have done a splendid work and deserve much credit for this splendid success. The students are a class of young men and women of whom the Baptists of the state ought to be proud. Rev. W. J. Sparks, now of Philadelphia, raised the funds in eight months and twenty days, and secured about \$8,000 additional, which will be held for endowment. The people of Champaign and

Urbana have taken hold loyally with the State Convention in starting this work. The church choir of University students furnished good music.

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The Bethel church, in the Rock Island Association, about ten miles north of Moline, was re-dedicated Sunday, November 5th. This is a country church about six miles from a village. They have put a basement under the building, and put in new windows, pews, vestibule, and young people's room at the cost of \$2000. The day was fine and the congregation large. Superintendent Brand had charge of the services Saturday night and Sunday morning, and Rev. W. H. Parker, a former pastor, preached Sunday night. There was \$500 to raise, and the brethren felt that it would not be wise to make an effort to raise anything, and it had been announced that there would be no money raised. The superintendent persuaded them that it would be better to make an effort to raise it, and they finally consented. After the morning sermon he presented the matter, and in twenty-three minutes raised \$791. Everybody rejoiced in the successful effort. Rev. Alfred Carnell has been the pastor for two years and seven months, and the church has made splendid progress under his ministry.

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#### SHURTLEFF COLLEGE

After the meeting of the Convention at Upper Alton, we wish to say a word with regard to Old Shurtleff. We think there was a generally favorable impression made upon the people for the school. The presidency of Prof. Geo. M. Potter is making a very favorable impression throughout the

state. We believe he is making a favorable impression upon the city of Alton. But there are a few things that we ought to understand definitely. The people of the Northern Convention are not going to do much for Shurtleff College until the people of Illinois show enough interest to give heavily for its endowment and to send students in large numbers there for education. The local city in which a school is located gets the greatest benefit from the school, and is in a position to do the greatest things for it. Other towns are disposed to hold off until the local place where the school exists shows a deep interest in its prosperity. It seems to me that the time has come when the city of Alton and the state should take hold vigorously and with a strong determination to build up the school rapidly. The financial outlook and the attendance of college students are better now than they have been for many years, and now is the time for the whole denomination to take hold of the work vigorously.

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Rev. D. H. Toomy, who has been pastor at Winchester for several years, has accepted a call to the Litchfield Church, and removed to that field. Brother Toomy will have in Litchfield a church of great possibilities, and we hope for a successful pastorate for him.

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#### THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 30th, will be the time for our national Thanksgiving Day. The Americans have this year, perhaps, greater cause for thanksgiving than any previous year for a long time. While sixteen nations, most of them the leading nations of the world, are engaged in war, using all the ingenuity and inventions of mod-

ern times to destroy each other, our country has, for another year, escaped the curse of war, and enjoys not only peace, but great prosperity. We hope it will not only be a day of rest and feasting and sight-seeing and games, on the part of our Baptist people, but a day of real thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father.

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#### STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

Rev. W. R. Johnson closed a meeting at Morrisonville after two or three weeks' work. There was only one received for baptism, but in other ways the meeting seemed to be good for the church. He went from there to Cazenovia, where he is now engaged in meetings, with favorable prospects for a good meeting.

Rev. J. Livingston Duff, pastor at Mt. Sterling and Kellerville, is now engaged in special meetings at the Kellerville church. Last Sunday he had 200 people in the morning and 150 at night, and indications are very favorable for a good meeting. The Mt. Sterling work is quite hopeful. The junior B. Y. P. U. has an attendance of from fifteen to seventeen, and the senior averaged over forty during October.

The Damascus church of which Rev. C. W. Harris is pastor, has put a new basement under its church, which is greatly needed in that section for social purposes as well as for Sunday school work.

Rev. N. T. Hafer closed a meeting at Hebron, north of Chicago, the latter part of September. Some such work was greatly needed on that field, and our missionary did good work there. Brother Hafer is at this time engaged in special meetings at Andalusia.

**ORDINATION**

A council met in Cornell October 23 and examined Rev. G. W. Kimball, who had been pastor on that field for one year, as to his qualifications for the Christian ministry. The council voted unanimously to recommend his ordination. Rev. J. C. Oranger of Minonk was elected moderator of the council and Rev. H. W. Hines of El-Paso, clerk. Rev. L. E. Riley of Tremont preached the sermon, Rev. H. W. Hines of El Paso gave the charge to the candidate, Rev. W. L. Markland of Streator gave the charge to the church and the moderator offered the ordaining prayer.

**PASTORAL CHANGES**

Rev. G. M. Shott, D.D., who has been pastor at Urbana for about three years, recently received a unanimous call to the Baptist church at Crawfordsville, Ind. He accepted the call and begins work the first Sunday in November. We shall miss Brother Shott in our general work in Illinois. He was a very faithful helper in anything he was appointed to do.

Rev. W. F. Bostick, who has been the pastor in Freeport for three or four years, has resigned the pastorate and accepted the position of advance agent and lecturer for the Elmendorff Travel Talk Company. He hopes some time to return to the pastorate. We hope it will not be long until Freeport will be able to locate a new pastor.

Rev. J. L. Henry, who was pastor of the Elvaston church for several years, has closed his work in order to accept the pastorate of the church at Ash Grove, Mo. He was not invited to visit that church, but was called upon the reputation of his work in other

places. A member of the Elvaston church writes that he did a splendid work and that they all love him, and when his resignation was offered there was scarcely a dry eye in the house, with a large congregation present.

Rev. M. L. Lennon has been called from the Burnt Prairie church to the pastorate of the church in Dupo, near East St. Louis. He moved on the field October 1st.

Rev. Wallace R. Crume served as pastor of the Fairfield church for two years and closed his work October 1st, returning to Louisville, Ky. He is open to correspondence and would be willing to locate again in Illinois. He was one of our missionaries and his reports show good work at Fairfield.

Rev. J. C. Honigh, who was pastor for about two years at Mason City, closed his work there and located in Michigan. We hope the Mason City church will soon find a successful pastor.

Rev. W. W. Lewis who was pastor of the York church near Thomson for about two years, has closed his work there and removed to Carrollton, where he will make his home.

The Geneseo church has extended a call to Rev. J. C. H. Read of Rock Island to become its pastor for three months, hoping that after that time permanent arrangements can be made with Brother Read with reference to the pastorate.

The Sidell church has called Rev. S. B. McKinley of Salem, Indiana. He removed to the field and began work November 5th.

After the Taylorville church had been pastorless for nearly six months, they called Rev. John H. Spindler, who was ordained in the old First

Church of Quincy, Ill. He graduated from LaGrange College, won a scholarship to Brown University, and graduated from there in 1912. Then, after a few years pastorate, he went to Rochester Theological Seminary where he graduated last May. There is a splendid outlook for the work at Taylorville.

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### CHURCHES

The Antioch church in the Rock Island Association, of which Rev. W. H. Parker is pastor, recently adopted the Five Year Program in full. This is one of our very active rural churches.

Rev. S. C. Welsh is now located with the Fairmount church. The pastors of the Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches have planned for a union meeting, the preaching to be done by the local pastors, spending one week in each church. We hope that these meetings will be quite successful.

"The First Baptist Church of Alton has voted to adopt the Five Year Program. Brother Lewis M. Carr is the chairman of the committee."—M. W. Twing.

The Gardner church, which was closed up for seven or eight years until one year ago, is getting along nicely. It has a good supply pastor from the Moody Institute and is now engaged in improving its property. The soliciting committee was quite successful and funds have been raised for thoroughly repairing the meeting house.

Evangelist H. S. Morrill of Aurora recently assisted the pastor of the Streator church in special meetings. There were twenty additions to the church. The two Baptist churches of Streator were united last July and now

have a membership of 394. The church is free from all indebtedness, with \$1,000 on hand for a new parsonage.

The Wood River church, of which Rev. D. C. Blunt is pastor for half time, has purchased a lot which cost them \$375, and they were expecting to have a tabernacle erected by the last of October. This will be used for services until they are able to build a suitable meeting house. This church was organized last summer.

The First church of Cairo made a very successful every-member-canvass October 1st. Nineteen committees of two members each, were sent out on that Sunday afternoon. When the returns are all in the church will have at least \$1000 more for current expenses than it ever had before in its history. The pastor writes, "It was a great day for the church and the Kingdom."

The union meeting held the latter part of September and first of October at Colchester by Rev. R. S. Kirkland, is reported quite successful. Pastor L. E. Ellison wrote October 11th, that he had received about thirty candidates for baptism.

The Gilman church, Rev. Ernest N. Cox, pastor, has just closed a series of meetings lasting twenty-five days. The meetings were under the direction of the pastor, aided by an evangelist and singer. They resulted in 107 re-consecrations, 9 conversions and one reclaimed, and a general season of spiritual uplift for the cause at Gilman.

The Woman's Missionary Circle of the Graymont church gave a most excellent program on the morning of Sunday, September 24th, in place of the regular church service. The program consisted of papers by six of the ladies, bearing upon the various or-

ganizations and enterprises which the church supports in its benevolences.

On September 27th, Rev. Geo. H. Yule, pastor of the Humboldt Park church in Chicago, wrote, "We are having 200 and over at Bible school, have taken in four new members this month. We have paid \$2100 on our old debt, which only leaves \$1400."

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#### DEATHS

Rev. T. C. Probert, who had been pastor of the Plainfield church for quite a number of years, died a few weeks ago in Chicago, where he had been taken in the hope that his life might be saved. He was sixty-six years, two months and nine days old. While pastor at Plainfield he had built two meeting houses, the first having caught fire while it was being frescoed, and the following year another splendid church was erected and dedicated about one year ago. The deceased leaves a widow and one son and daughter. He will be greatly missed by the Plainfield church and the work in the Aurora Association.

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Mary Ann Scotin died at her home in Benville, Illinois, September 25, 1916, at the age of eighty-three years, five months, and eight days. She was a charter member of the Benville church, and will be greatly missed.

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#### PERSONALS

Rev. Robert C. Purdy, our blind Baptist brother at Sciota, has committed to memory 350 hymns, which he can use in special work. He is ready to assist in meetings in the music and otherwise whenever desired. He can be addressed at Sciota, his home.

Rev. C. N. Manchester is engaged

in special meetings with his church at Edinburg. He reports the congregations to have increased every night, and on Sunday, October 29th, the house was packed both morning and night. Seven professed conversion during the first week and four were received for baptism and two sent for letters.

Rev. S. J. Skevington, who did such splendid service in Alton in conducting the devotional services, writes as follows: "I want to congratulate you on a splendid Convention this year, and for the evident affection and esteem in which you are personally held throughout the state. . . . I note that after I was compelled to leave the Convention I was honored with an election to the first vice-presidency of the Convention, and I want to fulfill, if possible, the task attached to this honor." Brother Skevington will be at the head of the Department of Missions. I am glad to note that all our vice-presidents seem disposed to take hold of this work vigorously.

Rev. R. V. Meigs of Muskogee, Oklahoma, who spent so many years in successful work in Illinois, writes that an every-member canvass of his church has provided for their \$8000 budget, of which missions is 25 per cent. Brother Meigs would be glad to hold one meeting in Illinois this year if any pastor and church desires his assistance.

Rev. F. E. R. Miller of Elgin, who was elected the vice-president of the State Convention and placed at the head of the Efficiency Department, called his department together in Chicago October 23rd, and planned the work in such a way as to vigorously push it throughout the year. Things are beginning to look different with



regard to State Convention work in Illinois. We believe our new plans are going to be wrought out vigorously.

Rev. Clarence H. Frank of Stamford, Conn., writes hopefully of his work in that city. In renewing his subscription for the Bulletin he writes, "Work here is moving finely. Since coming here April first, I have taken thirty-six into the church and have others to be received this week by letter."

Rev. J. C. Emmons of Petersburg, writes that he has regained his health and is desirous of locating as pastor of some church.

Rev. J. F. Howard, who is so well known in Illinois as a successful pastor, is now spending a little time at the Moody Institute in Chicago, and would be willing to correspond with churches with reference to the pastorate.

Dr. L. D. Lamkin, D.D., of Cairo, writes that he took the report of the Board home with him from the Convention and read it through carefully, and that it has furnished him material that will help advance the Kingdom of our blessed Lord. He was called away from the Convention by a wire message from St. Louis from a friend who had spent some time in Cairo the past summer and attended his services there. When he met this friend in St. Louis he presented him "with a fine outfit in the way of clothes, costing \$85.00." Dr. Lamkin is to be congratulated.

Rev. G. E. Milford of Pana has removed to Decatur, where he expects to make his home for some time. He is willing to supply churches within reasonable distance of Decatur for the time being. Brother Milford is well

known in Central Illinois as one of our successful pastors.

Rev. J. C. Hazen was installed as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Peoria Sunday evening, October 1st. Dean Shailer Mathews of Chicago, delivered the address and the Superintendent of Missions gave an address of welcome to the state. Brother Hazen seems to be getting a strong hold on his work in Peoria. There were 580 present in the Sunday morning service and 138 in the two young people's societies Sunday evening. At the Sunday night service both the auditorium and the gallery were packed, and some people were in the Sunday school room.

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"Pastor" Charles Taze Russell died on a train in Texas, enroute from Los Angeles to New York, October 31st.

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#### FOUR NEW BAPTIST CHURCHES

The Baptists of Chicago are in the church building business. On Sunday, September 24, the Bethel Swedish church, on the corner of 65th and Paulina Sts. was dedicated. These people have been holding their services for a number of years on the first floor of their frame building. Now they have a neat, commodious, adequate building erected for church purposes.

On Sunday, October 8, the cornerstone of the new West Pullman Church was laid. This church is being put up on the corner of Eggleston Ave., and 120th St. Everyone who has seen the building is enthusiastic over the structure.

Shiloh Church, on the corner of 62d and May Sts., is nearing completion. This church should be congratulated upon the progress it is making. For a number of years they have held their services in an old frame building, and as they go into their new church they will feel somewhat the way the Israelites did when they left Egypt.

The foundations of the new Morgan Park church are being laid. This will be a magnificent meeting-house that will enable the vigorous Baptists of Morgan Park to do even a larger work in the future than in the past.

Frank L. Anderson.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME  
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS**

**Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.  
Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron**

Tuesday, October 24, the annual meeting of the corporation took place at the Home in Maywood. This was without doubt one of the most successful meetings we have ever had. The reports of the various officers were very encouraging, showing the Home to be in splendid condition, full of happy, healthy children, which speaks well for the management by Supt. MacGillivray and his excellent wife as the matron. A great deal of credit is due our Superintendent for the splendid work he has done since taking charge of this work two years ago. At that time we were heavily in debt, today we have all our bills paid and a nice balance in our treasury. In addition to keeping up our running expenses, we have added many needed improvements, such as electric wiring and fixtures, fire escapes, electric laundry and drier, heating plant, improved water supply, painting, etc., all of which have been paid for in the past two years.

For some time past we have greatly felt the need of a hospital where a child taken down with measles or other contagious disease, could be cared for and isolated, to prevent the contagion from spreading, and allowing the rest of the children attendance at school. Plans are being consummated for this much needed equipment, and we hope friends of the Home will cheerfully respond to this call.

Dr. Hugh McNeil, Sec'y.

**HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE  
IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS**

**Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.**

We have less than fifty children, but the prospective winter is already starting some little people on our way. In warm weather they can shift better for themselves.

We have our crops housed safely, except the turnips which are still making excellent growth. We have sufficient silage and hay for our stock, enough corn to fatten our meat and enough oats for our work horses. After taking out our seed, we had enough wheat to about half pay our debt for flour and feed purchased from our Irvington Mill. We are hoping for a better crop of wheat next year.

We have on hand fully 150 bushels of potatoes for table use, after deducting seed for next year. These with our turnips will give us a good start on our table supplies for the winter.

We feel that our farm is proving something of an endowment, as well as being of immense educational value to our boys and girls.

Under the efficient direction of Rev. T. F. Klotzsche and Mrs. Crooker, our school work is very encouraging. The farm boys are taking hold with real zest, after the summer's work on the farm.

We are hopeful that Thanksgiving and Christmas giving on the part of churches, Sunday schools, and friends will enable us to pay current debts and have a balance with which to start the new year.

## Sunday School Work in Illinois



Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.



Director, W. B. MORRIS,  
117 North Monroe St., Decatur.

The meeting of our State Convention at Upper Alton in my judgment was the best in its history. The program was of a high order throughout as a result of the wise direction of our worthy superintendent.

The Sunday school session was different from anything we have ever had. Promptly at four o'clock one hundred and fifty members of the Upper Alton Sunday school assembled at the church and marched in singing, led by the Boy Scouts. The entire center section of the church was filled. While still standing the twenty-third Psalm was repeated in concert. This was followed by a prayer, after which all were seated and sang another song. Dr. J. M. Cody, superintendent of the Tremont Sunday school, delivered on address on "The Church of Tomorrow." His message was carefully prepared and well delivered and held the undivided attention of all present. After the address the school marched out singing. The entire service was most inspiring, and many favorable comments were heard. Much credit is due Supt. McPhillips, and his capable officers and teachers for the success of this demonstration.

The reorganization of the work of the convention has prepared the way for more aggressive work along Sunday school and young people's lines.

These two important phases are this year included in the Church Efficiency Department of which Dr. F. E. R. Miller of Elgin is vice president. Dr. Miller promptly called for a meeting of his department in Chicago on Monday, October 23rd, at which time a special committee was appointed to have the direction of Sunday school and Young People's work. This committee consists of Mr. Owen Scott, Decatur; President Geo. M. Potter, Alton; Rev. Martin S. Bryant, Champaign; Rev. Norman B. Henderson, Chicago; R. M. Utterback, Mattoon; Rev. N. J. Hilton, Lincoln. The six newly elected officers of the state B. Y. P. U. and the state director of Sunday School and Young People's Work.

There will be a meeting of this committee held in Decatur Saturday, November 18th, to organize and discuss plans for work throughout the state during the coming year. The outlook was never so bright nor promised so much for real efficiency in this part of our work.

I attended the Wisconsin State Convention and spoke four times. I am also to attend a City Institute in Indianapolis the first week in November to teach a class in Sunday School Problems and one in Young People's Methods, each day for a week.

## Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

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Morgan Park.

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2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston.

### SNAPSHOTS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING IN ALTON

*Forward, March!* The slogan of our Illinois women for the year. Our State meeting is past and a wonderful meeting it was. A beautiful day splendid program, representative company, new plans, enthusiasm.

Deeply appreciating the work of the retiring officers, Mrs. D. P. Scott of Kankakee and Mrs. F. W. Heath of Chicago, we welcome to our official staff, Mrs. C. M. Church of Belvidere as first vice, and Mrs. George MacGinnis of Aurora as secretary.

A new plan is the Reading Contest for Associations. We want our women to read missionary books. Next year some association will have the custody of our beautiful loving cup. Begin now to work for it. Our first vice, Mrs. C. M. Church, 1031 Pearl street, Belvidere, knows all about it. Write to her for information.

Be sure to observe "State Day," in January. The annual report should be in every circle president's hand by December 15th, if not soon after, write for it. It will have a report of our day at Alton and suggestions for the program. The four hundred women present at the meeting had a good time, if you were not one of them, don't you wish you had been?

A most interesting place was the Free Kindergarten, held in the Cherry

Street Church, under the auspices of Mrs. S. D. McKenny. It is a regular everyday affair for the children of the poorest people in the city. Those for whom "Nobody Cares," they are being transformed through the influence of Mrs. McKenny.

We have this interesting report from Canton: We have a thriving and interesting organization. Meetings are held each month in some member's home. We give six months to Home and six Months to Foreign Missions. We are distributing the free literature and using the "Home Mission Tour" in our Sunday school, which is creating much interest. We sent our excellent president to the association and she gave a splendid report. It pays to send a representative. We hope to adopt the Standard of Excellence at our next meeting, also to introduce our Cycle of Prayer.

What do you think of the W. W. G. report? What other church has six chapters?

The First Baptist church, Kewanee, has six W. W. G. chapters. A joint luncheon was held October 3, 115 girls being present. The guild boxes for the quarter were returned. "The American Girls' Opportunity," a drama, was given. Miss Gladys Topping, state worker, gave a talk on "Maids of America." Mrs. S. C. Fulmer was present and spoke.

**THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME**

Maywood, Illinois

**MRS. A. W. RUNYON**

Editor and Field Secretary

5742 Maryland Ave., Chicago

A splendid opportunity for doing a very helpful and permanent thing for our Old People's Home is now open.

There is a good ten room house on a 50 foot lot adjoining our Home which can be bought for \$5,000. This, from its location, should belong to the Home sometime, and this opportunity may never occur again. A dear woman nearly 80 years old, who has worked devotedly for the Home from its beginning, has in hand \$3400, a large part of which she has earned and secured herself, and if our people will raise the balance of \$1600, she will turn the property over to the Home. This would enable us to take several most worthy people now on our waiting list and provide two much needed rooms for hospital purposes.

Thanksgiving will soon be here. We are hoping that many recounting their blessings will pass along some expression of their appreciation by helping us give comfort to the aged. Send fruit, vegetables, etc., direct to Baptist Old People's Home, 4th St. and 4th Ave., Maywood, Illinois, (prepaid please), and articles for the Bazaar to be held for the benefit of the Home the first week in December, to Mrs. C. H. Knights, 4908 Ellis Ave., Chicago.

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**THE WOMAN'S BANQUET AND  
REGULAR SESSION**

The Baptist women who were not able to attend the meetings of the Bloomington Association recently held

in Bloomington, missed a rare treat. A new feature and a very successful one, was the banquet on Monday evening served by the B. Y. P. U. of the Bloomington church to the ladies. The room was full, showing that the women appreciated the innovation, and the capable manner in which the young ladies served deserves credit. Mrs. H. M. Cox, the President, in a short talk, welcomed the guests. Mrs. A. B. Hoblit made a charming toastmistress and the responses were interesting and spicy. Miss Kurtz, working among the Hungarians in Cleveland, and Miss Jones among the Italians in Detroit, told about their work. Miss Martin, medical nurse in Ningpo, China, spoke of her hospital with its forty women patients and of her work among the Chinese women. Mrs. J. D. Louderback, State Director W.A.B.H.M.S., gave an inspiring talk on Ideals. Miss Evans favored the company with two beautiful solos, and Mrs. E. J. Thomas of Atlanta closed this very pleasant hour with a word of prayer.

In the Woman's Session Tuesday morning, Mrs. Ora W. Gridley of the Bloomington church, cordially greeted the guests. After listening to the reports from the secretaries of the Home Missions, by Mrs. J. D. Crumley; the World Wide Guild, by Mrs. N. J. Hilton, and the Foreign Missions, by Mrs. L. K. Evans; another interesting address was given by Mrs. Louderback. Miss Jones told more of her work among Italians. She spoke especially of the bad American example which surrounded the Italians whom she was trying to bring to Christianity. Miss Martin told more in detail of her work in China. Many of the Chinese women are reached while ill in the hospital, and

Miss Martin said they greatly appreciate the Christmas boxes sent to them by Americans.

The last evening of the Association the World Wide Guild of the Bloomington church, under the leadership of Mrs. N. J. Hilton, gave a very interesting number on the program, and the Missionary drama under the direction of Mrs. Elvira Irving Faulk was a happy ending of a delightful week for the women of the Bloomington Association.



**Kelleyville Sunday School  
South of Danville**

#### **AROUND THE WORLD IN FIVE MINUTES**

Two men are sitting side by side on the shore of the Philippine Islands, and before them, on a table, are two instruments of curious design, that continually write a straight line in ink on a roll of paper. Sometimes the line became wavy instead of straight, and the men have to work alertly and quickly. The room in which they sit is the half-way communication house of the modern world. Both their instruments are connected with London by a copper wire, but from one instrument the wire runs eastward across the Pacific Ocean, the continent of North America, and the Atlantic Ocean to England, while the other wire dives into the India Ocean, curves up the coast of Africa, and passes through the Mediterranean Sea on its way to London. So that when these two wires are connected they entirely circle the earth, and the two operators, sitting side by side in a little room in Manila, in the Philippines, can by working quickly together, flash a message around the world in four or five minutes. —Postal Telegraph.

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## A Notable Meeting



A great Baptist meeting was held at the Hotel Metropole, Chicago, November 21-24. This was the semi-annual meeting of the State Convention superintendents and secretaries of the Northern Baptist Convention. Twenty-five of these men assembled at the hotel for meetings from Tuesday morning until the close of Thursday afternoon. Two joint sessions with the city superintendents were held during that time. This was one of the best meetings ever held by the State Convention superintendents. One of the interesting topics discussed for a half day was the question of associate membership, co-operative churches, and open membership. While some of the secretaries expressed sympathy with associate membership and co-operative churches, under rare and peculiar conditions, yet the entire body voted solidly, without a dissenting vote, against open membership.

The program was a strong one; nearly every person appointed on the program was present, and the discussions were strong and interesting. The Executive Committee of the Northern Baptist Convention was held at the same hotel at the same time and met with the state secretaries for a part of

one session. The meeting of the Finance Committee and Apportionment Committee of the Northern Baptist Convention, was also held, and also meetings of the officers of the missionary societies of the Northern Convention were held at that time and place; and on Thursday night and Friday a missionary conference of the states of the central part of the country, from Ohio to the Dakotas, was held. This was in charge of Dr. H. F. Stilwell of Cleveland, and Dr. L. C. Barnes of New York. It was a great Baptist week at the Hotel Metropole and much good work was accomplished.

Also, a meeting of the Department of Philanthropy of the Illinois Baptist State Convention was held at the hotel on Thursday forenoon and afternoon. Vice President Johnson of Rockford was there and all of his department, except one member. The question of our philanthropic institutions was thoroughly discussed, and steps taken toward encouraging very much greater interest in our institutions, than has formerly been manifested. The Department of Education of which Vice President J. M. Stifler of Evanston is the chairman, met in Dr. Burton's office

in the library of the University of Chicago, Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. All members of the department were present and steps were taken for very much improvement in our educational work of the state. The Committee on Summer Assembly for next summer was appointed, consisting of Dr. T. Harley Marsh of Decatur, Dr. S. H. Bowyer of Springfield, Rev. M. S. Bryant of Champaign, President Geo. M. Potter of Alton, Rev. J. G. Little of Havana, Rev. J. C. Hazen of Peoria, Rev. E. K. Masterson of Normal and Rev. Herbert W. Hines of El Paso, together with President J. M. Stifler of Evanston and Supt. E. P. Brand of Normal as ex-officio members. This committee will be called together in December and we expect a very strong meeting to be planned for next summer.

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The Superintendent spent Sunday, November 26th, with the Rozetta church, of which Rev. G. W. Wright has been pastor for one year. This is one of three of the strongest country churches in the State of Illinois. Brother Wright has more than one member who contributes \$4.00 a week for current expenses and \$1 a week for missions. The people seem greatly pleased with Brother Wright's work and he and his wife enjoy working in that splendid community. Mrs. Wright is conducting a junior B.Y.P.U. in the parsonage at the same time that the senior meets in the church on Sunday evening. Last Sunday evening she had fourteen boys and five girls present, and they were doing splendid work. While the church has a splendid meeting house and parsonage in very good repair, yet the demands of the community require some improvements on

the church building which will probably be made next summer.

I spent Sunday, November 12, with the Cornell church. Rev. Mr. Kimball has been pastor on that field for a little more than a year. He is a Massachusetts man, who attended the Moody Institute two years. The Cornell church is practically his first pastorate. He and his wife are very highly appreciated on the field, and he has done most excellent work. November 5th, he cleared the church of a long standing debt of \$600 or \$700. The church has increased his salary for the second year. This is comparatively a new church, and has built itself up within a little more than twenty years. It has a most excellent modern meeting house and good parsonage.

The superintendent had the privilege of spending a night in the Centralia church during their chrysanthemum exposition. It was a very pleasant occasion. The church is doing splendidly, and the pastor, A. P. Howells, and his wife are highly appreciated by their people.

From there I went to Fairfield and spent Wednesday night with that church. The work seems to be in good condition and plans were made for securing another pastor.

The next day I spent with the missionary committee of the Southern Illinois Association at Carbondale. Some of the committee could not be there. Rev. Minor Stevens of Murphysboro is taking an active part as a member of that committee and the great work he has accomplished at Murphysboro seems to continue with its usual strong interest.

Our missionary evangelist, W. R. Johnson will hold two meetings in January in Southern Illinois.



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**T**HE paper upon which the Bulletin is printed is now costing us \$231 per year more than it did one year ago. This is making the publication of the Bulletin at the present rate of subscription too heavy an expense upon the Convention.

**T**HE Treasurer's report shows that the Bulletin last year cost the Convention \$263.59 more than we collected in subscriptions. And this allows nothing for the work and time of the editor and his secretary used in editing and publishing and distributing the paper and keeping the mailing list.

**N**OW, to add \$231.00 to this expense is unreasonable; and yet we believe the Bulletin is one of the best paying investments that the Convention is making. We do not want to decrease the number of readers and we do not want to discontinue the paper.

**T**HE editor has decided to ask the Executive Committee, when it meets in December, to allow him to increase the price of the Bulletin five cents per copy. We do not want to publish it on inferior stock, and we do not want to cut down the size nor reduce its value in any way.

**I**F THE Executive Committee will authorize it, we will make the price of the Bulletin, beginning January 1, 1917, for single subscriptions, twenty-five cents; in clubs of ten and less than twenty subscribers, twenty cents, and in clubs of twenty or more subscribers, fifteen cents each. We ought to increase it twice that, but five cents increase will about make up for the increase in the price of the paper, or a little more. In clubs, the papers are all addressed to the individual subscribers, not sent to one person to be distributed.

**W**E BELIEVE that if the pastors and others will take hold of the matter vigorously and explain it to their people, they can get up as large clubs at fifteen cents as at ten cents. Of course, all the old subscriptions will run to the end of the year, from the time they started.

**A** GOOD many people complain that they do not receive the Bulletin any more, and in nine cases out of ten, when we look it up, we find that the time has expired, and in every case a blue cross was placed upon the paper of the last issue when the subscription expired.

Dr. N. T. Hafer has been given the position by the State Convention, of State Convention Missionary. His field will be the entire state. He will spend a considerable portion of his time visiting pastorless churches that need assistance in getting their work organized and a pastor located. We hope he will be valuable for that kind of work, especially if the churches that are in need of such assistance, will communicate with me or with Brother Hafer.

**STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES**

Rev. N. T. Hafer has visited a number of churches during the past month. December 4th he closed a nine days' meeting at Latham. This church has not had a pastor for about three years. At times the meeting house was crowded. There were three baptisms and the church called Rev. G. E. Milford of Decatur to become pastor for half time and while Dr. Hafer was on the field, raised sufficient salary to secure him. There seems to be a more hopeful outlook for the Latham church at this time than for many years in the past.

The Superintendent spent four and a half hours with the Missionary Committee of the Peoria Association in Galva Monday, December 4th. This committee is planning and carrying out large things. They have united Bradford and Whites Grove and secured Rev. W. E. Andereck of Orion as the pastor. They succeeded in locating Rev. Chas. W. Wolfe of Petersburg with the Glasford and LaMarsh churches and have just secured Rev. John Johnson of Wisconsin to take charge of the Chillicothe and Pleasant Grove churches. These men are all successful pastors and will be well supported on their fields. The State Convention gives some assistance at each place, but the Missionary Committee of the Peoria Association has taken hold with a strong hand and is expending more than \$1500 this year in missionary work in its own association.

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Rev. W. R. Johnson held a meeting of eight days at New Berlin. There were thirteen additions to the church, five by letter. Brother Johnson speaks very highly of the work of Pastor Judd

on that field. He is now engaged in a meeting with the Hillview church in the Sandy Creek Association.

Rev. J. B. Little is planning to hold special meetings at Hopkins Park during the holidays, beginning December 24th. This is an unusual time to hold a meeting in most places, but for a field like Hopkins Park it seems to us a splendid time. In 1914 they had a very successful meeting during the holidays at that place.

A union meeting was conducted a few weeks ago at Aledo. Our missionary pastor, Rev. E. T. Potter, has baptized thirteen, so far, into the fellowship of the Baptist church and others will follow. He thinks the Baptist church fared quite well in the meetings.

Rev. W. R. Johnson recently assisted Rev. W. F. Thompson in a two weeks' meeting at Zenobia church in the Springfield Association. The congregations were good and the interest quite deep, but only a few additions.

Rev. Francis L. Church of New Brighton, Pa., has accepted a call by the State Convention and Home Mission Society to become an evangelist in Illinois, and began his work December 3. At this writing he is assisting Rev. H. F. Jones in special meetings at Brimfield in the Peoria Association. We have not yet decided as to his next place of work.

The Bethany church, Peoria, of which Rev. A. C. Hodgson is our missionary pastor, held its 25th anniversary last month. About 70 people sat down at the \$1.00 banquet. Good addresses were given. Quite recently Brother Hodgson baptized seven converts and received them into the fellowship of the church.

Rev. W. E. Andereck, our mission-

ary pastor at Bradford and Whites Grove, is having good work on his field. Congregations are increasing. Two ladies were recently received for baptism at Bradford. A B.Y.P.U. was organized at Bradford with about twenty-five members.

Rev. L. B. Trites, our missionary-at-large in the Bloomfield Association, is having quite successful work this year. He takes a vacation during the month of December and will spend the time in assisting Pastor Lough in special meetings at Pierson. It is an unusual way of taking a vacation, but Brother Trites keeps at some kind of work all the time.

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I spent Saturday night, November 18th, and Sunday morning, November 19th, with the Pleasant Grove church at Cooks Mills. This is a country field. The Baptists have a membership of 276, in a community where there are not many foreigners and the sentiment among the people is strongly Baptist. If a good pastor could have been located among the people on that field for full time ten or fifteen years ago we might have had a great interest there at this time, but as it is, the church is in a very low condition, and without a pastor. We hope that Dr. Hafer may be able to do some evangelistic work in January that will result in reorganizing and building up the church and helping them to locate a pastor, at least for half time, in the near future.

I spent Sunday afternoon and night at Mattoon. Rev. J. M. Lively, the pastor, has been engaged in evangelistic work for three weeks, and still continues. While he is doing all the preaching, Mr. Jesse J. Miller is con-

ducting the song services and aiding him in other ways. I think there is the best interest in the Baptist church at Mattoon that I have ever known in that city. A temperance meeting had been appointed for Sunday afternoon, and the house was full, and Brother Lively gave a very strong temperance address for something more than an hour. The musical service conducted by Brother Miller and his junior choir was splendid. Sunday night the large auditorium was crowded and many people were turned away who could not get in the house. Brother Lively preached a strong sermon on "The Unpardonable Sin." At the after-meeting four men and two women and one little girl came forward, asking for prayers and seeking the way of life. The meetings will probably continue until the last of this week, and as the pastor is doing the preaching himself the interest will not fall off when the meetings close.

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#### CHURCHES

Dr. L. D. Lamkin assisted the pastor of the McLeansboro church, Rev. W. W. Brown, in meetings for two weeks. That church had been pastorless for a considerable length of time and Brother Brown began work there about six months ago. The meetings made a great impression upon the town and the church was very much revived. There were about eighty who made professions of faith and there will be sixty additions to the church, all by baptism, except four or five. Dr. Lamkin says concerning the pastor, "He was a great help to me; he is a great intellectual and spiritual force." The pastor says, "Dr. Lamkin is a great preacher; he did his best. The church

did some fine work." We are very glad indeed to learn of this new interest of the McLeansboro church in Southern Illinois. A large number of Bulletins go into the homes of the members of that church.

For many years the Olney church has been in a very discouraged condition, and after having been for a considerable time pastorless, about six months ago it called Rev. W. E. Pool of Fairmount to become its pastor. The following letter from Brother Pool will indicate the hopeful outlook of the church. "Just a few notes to the Bulletin. Have organized a B.Y.P.U.; Sunday school increased 30 per cent; have just closed a revival meeting; had splendid interest and 15 additions to the church. The church is meeting all apportionments; it is in better united condition than it has been for years. On Thanksgiving evening at the close of the prayer meeting, about 85 of the members came in on the pastor and his wife and surprised them. They brought with them good things to eat and a good supply of ready money. This is the real spirit of thanksgiving. Olney is moving right to the front."

Rev. J. H. Bagwill, who became pastor of the Second Baptist church in Johnston City about three months ago, writes very hopefully of that work. Fourteen have united with the church and the Sunday school has increased from 120 to 213, and the attendance at the regular church services has greatly increased. This church now has the largest attendance at the preaching services and in the Sunday school of any church in Johnston City.

Rev. J. C. H. Read, pastor of the church at Geneseo, reports encourag-

ing work. The attendance is good, and the B.Y.P.U., while not large, is a live organization and has "a name to live." The pastor, during the short time he has been there, has visited all members of the church except a few at some distance in the country. We hope that Brother Read will continue the work at Geneseo for some time to come.

November 20th a council met in Danville and made a thorough investigation of the records, faith and practice of the Union Mission church in that city and unanimously voted to recognize it as a Baptist church and recommend its acceptance into the Bloomfield Association. Rev. Geo. W. Woolsey, who has been for some years pastor of the church, was examined as to his Christian experience, call to the ministry and views of Bible doctrine, and was ordained the same day upon the recommendation of the council. Nine Baptist ministers took part in the ordination services.

Rev. G. P. Burdon of St. Anne has been called as pastor for full time. He has been serving that church as student pastor for the past two years. The church raised \$350 more than the year before and he feels very hopeful for the work.

Rev. W. J. Campbell, pastor of the Waverly Church, recently assisted Pastor J. E. Curry in special meetings at the New Hope church a few miles from Waverly. The meetings were very successful; twelve were approved for baptism, six of them heads of families; the others grown-up young people. The entire congregation met with the Waverly church where the ordinance of baptism was administered.

Rev. W. J. Campbell began his pas-

torate of the Waverly church about six months ago. Since that time they have liquidated an indebtedness of \$125 and installed a new furnace and met all local expenses. This speaks well for the Waverly church and its pastor.

Rev. James M. Barrett conducted special meetings in the Cedar Creek church, of which he is pastor, in the Salem Association. He was assisted some by different pastors in the association, and when last heard from was having large crowds attending the meeting.

Rev. J. W. Harnly of Roseville is one of the most careful and aggressive men we have in developing his field along missionary lines. During the past fall he has done most thorough work in getting his field ready for an effective every member canvass.

Rev. C. N. Manchester held a meeting with his church at Edinburg which resulted in nine professions of faith, six were received for baptism and one on experience, and two sent for letters. A club of thirty-three Bulletins now goes into the homes of the Edinburg people.

Rev. Cyrus W. Webb closed a meeting with his church at Blandinsville, November 5th. It was a good meeting. There were fifteen additions, twelve of them by baptism. The interest at Blandinsville seems to be increasing along all lines.

The Kane church, of which Rev. R. T. Gasaway is pastor, held its 93rd anniversary meeting November 5th. All reports were very encouraging and all the treasurer's reports showed a balance on hand. The report of the treasurer of the church showed a gain of exactly 200 per cent in the number of contributors over last year. This was the result of carrying out the every member canvass and the duplex en-

velope system. President Potter was present and gave an address.

On October 29th, the Roseville church, that has been in the habit of extending a yearly call to its pastor, renewed the call to Rev. J. W. Harnly, who had been on the field for about five years, for an indefinite time. This is certainly making progress. It seems to us unwise for any church to extend a yearly call or for a pastor to accept one that is not indefinite.

"We have just closed a successful meeting at Shiloh, Macoupin county, of which I am pastor, I am serving my third year there. There have been 24 members added to the church by baptism and there will be several more as the result of our recent meeting. Brother J. W. Patterson of Alpha, assisted me in the meeting. We had a good meeting and the outlook for the future is very promising. The church is now planning to remodel its building in the spring.—H. C. Smith, Pastor"

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"Government statistics available today show that there are more than 8,000,000 women workers in the United States. There are 263,315 stenographers and typewriters, 14,061 women linotype operators, 2,500,846 domestics, 1,800,980 factory and mill girls, 76,508 trained nurses, 111,117 midwives, 2,000,000 women farm laborers, 100,000 women bakers, 8,219 telegraph operators, 88,262 hello girls. Eighty per cent of our teachers are women, also two-thirds of our cotton mill workers, one-third of our hat, suit and overall makers, one-fifth of our tailors, one-third of our shoemakers. Women have been found working before the flaming doors of blast furnaces in Pennsylvania."

After reading the above quotation, and remembering that the women are the home keepers, and the most of the children are brought up by those who cannot afford domestic help, one wonders what the men are doing; or whether or not they are doing a fair proportion of the work that needs to be done in our country.

### MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING NOVEMBER

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (\*) star.

A part of the following contributions was given in October, but was not reported in the November Bulletin.

Aledo church .....	\$ 6.50
*Alpha church .....	15.00
*Assumption church .....	22.00
*Auburn church .....	35.00
*Batavia church .....	14.00
Bulletin subscriptions .....	117.02
Canton church .....	50.98
*Chillicothe church .....	3.50
Chicago, Englewood church .....	5.00
Chicago, LaSalle avenue church .....	23.00
Chicago, Grace church .....	2.50
Chicago, Messiah church .....	5.27
Chicago, Memorial Church of Christ .....	50.00
Chicago, Rogers Park church .....	15.00
Chicago, Second church .....	50.00
*Chicago, Woodlawn church .....	48.48
Collinsville church .....	12.00
Collected on Mission Fields .....	153.66
Damascus church .....	3.00
Divernon church .....	10.00
*Dixon church .....	10.00
Evanston church .....	25.25
Elgin, Immanuel church .....	10.00
Fairbury church .....	35.00
*Galva church .....	46.00
Granite City church .....	10.00
*Greenville church .....	40.00
Hillsboro church .....	11.14
*Hudson church .....	45.00
Ives, F. W., Decatur .....	5.00
Interest .....	100.00
Kingston church .....	1.50
Lena B. Y. P. U. ....	1.80
Lena Sunday school .....	1.70
*Literberry church .....	11.00
Loda church, E. M. Hungerford .....	21.30
Macoupin County Association .....	7.50
*Mahomet church .....	34.00
Marengo church .....	25.45
Morris church .....	30.00
Murphysboro ch., Mrs. Amelia K. Smith, Special Evan. Fund .....	5.00
Murphysboro, ch., W. T. Stamps, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	2.00
Murphysboro ch., H. C. Roberts, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
Nokomis church .....	5.00
*Normal church .....	27.07
Normal Sunday school .....	7.89
*Paris church .....	28.50
Pekin church .....	10.00
Pekin church, Prudence Kelley .....	5.00
Plainfield church .....	23.00
Plano church .....	4.00
Peoria, First church .....	56.14
Quincy Association Missionary Committee .....	100.00

Rent of St. Charles meeting house .....	14.00
*Rochelle church .....	17.00
Rockton church .....	7.00
Rock Island First church .....	28.00
Sale of Annuals and letter blanks .....	10.64
*Savanna church .....	25.00
Shelbyville church .....	45.00
South Chicago .....	5.00
*St. Mary's church .....	30.00
Sterling church .....	39.00
Tampico Church .....	5.85
Toulon church .....	65.50
University church .....	10.00
*Upper Alton church .....	13.65
*Utica church .....	42.00
University church building fund, Received in November .....	1654.60
White Hall church .....	25.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3429.39</b>

### COMPARISONS

Dr. W. P. Throgmorton makes some queer statements in an editorial in the Illinois Baptist of November 11th. He says: The Illinois Baptist State Convention received in its current work last year, \$19,774.52, and the State Association \$20,912.62. We suppose Dr. Throgmorton wrote what he thought was true, and yet it seems strange that he cannot see nor understand only so much of reports as he can use for his purpose in making comparisons. Both the superintendent and treasurer had printed in their reports read at the Convention in Alton, that the total amount of money raised by the Convention for the year ending October 1, 1916, was \$31,349.40, reported on page 12 of the report of the Board and on pages 1 and 2 of the treasurer's report. So the editor is off \$11,574.88 in his comparisons. He also adds that the State Association has more churches than the Convention. If that be true, what are they doing? The churches that stand with the Convention contributed last year more than \$50,000 for Foreign Missions. Those associated with the State Association were asked to give \$7000

for Foreign Missions; I do not know how much they gave. The churches supporting the State Convention gave about \$35,000 for Home Missions, while those associated with the State Association were asked to give only \$4,000 for Home Missions. Besides this, the churches of the State Convention were asked to give \$20,000 for various other things beside Home and Foreign Missions and the State Convention. We do not believe the churches are doing as well as they ought to do for the Convention, and they are going to do better, but we do not believe in sacrificing all other missionary interests in order to make a big report on State Missions.

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#### PROHIBITION

In the election on November 7th, South Dakota, Nebraska, Montana, Michigan, Idaho and the territory of Alaska voted the saloons out, and Utah and Florida elected legislators who are pledged to enact state-wide prohibition laws. This practically places those two states in the prohibition column. Besides these, former prohibition states are as follows: Maine, Kansas, North Dakota, Georgia, Oklahoma, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, Virginia, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Alabama, Arkansas, Iowa, South Carolina, making twenty-five states and the territory of Alaska that are now practically dry. Many states that do not have prohibition laws have most of their territory dry under local option. It is estimated that 80 per cent of the territory of the United States is now dry. Illinois is one of the states that is farthest from prohibition as a state, and yet in Illinois

we have only a few wet spots. The wet territory can be named in about a half dozen sections, such as Chicago and vicinity, LaSalle, Peoria, Springfield, East St. Louis and vicinity, Danville, Bloomington and Cairo; that is about all in the great state of Illinois. Possibly before Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts can get state prohibition a national prohibition law will sweep the land. If prohibition makes as much progress in the next four years as it has since 1912 we will have national prohibition by 1920.

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A great medical school is to be established in the University of Chicago. It is reported in the Chicago papers that \$5,000,000 has been pledged and \$3,000,000 is to be secured in Chicago and elsewhere. It is planned to make it the greatest medical school ever established anywhere at any time. Baptists think with pride on the great things this school is doing. It is reported that Rush Medical school and the Presbyterian hospital on the West Side, with \$3,000,000 will become a part of the institution.

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The first woman ever elected to the United States Congress is Miss Jeanette Rankin, who was elected to a seat in Congress at Missoula, Mont. She is a woman of slight stature and has red hair. She is well educated and a Republican. She won by 2000 majority and will be one woman among 434 men in the next Congress. Her salary will be \$7500 a year. Miss Rankin is said to be expert in household work, such as cooking, sewing and millinery work, as well as in politics.

**FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM CHURCHES**

The Englewood church of Chicago has adopted the Five-Year Program and has undertaken to add to the church by baptism 250 members and increase its benevolent offerings by \$700.

The El Paso Church has adopted the Five-Year Program and will attempt to add not less than sixteen members to the church each year by baptism and undertake to increase its benevolence by 15 per cent.

The Paris Church has adopted the Five Year Program and will undertake to add twenty-five to the church by baptism during the year and send five students to college and increase its benevolent contributions if possible.

The First Baptist church of Robinson has adopted the Five Year Program and will make an effort to add ten to the church by baptism and send one student to college and surpass its last year's contributions to missions by \$40.

The Baptist church in Edinburg has accepted the Five Year Program and will undertake to add ten persons by baptism to the church and send two students to college and will surpass its last year's contributions for beneficence by \$15.00.

The First Baptist church of Morris has adopted the Five-Year Program and will make an effort to add twelve to the church by baptism and send one student to college and will attempt to surpass last year's beneficence by \$30.

The First Baptist church of Kewanee has accepted the Five Year Program and will attempt to reach 104 additions by baptism, eight students in college and increase its contributions for denominational beneficence by \$100.

**DEATHS**

The editor of the Bulletin regrets that he failed to call attention in the November issue to the death of Mrs. J. M. Jones, wife of Rev. J. M. Jones, pastor at Carthage. She died at the time the State Convention was in session at Alton. It was wholly unexpected; her health had been good, but by a stroke of paralysis she passed away in a short time. She was buried at her old home in Atchison, Kansas. Brother Jones has the profound sympathy of all who know him. Mrs. Jones will be greatly missed from the work at Carthage.

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Representatives of the different Baptist Young People's Unions in the Aurora Association met in the Y. W. C. A. dining room at Aurora the evening of November 6th, to consider means of enlivening and broadening the work of the Associational Union. This delegation decided to ask each union, or church where no union exists, to name one member of an executive committee to direct the work proposed. It is expected that "flying squadrons" will be sent out to advise and interest the unions not represented.

It is expected that this plan will greatly stimulate the work of the young people in our Baptist churches.

**PASTORAL CHANGES**


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Rev. H. B. Stevens, who graduated from the Rochester Seminary, New York, last May, has received and accepted a hearty call to become pastor of the Marengo church in the Rock River Association. Brother Stevens was formerly pastor at Stillman Valley and after that at Rochelle for several years before he entered the Seminary.



We are glad to have him back in Illinois.

Rev. A. E. Powell, who closed his work at Geneseo last August, has accepted a call to the Mason City church. Brother Powell feels very much encouraged with the outlook at Mason City.

The clerk of the Cordova church writes as follows: "I am pleased to inform you that Rev. Frank Woodhull has accepted the unanimous call to the church and takes up his work at once, and will commence November 26th." The Cordova church has been pastorless for about nine months.

Rev. C. A. Marshall, who has been pastor for several years at Wilton Center, has resigned and accepted a call to an important field at Polson, Montana. It has long been Brother Marshall's desire to locate in the Western mountains.

Rev. C. P. Greenfield has closed his work with the South Seventh street church, of Springfield, and accepted a call to the Charleston church. The Charleston church has made extensive repairs on its meeting house during the fall, and Rev. J. M. Edmonson of Atwood held a successful meeting in that church during the past few weeks.

Rev. H. C. Holton of Indiana has accepted a call to the Sidell church and began work early in November.

Rev. Harvey Waters, pastor of the Timewell church, has closed his work at Timewell and removed to Greenwood, Ark.

Rev. F. W. Wood closed his work at Chenoa November 12th. He resigned the 12th and closed his work the 13th. He has gone into the business of selling pianos in the town of Chenoa.

Rev. Frank Barry of Marcellus,

Mich., has accepted a call to the Freeport church and began work December 10th.

Rev. Wakefield Slaten has closed his work at Walnut and gone to Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Rev. J. B. McKendry has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Mendota church.

Rev. O. T. Anderson, who led the Marley church out of the denomination, in consequence of which he and his church were excluded from the Aurora Association, has left the Marley field and gone West.

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#### PERSONALS

Rev. C. N. Manchester, who is pastor at Edinburg for half time, is giving the other half of his time to special evangelistic work. When last heard from he had been engaged for one week in a meeting with the Lawrenceville church in Southeastern Illinois. At that time seven or eight had stood for prayer, three had come forward and confessed Christ, one had been received for baptism and one by letter. The congregations were averaging more than 100.

A letter written in October by Grace L. Howard, wife of Rev. John A. Howard, dated at Contai, Midnapore District, Bengal-Orissa, gives a pretty full account of their work. They seem to be very busy and enjoy their life and work on the foreign mission field. Many of the readers of the Bulletin will remember these young people. Brother Howard is a son of Rev. J. F. Howard who, until quite recently has been pastor all his life in Illinois.

The married people of the Bethel church in the Rock Island Association, forty-five of them, gave their retiring

pastor, Rev. A. Carnell, a splendid surprise Friday evening, November 10th. They made the pastor and his wife a present of a dozen silver teaspoons, two books, and a sum of money.

Evangelist Frank M. Dunk held a meeting with the Thomas church in Ottawa Association, beginning October 22. There were several conversions and some received into the church by letter or experience, and some will doubtless be received later for baptism.

As Rev. J. L. Henry and his wife and four children departed from his pastorate at Elvaston for Ash Grove, Missouri, the members of his church and congregation gathered around them and sang, "God be with you till we meet again." Brother Henry did good work at Elvaston and leaves with the hearty good wishes of his people.

The many friends of Rev. Ellis M. Jones, who was pastor for about eight years at Carbondale will be glad to learn of his delightful work at Washington, Indiana. After he had been on the field one month he writes that "the work in the church has been fine in every way." While we regret to have had Brother Jones leave the state, we are glad he is so pleasantly located on his new field.

Rev. W. Edward Rafferty of Philadelphia, says: "You will be glad to know that we, as Baptists, had more Daily Vacation Bible Schools this past summer than any other denomination."

"Why do mothers hesitate to let their sons go to war? One British mother answers: She has two sons in the war who left her home clear and pure, and now they drink and have become impure with women under the demoralization of camp life. She has still a younger son at home. The call of her country is loud and strong and she is patriotic to the core. Why is it necessary for a country to allow drink and vice to invade camp life?"

**HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE**  
**IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS**  
**Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.**

We have 55 children in the orphanage and 60 will fill us to the limit.

It is claimed that the White Hall Orphanage was voluntarily closed by its officers and not by the state. We regret our former announcement.

We are receiving much encouragement to attempt raising \$5000.00 for the purpose of putting our buildings in attractive condition, erecting a permanent home for our light and power plant and making an underground storage room for fuel.

The proposed improvement will tend to beautify and preserve our buildings, increase our capacity 100 per cent, supply ample school rooms, a hospital or sick room and small gymnasium or play rooms for each sex.

The permanency of this institution is attested both by its history and its affiliations. While less than \$15000 has ever been contributed for investment in property, the present net asset in real estate, buildings and personal property is fully \$25,000.

The property is held by the corporation, and the corporation is composed chiefly of delegates elected by Baptist churches and associations. Also the Baptist State Convention is to be legally empowered to see that the orphanage corporation faithfully performs its trust, efficiently applying the funds, contributed, to the accomplishment of ends for which they shall be given.

## Sunday School Work in Illinois



Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.



Director, W. B. MORRIS,  
117 North Monroe St., Decatur.

The Sunday School Committee recently appointed by the Church Efficiency Department of the State Convention, held a meeting in Decatur, Saturday, November 18, to canvass the whole situation. The committee organized as follows: Chairman, Owen Scott, Decatur; secretary, R. M. Utterback, Mattoon; treasurer, Rev. N. J. Hilton, Lincoln; superintendent of Teacher Training, Rev. Martin S. Bryant, Champaign; President Geo. M. Potter, Alton; Rev. N. B. Henderson, Chicago; W. B. Morris, State Sunday School Director. The committee wishes to urge all of our Baptist Sunday Schools to make an offering of one cent per capita to the work of this committee in order that we may have funds with which to enlarge the work. The amount asked for is so small that it will not burden any school, and if our schools will respond promptly, we will be in a position to accomplish some things never before attempted.

The committee will hold its next meeting at the University church, in Champaign, Friday, December 29, at which time we hope to outline a general working policy.

There was not a very hearty response to the Enlistment Campaign during October, and the reports are

coming in very slowly. Several schools have made a good showing, however.

I spent one Sunday with Bethany church in Peoria, and conducted a decision day service. The results were quite satisfactory. Pastor Hodgson is doing good work, notwithstanding a shifting population. He is a great B. Y. P. U. booster in the Association.

One Sunday was spent in Normal where I spoke for Pastor Masterson at the morning service. Under his able leadership the church is expending about \$3000 in remodeling the building and providing better facilities for housing the Sunday school.

November 19th, I conducted a decision service in Lincoln. Sixteen professions resulted. It was a service of manifest spiritual power.

Sunday evening was spent with the East Park church, Decatur. Miss Winifred Morris addressed the Young People's meeting with a view to reorganizing the society. I preached at the evening service. Pastor Cozad is doing fine work in this growing field.

The Sunday School Committee in co-operation with the B. Y. P. U. Committee wishes to put on a one-day rally in each association for the special emphasis of these two important departments of our work.

## Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

**MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.**

**Elgin**

**Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor**  
**Morgan Park.**

**Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer**  
**2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston.**

*Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift. We are all ambassadors to publish the glad tidings. You and I.*

The annual state report should be in every circle president's hand by December 15th. *Read it! Use it!*

Remember "State Day" in January. Make it a real social event. Send out invitations cut from card board in the shape of Illinois. Have our Illinois missionaries in attendance. How can you do this? Ask different ladies to take a certain missionary, look up her life in "Oriental Gardens," or from "Ocean to Ocean" (to be purchased from the General Societies). Tell in two minutes something about her work last year. Be sure and have state president's letter read. Have Illinois Prayer Cycle for sale, use pennants—both of which can be purchased from Mrs. W. P. Topping, 706 Douglas Ave., Elgin. Do not forget the much needed state expense fund (one cent for each woman in the church over 16 years), and send to Mrs. H. W. Tate, 2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston, Ill.

Have you begun reading "Contest Books?" There will be suggestions on this page next month by Mrs. C. M. Church, general chairman.

A live and helpful suggestion is to get some one who can print or write nicely, to copy the "Standard of Excel-

lence," on a large card-board and hang in a conspicuous place in the church.

As any item is gained mark it with a star. We want all the circles to work for the "Standard." It is something to aim for and means proficiency.

The friends of Mrs. C. M. Church, the newly elected vice president of the state society, recently gave a reception in her honor and presented her with an armful of white chrysanthemums. It was a kindly thing to do. Acts of appreciation and flowers given to the living are of far more value than when our work is ended.

In these days we are all looking for bargains, and buying for the future. What do you think of this list? One dollar will feed and clothe an orphan for 25 days; the same amount will pay for its education 25 days, feed a poor widow for a month, send out a Bible woman for two weeks, when she may brighten fifty homes; provide fifty copies of the gospel in any language; support a bed in a hospital for two weeks. Five dollars will keep open a village school for a month.

Congratulations to the State Convention on the completion of the beautiful new University Church at Champaign. Would it not be a gracious thing for the Baptist women of the State to equip the kitchen with silver and dishes needed? Address Rev. M. S. Bryant, Champaign.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME  
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS**

**Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.**

**Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron**

Thanksgiving day was happily spent by the children in the Central Baptist Children's Home. Many friends were mindful of our needs and did largely in supplying them. Special mention should be made of the Manlius Baptist church which followed its usual custom and sent enough dressed chickens for the children's dinner.

The superintendent has been out of his office during the month soliciting money to meet the large expense incurred in remodeling the boys' toilet room and placing new boilers for the hot water plant. This is a big burden considering the fact that we are just through raising an extra fund for painting and remodeling the building. However our burden would soon diminish if the pastors in the territory of the Home would give the superintendent an opportunity of presenting the work to their people as did the pastors of the Kewanee and Toulon churches recently. Both churches responded splendidly and the Home has been greatly helped, as were those who responded.

The superintendent also visited a number of the children placed out in homes. He found them being well taken care of and comfortably placed.

The Christmas holidays are approaching and we trust that our friends will remember us. Not only by sending in food, etc., but also with cash, as the high cost of living strikes us hard.

**"MINISTERS IN BUSINESS"**

Many men leave the active ministry and enter into business for various reasons, usually good. Those who do so usually prefer to drop the use of the title "Rev.," to which however, they are still entitled as long as their ordination papers have not been cancelled. But occasionally a minister enters into some doubtful scheme of business and flaunts his ministerial title to aid him in gathering in the profits. This of course, is wrong. A man who uses his ministerial title to impose on the confidence of the public for purposes of personal gain is making a gain of godliness, and comes under the condemnation of Paul in his first letter to Timothy."

The following is a quotation from a letter received from Dr. J. Y. Aitchison of Boston in October. He is so well known in Illinois that we feel sure the readers of the Bulletin will be glad to read this:

"In view of the occurrences of recent months in Europe, the conviction is growing upon me that we must place chief emphasis upon the will of God for the extension of his Kingdom and with confidence and faith expect our churches, blessed as they are with undoubted resources of men and means, to rise to the needs of the hour.

"Canada, within a few weeks has sent 300,000 men to the front and spends a million dollars a day on the war and that without necessity being placed upon her. In the face of such facts I am sure you will agree with me that we must appeal to our constituents to make a much larger sacrifice of life and money for the extension of the Kingdom of Christ."

**EDITORIAL COMMENTS**

During the Boer war the British war office was obliged to reduce the standard height for men for the army because it could not get enough soldiers of the required stature. Investigation was made of ten families whose parents were both drinkers of alcoholic liquors, and of ten families the parents of which were both

total abstainers. In the drinkers' families out of fifty-seven children, only ten were normal; in the total abstainers' families of sixty-one children, fifty-four were normal. This is one reason why the nations at war are trying to enforce total abstinence. No community that legalizes the liquor traffic is giving a fair chance to the children, and it is discounting its own men of the future.—Watchman Examiner.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society is doing work among twenty-two foreign nationalities in this country, and during the quarter ending June 30th, 1916, there were employed 246 missionaries working among these foreigners. They occupied 395 stations and in these foreign mission fields there are 12,259 members, and during that three months there were 415 baptisms.

"The Religious Herald has this suggestive editorial paragraph on "Special Sundays":

"A faithful and observant member of one of our Baptist churches remarked the other day that if present conditions continued, it would be in order very soon to introduce one more 'day' to the list of 'days' observed' in the churches. The new day should be, according to our anxious friend, 'Gospel Day'. Mothers and fathers and children, and, better babies, and hospitals, and kindergartens, and commencements, etc., ad infinitum, are claiming a specially named day and sermon, and our friend suggests that at least one in the fifty-two Sundays be devoted to 'Gospel Day'. Of course the Gospel finds expression through many activities. But our friend of the pew raises the question as to how many Sunday sermons in the year should be devoted to the interest of some one enterprise, local or otherwise, which may be seeking advertisement and commendation in every available way."

"Recently a little girl, the daughter of a driver of an ice wagon, was killed by an automobile in a suburb of New York. In the settlement the father received \$150, just enough to bury his daughter decently. For conducting the funeral service, the priest of the Roman Catholic church charged \$15; for consecrating the ground in the cemetery in which the girl was buried, \$10; for six candles used about the casket (candles that cost perhaps ten cents,) \$6; for an after-funeral mass for the repose of the little girl's soul, said

to be in purgatory, \$10. In all, the priest who was supposed to be God's minister of comfort to this father and his family in the hour of their unspeakable sorrow, made the occasion one of graft to the amount of \$46. Let us be done with talking about graft in Tammany Hall!"

"At the "Baptist Congress," which held its annual meeting in Augusta, Ga., recently, the question of union between Baptists and others being under consideration, President Evans of the Crozer Seminary, is reported to have referred to the case of 'a young pastor who had in his congregation a man of exemplary purity, of influential position in the community, of great activity and efficiency in his church, who declined to be baptized (immersed), not regarding the form as essential. Was such a man to be denied fellowship in a Baptist church? Was the one point of immersion essential? Dr. Evans thought not. He could be a Baptist, without holding to immersion so strictly.'" And Dr. R. P. Johnson, of New York, said that "If Jesus Christ were alive today he would sweep out of existence our whole petty squabbles about baptism." They call it a Baptist Congress, still; but their view seems to have been that our whole Baptist history has been a contention for what Jesus Christ has not approved and does not approve. According to these men, Baptists have no reason for being such and are actually sinning against God in their adherence to the tenets for which the fathers have contended. We are reminded of the Quaker, who, hearing a man using very profane and vulgar language, said: "Go on, friend, and get all that bad stuff out of thee." It is to be hoped that Drs. Evans and Johnson, not to say others, feel better now that they have got that bad stuff out of them. It was not a Baptist congress."

"During the course of a recent address Dr. John R. Mott read a number of letters from soldiers in the trenches, of which the following are examples:

"I received the book in the trenches. I sacrificed my last candle. When the morning dawned, I was alone with the Book. I had read nine hours."

"The trenches have become real closets of prayer, which are a blessing to all of us. We are resting in God's hands when the bullets are hissing about us. God is a marvel to turn these trenches into places of prayer."

"I know there is a false, self-assuring hope that holds us until the hour comes when we must look death straight in the face. Then there is the giving away of false props and the Bible becomes the most precious thing on earth."

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## State Convention Finances

It is very unwise to allow our finances to drift along until the closing quarter of the year. The Board of the Convention appropriated a larger sum this year than for several years. The demands were pressing and we felt that we must ask our people for greater things for the State Convention. Our state has made very encouraging progress in its increase in the support of all the national societies during the past few years. But the carelessness of our churches in giving for the regular work of the State Convention is to be regretted. With the newer organization of the denominational work within recent years, the Convention must get behind all denominational work in the state and boost it. The Convention finances should be the first phase of mission work to be considered by the churches, and yet in Illinois it seems to be the last by many churches. When we consider the great demands made upon the State Convention in Illinois, and the high esteem in which the Convention seems to be held by almost all our people, and then remember \$3,000 or \$4,000 more is given for Women's Home Missions by the churches than for the State Convention, and about \$5,000 more for Home Missions, \$7,000 more for Women's

Foreign Missions and about \$18,000 more for Foreign Missions, than for the State Convention Missionary work, we must conclude that it is time for the churches and pastors to inquire what is the cause of this lack of interest.

We do not suggest that one cent less be given to these other interests, but we do claim that our people are not proportionate when they make the State Convention the last object of their beneficence. Most of our people accumulated their money in Illinois; many others are now engaged in business or are on salaries or earning wages in Illinois. Is it fair that Illinois shall be the last object of consideration when it comes to financial interests? In almost every other state the Convention is the first and foremost object to be considered; and while our people are doing about three times as much for our regular Convention as they did fifteen years ago, yet they have not kept the Convention in the front ranks, where it ought to be. The only sure foundation upon which our Home and Foreign and Women's Missionary work, and Philanthropic and Educational work can have sure and lasting support in the state is to have a strong State Convention back of them. They

may have temporary success without that, but they cannot have permanently large support with a weak and poorly supported State Convention.

The Illinois Convention, by careful management of its Executive Board, has been able to be a strong force in Illinois, and to carry on a large work in spite of its small income. Its employees have done a larger work upon smaller salaries than those of any other large rich state, but this cannot continue indefinitely. We must have more money. This can be brought about in three ways:

1. Let all the churches make a strong effort to raise the full apportionment. This would increase our income \$6,000 annually.

2. Let people of means, or those with a fair income, devote something, from \$5 to \$1000, or more, as a special offering to the work of the Convention.

3. Let those who have some money but need the income of it for their support while they live, make a contribution as an annuity and receive a high rate of interest on it while they live, and when they pass away the interest, or the principle, as they may direct, will go into State Mission work.

Can we not depend upon the people of Illinois to be loyal to the work in their own state? Many churches are ready to give up, that could be saved with a little assistance; in other places successful missions could be started if we had the means to support them.

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The editor spent December 3rd, with the Canton church. Pastor McGill came from Kansas and took charge of that work one year ago. During the year there has been very decided progress along all lines of work. The

meeting house has been well repaired and the interior beautifully frescoed. The young peoples' work has been making decided advancement, there being 89 present on Sunday night. This has been rather a conservative church with reference to taking up the every-member-canvass and duplex envelope plan for collections, but they have at last very heartily and cheerfully decided to undertake the work. We had a meeting on Sunday afternoon of those who are especially interested in taking up the every-member-canvass; more than thirty members came out, perhaps two-thirds of them men, and seemed willing to take up the work cheerfully, and decided on December 10th as the day for the every-member-canvass. Brother McGill seems to be well pleased with the field and the people speak well of their pastor.

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On December 5th the Educational Department of the State Convention, of which Rev. S. J. Skevington is the chairman, met in Chicago. All of the members of the department were present except one. After studying carefully the work of the department, they laid out plans for some aggressive means for missionary interests in Illinois, and doing missionary work, and planned for a vigorous meeting at the semi-annual meeting of the State Convention Board which will be held at the State University church, Champaign.

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"The Baptist Temple of Brooklyn, N. Y. has added \$500 a year to the salary of its efficient and popular pastor, Dr. George Caleb Moor. This noble church never enjoyed greater prosperity and its membership is harmonious and enthusiastic."

Dr. Geo. C. Moor was formerly pastor of the Champaign church in Illinois.



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**A**T THE meeting of the Executive Committee in December it was voted to increase the price of the Bulletin five cents per copy.

**A**S WE stated in the December issue, the price of paper has gone up so high that it is costing us \$250 more to print the Bulletin this year than last year.

**T**HE price of the Bulletin is now twenty-five cents per single copy; twenty cents in clubs of ten and less than twenty, and fifteen cents in clubs of twenty and more.

**O**UR December issue was the largest we have ever published. We issued just 6,000 copies and they are nearly all gone.

**W**E HOPE this small increase will not cause any falling off in the list of subscribers. We have increased it just enough to pay the increase in the cost of the paper.

**T**HE Illinois Baptist Annual is now nearly ready to distribute. We had hoped to get it out in December, but it was impossible to get the minutes of some of our best associations until after the first of January, and it takes quite a while to complete it and get the work run off after all the matter is in.

**I**T WILL add very much to the progress of our evangelistic work if those who desire meetings and are looking for evangelists or helpers would communicate with the Superintendent at once. Even if meetings are not planned to be held for three months, he ought to have the names of the places where meetings are desired.

**T**HE high cost of living, or indifference to the work, or something else, is having a very unfavorable effect upon our missionary finances. Our Board undertook larger things this year than formerly, but from all parts of the state the offerings to the State Convention have fallen off considerably the past quarter. They were not up to what they were one year ago. We wish to urge the pastors and churches to make some special effort to bring up the State Convention offering during the present quarter.

**Q**UITE a good many people and some of the preachers send in the lowest amount possible for the Bulletin. Hereafter when anyone sends ten cents for a single subscription, we shall put it down for two-fifths of a year; if he sends fifteen cents that will pay for three-fifths of a year. If a club is sent in with not enough money we will send the paper for what time it is paid for and stop it.

**I**T IS marvelous how the Bulletin mailing list increases when we remember that no individual and no club is carried for a month after the time expires. Everyone is notified that his time is up by a blue cross on his paper, and every pastor, or clerk where there is no pastor, is sent a list of the names after the club has expired.

**DEATHS**

Mr. Arthur B. Scrogin of Wallis, Texas, died Tuesday, January 2nd, and was buried at Lexington, Illinois, Saturday, January 6th, the editor of the Bulletin attending the funeral. Brother Scrogin had spent most of his life in or near Lexington. About six years ago he removed to Texas. For about twelve years of his life he was a member of the State Convention Board and was one of the most faithful men we have ever had on the Board. He was active the day before his death, and passed away suddenly.

**STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES**

Rev. D. C. Blunt seems to be doing good work at our Wood River Mission. He is giving them half time. They have secured a lot and erected a good tabernacle for temporary work until a new meeting house can be secured.

At Chicago Heights, where Rev. Henry Duff has been pastor for three years, the Sunday school enrollment is now 182, and the work seem to be on the up grade.

Rev. J. Livingston Duff, held a two weeks' meeting in November at Keller-ville. Two made a profession of faith and one was received for baptism. The influence of the meeting was good and lasting.

At Mt. Sterling the B. Y. P. U. is doing fine, and a junior B. Y. P. U. was started October 1st with seven members and has steadily increased until it now has twenty-five. This work is in charge of Mrs. Duff, the pastor's wife.

Rev. N. T. Hafer held a meeting of three weeks at Graymont in December. Many things worked against the meet-

ing, but the interest was good. He began a meeting at Cooks Mills in the Bloomfield Association January 3rd. This is a country church with 282 members, but is pastorless, and very weak at the present time. We hope that they will rally to the work of Brother Hafer and be able to locate a pastor soon.

Rev. L. B. Trites assisted the pastor, Rev. I. C. Lough in meetings at Pierson. Brother Trites and his family conducted the singing and the pastor did the preaching. The interest in the meetings was good. Mr. Trites went from Pierson to Horace and began a meeting there January 1st.

Evangelist Francis L. Church, who is employed by the State Convention and Home Mission Society for evangelistic work in Illinois, has located in Berwyn, where he will make his home. His first meeting was at Brimfield, one of the most difficult fields in the state, and was very successful. They made a special appeal for him for a longer time and he went back for a third week of the meeting. He then assisted his home church in Berwyn for a week or ten days, and began meetings at Plymouth, in the Salem Association, on January 9th.

Rev. V. Colbert, our missionary in the Alton Association, has been doing aggressive work during the past two months. He held a meeting at New Douglas, resulting in twelve additions, eleven by baptism, all adults. He re-organized the B. Y. P. U.. They raised \$18.00 for the Hudelson Orphanage. He later held a meeting at Alhambra.

Rev. L. Cruthers has supplied our mission church in Marseilles for three months. The Sunday school has greatly improved, and the interest seems to be growing steadily.

## CHURCHES

Rev. N. J. Hilton held a two weeks' special meeting with his church at Lincoln. About twenty-five made professions of faith, most of them from the Sunday school. He has baptized eleven and others will come soon. At the business meeting on December 13th, the church voted to increase the pastor's salary \$200.

Rev. A. E. Booth, D. D., pastor at Harrisburg, reports good work from that church. They have just completed a new addition to the church and the Sunday school averages about 1100. They will begin special meetings the second Sunday in February.

A layman of the Calvary Baptist church in South Danville, writes of the splendid work that Rev. Chas. Rork, the pastor, is doing on that field. He says, "When Brother Rork took that church the interest was at a low ebb. The pastor held special meetings in April, doing his own preaching, which resulted in sixty-five professions of faith. Sixteen united with the church and several others are awaiting baptism. The church has bought a new piano, decorated the interior and made the necessary repairs."

The Canton church made an every-member-canvass, securing \$3100 for current expenses, with other parties to be heard from. At the same time a canvass was made for missions, which did not come up to the standard that the pastor had hoped for, but it is encouraging that the church is started in the right direction.

Rev. L. D. Lamkin, D.D., offered his resignation to the First Baptist church of Cairo in order to re-enter the evangelistic work, but according to the local papers of that city, "the church

rose up in one great unanimous protest" and so Dr. Lamkin re-considered his resignation and decided to remain on the field. He is planning for an evangelistic meeting, and after that closes he will assist the pastor at Murphysboro in special meetings.

Rev. C. H. Wells, pastor of the St. Mary's church, recently closed a two weeks' meeting with that church, resulting in twenty-two additions, seventeen of them by baptism.

Rev. Fred Comber recently closed a meeting at Boskeydell in Southern Illinois, with thirty-two professions of faith, twenty-six additions to the church, twenty-two of them by baptism. He also raised a salary for a pastor and the church will have half time work in the future instead of one-fourth time. Brother Comber is now spending three months in special work in Texas.

The Lena church, which is pastorless, has decided not to attempt supply work during the winter, but is holding its Sunday school and B.Y.P.U. and an occasional morning prayer service in the back room of the church. We hope in the early spring we can get the work started up again at Lena.

We are glad to know that the two churches at Maywood have reunited, and we will again have one church on that field. This is a very happy solution of the troubles at Maywood.

The Pontiac church so appreciates the work of its pastor, Rev. Edward Benden, that they recently increased his salary \$300. This church has more than 200 subscribers to the Illinois Baptist Bulletin, the largest club of any church in the state. The church is also doing fine work along missionary lines.

Rev. Ernest Cox, pastor at Gilman, received one member for baptism and two by letter on December 10th.

The Colored Baptist church at Lincoln, recently held a meeting resulting in ten baptisms.

The First Baptist church of Decatur was very successful in its every-member-canvass. Eighty-three persons took part in making the canvass. The church has increased its pastor's salary.

Rev. G. W. Stoddard has been pastor of the Dixon church for sixteen months. The Sunday school is good and has now increased to nearly 100; congregations are encouraging, and an organization of Boy Scouts has been formed.

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#### THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

We hear a good deal said from various sources concerning the Rockefeller Foundation, but many readers of the Bulletin do not know exactly what it is and what it does. The Rockefeller Foundation consists of a large sum of money placed in the hands of trustees and incorporated in the state of New York. Its purpose is to do any kind of charitable work that is, in a large measure, for the benefit of humanity. On the first of January 1915, its financial budget amounted to \$100,073,000 of which \$100,025,000 represents gifts from Mr. John D. Rockefeller, and \$48,000 gifts from Mrs. Rockefeller. Since that time Mr. Rockefeller has given \$12,000 to the foundation for the benefit of the Baptist Home for the Aged of New York City, and the will of Mrs. Rockefeller turned \$340,873 into the institution, making the full amount at the time of the last report, \$100,425,873. The expenditures

of the foundation the past year are as follows:

Administration and equipment	
of library .....	\$ 96,800
International Health Board..	441,300
China Medical Board .....	157,600
War relief .....	582,300
Investigation of Industrial Relations .....	19,500
Scientific Study of Government Problems .....	50,000
Gifts and pledges to unaffiliated agencies for objects designated by the Foundation .....	1,173,200
Gifts for objects designated by the Foundation in accordance with his letter of gift of March 6, 1914 .....	1,341,500
Total donations .....	\$3,862,400

One of the great works of this Foundation, as the report shows, is an effort to cure millions of people in the Southern states and in Mexico and Central and South America, the West Indies and the Turkish Empire and other places of the hook-worm. The Christian world may not agree in its approval or disapproval of the way in which Mr. Rockefeller accumulated his hundreds of millions, but all good people must be pleased with the way in which he is using it.

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#### DEDICATION OF THE MANLIUS PARSONAGE

About eighteen years ago, Rev. N. T. Hafer, then pastor at Walnut, purchased a pair of wild western ponies and broke them in driving sixteen miles to Manlius and preaching to a little mission, making a thirty-two mile drive Sunday afternoon. After a few

years they were organized into a church and had supply preaching for a time, but soon called a pastor. A few years ago they remodeled their little meeting house and made a good large church and basement. They acquired a little house two miles from the church which was used as a parsonage. Rev. C. W. Wolfe, now of Glasford and LaMarsh, served the church three years. One year ago, they located Rev. A. R. Clemens, a graduate of Shurtleff College and of Rochester Seminary.

During the last year they bought a half acre of ground adjoining the church lot for a preacher's garden, and a nice little field adjoining the other end of the church lot for a cow pasture and chicken yard for the pastor, and they erected a parsonage which was dedicated in connection with an all-day meeting January 4th. The house has eight rooms, a splendid basement, good attic, large closets in all the rooms, good bath room, etc. It is the best Baptist parsonage in the open country in the state of Illinois.

The speakers at the dedication services were Rev. J. H. Pierce of Princeton, Pastor Clemens of Manlius, Evangelist Dunk of Princeton, Mrs. Mrs. Hafer of Princeton, Mrs. Wolfe of Glasford, Rev. G. W. Stoddard of Dixon and Supt. E. P. Brand of Normal. The people served a splendid supper in the basement and although the weather was disagreeable there was a good attendance of people. They will soon move a large old country church building onto their lots and use it for social center work. What the Manlius church is doing could be done by scores of Baptist country churches in Illinois if they were willing to put time and money into it.

#### UNION OF CHURCHES

The Quincy papers announce that the Vermont Street Baptist church and the First Baptist church of that city, completed the union at which they have been working for more than two years, on Tuesday evening, January 2. Some six or eight months ago five members were dismissed from each church and they organized a new church, named the Central Baptist church. On January 2 about 1000 members from the two churches united with this Central church. The two old churches will drop their former names and those places of worship will be known as the Fourth Street church and the Seventh Street church. Officers for the new church, a moderator and clerk and five trustees and fourteen deacons were harmoniously elected. Dr. O. W. Shank of Portland, Oregon, was elected pastor of the church for one year. He will not accept the permanent pastorate unless it is unanimous after one year's work. For the present, morning services will be held in the Seventh Street church and night services at the Fourth Street church and Sunday school at both places. It will be the aim of the Central church to secure a new location and build a fine, modern meeting house.

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Dr. E. T. Tomlinson of New York, writes, "As doubtless you are aware, the Baptist Ministers' Aid Society, beginning January 1, 1917, is to merge its work in that of the Benefit Board. The trustees of the Aid Society will continue to look after the Home at Fenton, but all grants to beneficiaries will be made by our Board, which takes over all apportionments and makes all grants."

### A NEW CHURCH DEDICATED

About fifteen years ago there was a great fire in the town of Rantoul, in which much of the business section was destroyed and the Baptist church burned down. The little company of Baptists undertook the work of rebuilding and erected a good meeting house, and on March 19th, the past year, that meeting house took fire and was destroyed, and only a few chairs saved. The church took hold of the work again and erected a splendid meeting house, a picture of which is given in this issue of the Bulletin. It

is a beautiful structure and up-to-date in every way, and was dedicated December 17th. A local paper has the following statement: "The Baptist congregation in Rantoul is not large, but it is mighty, and is headed by a pastor, Rev. E. C. Poole, that every member is loyal to; for every good he sets out to do he always accomplishes." The general contract of the building called for an expenditure of \$14,000. All the churches of Rantoul dismissed for the dedication. The pastor preached the sermons both morning and evening.



**New Baptist Meeting House, Rantoul**

### ORDINATION

A council was called by the First Baptist church of Collinsville, which met December 6th, to consider the propriety of ordaining to the gospel ministry their pastor, Rev. Percy Gordan Spangler. He had been pastor of the church for two years. Six churches were represented. The council was organized by electing Rev. M. W. Twing, D.D., of Alton, as Moderator, and

Rev. Jesse Hyde of Belleville as clerk. The council voted to recommend his ordination and the exercises were carried out in the evening. Dr. Twing of Alton preached the sermon. Rev. F. W. Stewart of Upper Alton offered the prayer and Rev. S. D. McKenny of Alton gave the charge to the church. Welcome to the Baptist ministry and charge to the candidate were given by Rev. Jesse Hyde of Belleville.

## A CORRECTION

Last month we reported the name of the new pastor at Freeport as Frank M. Barry. His name is Ralph M. Barry. A layman from that church writes very encouragingly of Brother Barry's work and it is thought he will be quite successful on that field. The membership seems to be falling in line with the work. There is great opportunity for a strong work at Freeport and we hope to hear good reports from that field.

## MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING DECEMBER

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time: Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (\*) star.

Aurora, First church .....	\$75.00
Austermell, L. T., Berwyn, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	10.00
Bulletin Subscriptions .....	66.65
Chicago, Englewood church .....	10.00
Chicago, Logan Square Norwegian Church .....	4.09
Chicago, Ravenswood Church .....	10.00
*Chicago, Roseland Church .....	20.00
Cross, Mrs. A. G., Carbondale, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	15.00
Collected in Evangelistic Work.....	532.27
*Deer Park Church .....	39.89
*Harvey Church .....	10.00
Jacksonville, First Church .....	10.00
Jones, F. L., Special Evangelistic Fd. ....	10.00
Kankakee, First Church .....	29.50
Lexington Church .....	11.30
Litchfield Church .....	5.00
Meng, Dr. W. L. Belleville, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
Monmouth Church .....	14.75
Morgan Park Church .....	39.89
Mt. Vernon Church .....	60.00
Northern Baptist Convention .....	75.00
Oak Park, First church .....	41.64
Publication Society, for advertising in the Bulletin .....	4.00
Rent of Westville, Oklahoma prop'ty .....	8.50
Smith, Rev. J. W., Nokomis .....	1.00
Smith, Elmer G., Murphysboro Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
Stitt, F. B., ElPaso, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
South Chicago Church .....	5.00
Thomas, Rosella, Moweaqua, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	15.00
Tonica Parsonage Rent .....	20.00
University Church Fund .....	1936.00
Widdowson, J. M., Carrollton, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3099.48</b>

## PASTORAL CHANGES

The Clayton church, which has been pastorless for more than a year, has recently located Rev. F. L. Enslow of Elvaston. Brother Enslow had made his home in Elvaston and was well known there. About a year ago he came from the Presbyterians to the Baptists. Clayton will be his first pastorate among us.

Rev. F. J. Gilroy, who began his ministerial life at Villa Grove about two years ago, has closed his work there and accepted a call to the York church, near Thomson, in the Northwestern part of the state.

Rev. H. W. Read, Ph.D., has offered his resignation as pastor of the First Baptist church at Rock Island to take effect next spring at the close of fifteen years of work on that field. Dr. Read has done a good work at Rock Island and in that association, and has developed the missionary spirit of his church very encouragingly. Dr. Read is young enough for another good ten years' work. We hope that some pastorless church will communicate with him. We are not sure as to what his plans are.

Rev. A. P. Renn, who has been a very successful pastor in Arcola for three years, has offered his resignation to enter the evangelistic work. He will hold his first meeting in Frankfort, Indiana, beginning January 2nd. The church at Arcola has a splendid modern meeting house, and is out of debt. During the three years that Brother Renn was there the church increased more than 400 per cent in missions and the B. Y. P. U. made the highest standard of any young people's organization in the country.

Rev. A. Carnell, who closed his work at the Bethel church near Port Byron

last fall, has accepted a call to Bloomingdale, Mich. We regret to have Brother Carnell leave the state, but hope that he will have good success on his Michigan field.

Rev. John H. Martin of Ridgewood church, Joliet, has accepted a call and located with the First Baptist church of Greenville, in the Alton Association.

Rev. Mr. Waldo of Lincoln, Nebraska, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Macomb church.

Rev. J. D. Crumley of Normal has accepted a call to the Plainfield church to become its pastor. He begins supplying the church at once, but will not remove to the field until spring. Brother Crumley will make a good man for that field. Mrs. Crumley is very active in the women's work and has been officially connected with the women's mission work of the Bloomington Association for the past eight years.

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Conrad Grebel, the Swiss scholar, who raised his voice against the practise of infant baptism in the face of martyrdom, wrote Zwingli a letter which was published last year. In it he says: "Infant baptism is bad, false, and came from anti-Christ, the Pope and his adherents. It was not taught by Christ nor practised by the Apostles. Baptism is meant for those who better themselves, accept a new life, die to vice, are buried with Christ and rise with him out of the baptism in newness of life. This is no small thing. It is one of the only two ceremonies left us by Christ, and it should not be used except as Christ has commanded. Infant baptism is against God, an insult to Christ, and a trampling under foot of his one true, eternal word. The Word of God is eternal, and no one can overcome it. An angel from heaven cannot change it. Leave it alone and let truth be truth. No one on earth can show that Christ commanded the baptism of infants."—Watchman Examiner.

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"At his own request the Second Church of Chicago has granted Pastor John Marvin Dean a mid-winter vacation of one month with an additional two months' leave of absence. This will take effect Jan. 1. Rev.

Percy W. Stephens, formerly Pastor Dean's associate, will act as pastor in the interim.

In requesting this action, Pastor Dean said: "I have been trying to hold the fort until the Sunday meetings, but now am sorrowfully compelled to surrender the attempt and seek to build up shattered nerves. During this absence from my people I shall make it my first duty to keep out in the open and I shall lay aside my beloved books. The trustees both of the church and the Northern Baptist Seminary are generously securing splendid substitutes for me and my mind will be at rest."

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"The governor of Connecticut, Hon. Marcus J. Holcomb, is a member of the Baptist church at Plainville. He has been superintendent of the Sunday school for many years. During all his political life he has been an active church worker. The lieutenant governor of the state, Hon. Clifford B. Wilson, is also a Baptist, a member of the First Church, Bridgeport, and an ex-Sunday school superintendent. He enjoys the unique distinction of being mayor of Bridgeport as well as lieutenant-governor. These two Baptists are giving the state a splendid administration and are both promoters of advanced social legislation."

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What are the Christian people of America going to do with their money? For two and a half years, all the great nations of the world except the United States have been engaged in trying to destroy each other. This war is not like other former wars when a nation would keep a few scores of thousands of men in the field, but now they are keeping the entire population of men able for service either in the army or in the manufacturing of war material; and very many of the women are engaged in the physical labor of aiding in the work. Each great nation musters her armies by the millions and the expense is running into many billions for each nation, besides perhaps 3,000,000 or 4,000,000 of men who have been killed. But while this has been taking place in fifteen or sixteen nations, our nation has been reaping



such a great harvest that it has suddenly become the financial center of the world. The money in this country has become enormous, our tradesmen have, in a large measure, taken the markets of the world and it will not be easy for the warring nations to win back these markets when peace comes. If we shall be so fortunate as to keep out of this world war, we will be the only great nation not largely crushed with debt, and the only one with her manhood not slaughtered. Can our people not, as Christians, get a new vision as to our duty to the world, to the pagan world and also to the suffering nations now at war? Could our people not well give up the idea of piling up fortunes for a few years and put all our income into the great work of saving the world through the gospel? Why should our people go on indefinitely piling up the money year after year when there is such an opportunity to invest it in such a way that it would bring in paying returns in Eternity to come? Jesus said to His disciples, "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." Jesus meant *something* by that. What did he mean? What does it mean to lay up treasures in heaven? Why lay up treasures that will add to our capital here for a few years and then be compelled to leave it and go naked into eternity?

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Rev. F. R. Johnson, who closed his work as pastor at Waverly last summer, has accepted a call to the church at Chenoa. Brother Johnson began his work at Chenoa when he entered the pastorate several years ago, and was quite successful there. He went from there to Griggsville, and from Griggsville to Waverly, and now settles again at Chenoa.

### JAPAN JOTTINGS

Why is Japan demanding our attention?

First: Japan is a strategic point. It is the key nation of the Orient. In art, esprit de corps, political, educational and social progress it leads the East. Where it leads, China and India will follow.

Second: Japan wants Christianity. The people are seriously seeking moral and spiritual power and the leading men acknowledge that Christianity is the only means to that end.

Third: Japan needs Christianity. Discriminating visitors to the land of cherry blossoms say that the beauty of the country is deceiving and in no way indicative of the real moral condition. The outside is attractive; the core is rotten.

Fourth: The time is propitious. Now Japan looks to us for ideas and ideals; in less than fifty years she will be depending on herself and will care little about foreign influence.

Fifth: Japan's condition is a world concern. "Japan armed as she is, clever as she is, strong as she is, will be a veritable demon without Christianity."

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A significant statement was made some time ago by a Japanese railway contractor. He said, "I have charge of thousands of men. I do everything in my power to awaken their sense of honor; but the only ones I can trust without watching are those who have accepted the Jesus teaching."

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**Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.  
Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron**

Now that the holidays are over and we are down to normal living again, we are enabled to review the past weeks and we find that many good and precious things have come into our Home and life. Though the gifts this year, money, eatables, etc., have not been equal to those received in former years, yet the quality was good and the favors came from a larger territory than ever before.

As usual a number of our children were taken out and given a good time by friends of the institution who have learned that the way to real enjoyment is through making others happy by sharing with them.

At the December meeting of the Board a building committee was appointed to get out plans and specifications for a new cottage, hospital and receiving home, a much needed building for the protection and benefit of our large family. A number of friends of child saving have come forward with substantial financial offers toward the building. However many more must come to assure the building we need without debt.

We greatly need the strengthening of the general support of the Home. Many churches have forgotten the Home during the entire year 1916. Many sustaining pledges are long past due. Prompt and constant response from our friends is an essential and desirable element in the up-keep of the work.

**HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE  
IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS**

**Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.**

Our children greatly enjoyed their Christmas. The Christmas shopping trip to Centralia was of special interest. It gave them a breath from the outside world, and the joy of buying things for others. Only the older boys and girls were taken on the trip, and to each one had been given one or two dollars to spend just as they pleased. Most of them had spent their money for useful articles, one of which the superintendent wears on his collar, and another is to safeguard the condition of his nose. However, a number of the boys could not forego the pleasure of buying some jewelry, and some of the little girls were flashing some ten cent rings soon after Christmas.

The \$5,000 improvement fund movement is quietly getting under way. The last Sunday in December was made Hudelson Baptist Orphanage day in Dr. Boynton's church, the Woodlawn Baptist church, Chicago. The superintendent of the orphanage was permitted to present the matter at both services that day, and the cordial response both from the church and the Sunday school gives promise of amounting to at least \$500. This very encouraging result would not have been possible had it not been for the fact that Dr. Boynton gave his hearty support and paved the way in his sermon.

This is the church of which the superintendent is a member. The proposed improvement means painted buildings, storage room for fuel, small gymnasiums or play room:

## Sunday School Work in Illinois



Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.



Director, W. B. MORRIS,  
117 North Monroe St., Decatur.

An institute for Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. workers was held in Fairbury December 1st and 2nd. There was a good representation from churches of the Bloomington Association. Fifteen certificates were granted to those who took notes on ten lectures. The Fairbury people entertained the delegates in a most hospitable manner. Much credit is due Pastors Hines and Lyle for the success of the meeting.

I spent two weeks in Chicago and visited eleven churches, and held conferences on graded lessons with the workers. As an indication of the popularity of our Keystone Graded Lessons, it is interesting to note that after only eight years since their first publication, they have been adopted by forty per cent of our Baptist schools. The demand has grown larger each year.

One Sunday I spent at Osceola with Pastor Allen and his people. This is certainly a strong rural church and is doing aggressive work. I have promised to hold two weeks of meetings with them in January.

One Sunday was spent in Aurora. In the morning I attended the combined service in the Marion Avenue church. It was a most interesting occasion and demonstrated the possibility of holding such a service without sacrificing the efficiency of the teach-

ing phase of the work. Pastor Miller and his wife are doing a splendid work. In the afternoon we held a workers conference to discuss the desirability of holding an institute next March under the direction of the American Baptist Publication Society. The meeting was held in the First church. After free discussion it was unanimously decided to hold the institute. A committee of all the local pastors and superintendents was appointed, with Rev. R. H. Claxon, chairman, and Rev. H. C. Miller secretary.

An effort will be made to secure a large attendance from churches in the association as well as those in Aurora. In the evening I preached in Claim St. church.

The State Sunday School Committee is urging all of our Baptist schools to adopt the Baptist Standard of Efficiency and qualify as 100 per cent schools to be reported to the Northern Baptist Convention.

We will also, in the near future, send out a letter to presidents of young people's societies. I want to say to all those who have not entered the work campaign, that we wish your society to adopt the Standard of Excellence and qualify as a standard society, and receive a pennant.

## Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor  
Morgan Park.

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer  
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston.

"Another year is but another call of God." May this "call" come to each Baptist woman in our state. May fellowship and service make you the true friend to all, and may joy and peace abide with you and yours.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. P. Topping.

*To the Reading Contest Chairmen,  
Greetings:*

I hope that ere the new year dawned each Woman's Missionary Circle in the state had a Reading Contest Chairman, and to you I am sending a few suggestions, hoping they will help you.

Ascertain and report to your Associational President *at once*, if you have not already done so, the number of resident women and girls over sixteen years old, on your church roll. This is the *basis of proportion*.

Ask each woman who owns a Missionary Book to loan it to you—persuade as many as you can to purchase one of the new ones and form a *circulating library*.

When a book has been read ask that reader to report and return the book *at once*, that they may be in constant use.

Make it popular for the ladies to give afternoon teas, or thimble parties of ten or more, and have one of the shorter books read, thereby adding ten names at once.

Try this at one or more of your regular missionary meetings for variety.

"Around the World with Jack and Janet," or "Children of the Light-house," interspersed with music, would make a pleasant evening for any Sunday school class.

Try to get every woman in your church to read, at least *one* book.

If you have not a copy of "List of Publications" of each Society, please write me and I will send you one.

I wish you all a happy, busy New Year 1917.

Mrs. C. M. Church,

State Chairman Reading Contest.

We all rejoice and extend congratulations to our state president, Mrs. W. P. Topping, and Mr. Topping, that on December 23rd, they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Friends from Chicago and other places united with the Elgin people in doing them honor on that day and extending many good wishes for the coming years. May they celebrate their fiftieth anniversary.

Christmas was not a happy day for all our workers, as Mrs. L. S. Shumaker of the Bloomfield Association missed her father from the Christmas gathering. He had lived to be 83 years old but a few weeks before his long and useful life on earth had closed.

The month of January is looked forward to by the State Board as one when they hope their financial resources will be increased. Observe State Day in your circle and do not forget the State Offering.

## Baptist Young People's Union of Illinois

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### NOTES FOR THE BULLETIN

Greetings: Are you in the Standard Campaign? If not, what is your excuse for living? A larger number of unions have entered the campaign this year than ever before, that shows progress, and that is just what Illinois stands for. We must be Progressive Christians and Progressive Baptists. The past year was the greatest year in the history or work of the young people of our State from every standpoint. The coming year must be greater. Are you doing your part to make it so? Our big Five-Year-Program as Baptists demands that every unit of our organization shall be thoroughly efficient, in its respective position. The B. Y. P. U. is one of the important units in our church work.

Young people, therefore, should make every effort toward making their "unit" the most efficient possible. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link, and the B. Y. P. U. link in our chain must not be the weak one. The State Union is desirous of being helpful to every Association and every local during the year. We are very thankful for the use of this page in our Bulletin. We hope to make it a page that you will not only read, but tell your friends

about. Next month a full list of Committee Chairmen will be published, and each one will be glad to help you with your difficulties, in their particular line. In the meantime if you desire assistance, write to the general secretary, Miss Allie G. Davis, Mattoon, who will direct you to the proper person. If the editor can help you write to him.

Now let me ask you to get the "Bulletin Habit." What is that? That's the habit of reading all the Bulletin, its just about the best news on our State work that comes along, and we hope to make it the best on B. Y. P. U. also.

First let us all get a good perspective of our object for the year. Then plan the best way to attain that object. We all earnestly desire that our B.Y.P.U. shall be at its best.

That the State will have more Standard Unions than ever before. That the next Summer Assembly will be the largest and best, that the Detroit Convention will have more Oskawawas than ever, and that you will get up a good big Bulletin Club in your church. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

John Ruthven.

"The Rocky Mountain Association, one of the seven Baptist associations in the State of Colorado, met with the church at Loveland during the month of September. The 40 churches of the Association reported 1,200 accessions, making a net increase of 17 per cent in membership. An interesting feature of the gathering was the announcement made by Dr. F. B. Palmer, Superintendent of State Missions, that he had received a personal pledge of \$1,000 a year for five years for State mission work along the line of evangelism, and the development of new fields, on condition that they secure a like amount, dollar for dollar, thereby making available the sum of \$2,000 a year over and above the apportionment. Dr. Palmer feels that this is the greatest help to the mission work of that State of anything occurring within the last ten years, and is confident that the pledges necessary to the realization of this goal will be forthcoming."

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST

A church at Hati, West Africa, is reported as having 2,297 members. The church was organized twelve years ago. Each member must agree (1) to give up his fetish; (2) pay his debts; (3) give up polygamy. Native workers in the church led 500 people to confess Christ last year. The church supports 107 evangelists and Bible Readers.

The average missionary gift per capita of the Moravian Church is seventeen dollars a year, yet this church is composed of poor people.

The women in Protestant churches of North America contributed over three million dollars last year for foreign missions.

In Korea a union hymnal was issued some time ago, and the first edition of 24,000 copies sold within the first few weeks.

An Indian woman, Miss Lydia B. Conley, of Kansas City, Mo., has been admitted to practise before the United States Supreme Court. As far as officials know, she is the only Indian woman ever admitted to the bar of the highest court of the country. She is a member of the Wyandotte tribe, which inhabited the Missouri River valley in the vicinity of Kansas City, and after whom a neighboring county in Kansas is named.—Missions.

"Those who think there are no scholars in Latin-America may be surprised to learn that Ernesto Quesada, the Argentine Sociologist, possessed a private library of 25,000 volumes, and that his own published books fill a five-foot bookcase. Estanilas Zeballos requires nine feet of shelf room and his unpublished manuscripts would fill four feet more, while his library contains 28,000 volumes."

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## AT WORK AGAIN



The last thing the Editor did in January was to revise the Bulletin for that month, and the next day he went to bed and it is now going on six weeks and he has not been out of the house but two or three times, although he has been doing partial office work all the time except two weeks. He had a very severe attack of lagrippe, combined with a mild attack of pneumonia. Within a few days after getting up from this double attack he had an attack of pleurisy, which kept him in the house and sometimes in bed for two weeks longer. When I was taken sick the Illinois State Annual was just being completed, but it had to be delayed several weeks. It is complete now and has been distributed. I wish to call attention to the fact that I could not do any of the final proof reading nor any revising of the Annual immediately before it was printed. All this had to be done by my secretary with other help. It is rather remarkable how few errors there are considering these things. However, I wish to call attention to two or three. The Dixon and Rock River associations have united and will meet together this year. The minutes of neither association had the time nor place of meeting. I secured the time,

but in some way failed to get in the place of meeting. This has been written into each annual that has been sent into those associations. The place of meeting will be the State Street church of Rockford, and the time June 5th and 6th, with a preliminary meeting on Monday night, June 4th.

Also two sets of committees were misplaced. The committee on Affiliated Societies of the Northern Baptist Convention is left off and placed on the Educational report. Rev. D. T. McGill of Chicago was chairman of that committee, Rev. J. M. Stifler, of Evanston was chairman of the Educational Committee and wrote that report. These errors would have been corrected if the Superintendent could have looked over the book as it was being made. We had planned to get the Annual out two weeks earlier this year than usual, but sickness put it back three weeks. Also, my not being able to do full office work will make the February Bulletin late, but I hope to be myself again soon and ready for full work.

Now is the time for everybody who is interested in State Convention work to get busy. The books of all the National Societies close March 31st. Many

of the churches work up the whole amount of missions, including the State Convention, for that time. I hope that with the churches that do that there will be no falling down on State Convention. For some reason there was a considerable falling off last fall in the State Convention contributions. The Convention must occupy a prominent place in the minds of Illinois Baptists from now until October 1st. Last year, after a severe sick spell in the winter we had better health during the year than for several years, and did heavier work than in almost any previous year. I believe that when I get fully into the work again my health will be good, but I shall be a little more careful than last year.

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#### GRACE AND COMFORT

What a marvelous thing it is to be able to say to the Good Master, "Thy will be done," not sure but what He may call you in a few days or a few hours to close up the earthly ministry and enter upon the great mysterious beyond, or perhaps will leave you for years of hard, responsible service, and yet can find it in the heart fully to say, "Lord, not my will but Thine be done." For one who can say that truly, there is as much pleasure in considering the thought of going as of staying.

When one has a proper conception of life, it is a fearful thing to live and work in this world with all the dangers of mistakes and temptations and sins, and yet a great pleasure to do it, if it is the will of the Master. As to going, perhaps a person never sees the smallness and worthlessness of himself as then. He sees nothing perfectly good in himself nor anything he has done.

In the best sermon he ever prepared he can see some selfishness, something of the old sinful self. He can hardly recall an incident of his life that was wholly of love for God and humanity and entirely free from some selfish feeling or thought.

How wretched would one be if there was nothing outside of his work or his character to depend upon! But the truthful Christian can see all this life with its imperfections and weakness and sins hid behind the bleeding cross. Jesus Christ becomes his substitute. I do not fully understand the Atonement; I could not write a book upon it. But I know from the teachings of Scripture that somehow, some way, Jesus suffered in a way to redeem me, and that thought, that faith comes with great power to the trusting soul, and he can say with abiding faith and sweet joy, "Not my will, but Thine, be done."

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#### "THE SALOON DOOMED"

Of the 2,900 counties in the United States, 1,800 are now "dry." One-sixth of the population in "wet" territory is in six cities, and one-half is in four states. There are fewer saloons in thirty-six States than in New York city, and Chicago has more saloons than in all the territory south of Mason and Dixon's line. If we can read aright the signs of the times, a great funeral is going to take place within the next two or three years. As surely as the sun will rise to-morrow the saloon is dying a slow death, but a sure death. It has been suggested that the epitaph shall be: 'Here lies John Barleycorn, slain by the Christian voter.'

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"These are the obligations incurred by the British Government as a result of the present war. From the total, however, has to be deducted, as above, a capital sum of about \$1,150,000,000 representing pre-war debt converted into 4½ per cent. war loan in July, 1915. Two years and five weeks of war would seem, therefore, to have increased the obligations of the British Government, on balance, by \$11,420,000,000, against which should be set some \$2,700,000,000 advanced to allies and dominions up to date."



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**T**HE renewals on the Bulletin seem to be coming in as freely on the increased price as they did on the lower price. The people seem to appreciate our little paper; it is so full of Illinois news.

**W**E notice that some states have cut down the size of their Bulletins since the price of paper went up, so that they can hardly be recognized. We are keeping the Illinois Bulletin up to the standard.

**T**HE Illinois Baptist Annual is just out and we do not have time to write an article on the statistics and work of the denomination for the past year, but this will be our leading article in the March number.

**I**T will be only about six weeks until the books of all the National Societies will close. This will be a rushing time for missions in many churches, but for those churches that make up their apportionments and send them in each month or each quarter, March will be no busier than the average month.

**L**ET Associational Committees or pastors anywhere in the state that need evangelistic or other kind of help, feel perfectly free to write me and I will do the best I can to aid them, and

possibly may be able to furnish them with just what they need.

**L**ET everybody remember that the Convention publishes the Bulletin at a heavy expense each year. The Convention cannot do this and spend anything in keeping up the circulation. If the people want the Bulletin they must keep up the subscription lists. The young people and Sunday school workers and the women's societies as well as the pastors and churches, ought to be interested in sending in new subscribers.

**A MISTAKE**

The Superintendent has made one serious mistake which he is forced to acknowledge and try to remedy. It came so gradually that he hardly realized it. The office work of the Convention has grown until it is now fully four times as heavy as it was eight or nine years ago. This growth was so gradual that the Superintendent thought he could keep it up and fully as much travel and outside work. He now has the best of stenographic help six days in the week and yet for six months he has not been able to get within two weeks of clearing his office table, and the most of his travel had to be done at night in order to save time; but we must make a change. I will not attempt to reach so many churches, but can send Dr. Hafer. I will perhaps attend more general meetings and councils and conferences. I would be glad to have information concerning semi-annual meetings of associations, or any meetings in which there is an attendance of representatives from the association, or a part of the association. I will make an effort to attend more of these meetings than I have been able to do in the past few years.

**MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING JANUARY**

**STATE CONVENTION EVANGELISTIC WORK**

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (\*) star.

Alton, First Church .....	\$ 47.75
Becker, J. P., Tremont, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
Berwyn Church .....	100.00
Blunt, Mrs. Mary J., Jacksonville Special Evangelistic Fund.....	5.00
Bulletin Subscriptions .....	53.45
Carthage Church .....	14.50
Chicago, Austin Church .....	56.35
Chicago, Covenant Church .....	36.00
Chicago, Englewood Church .....	6.00
Chicago, First Church .....	22.24
Chicago, North Shore Church.....	80.00
Chicago, Ravenswood Church.....	6.00
Chicago, Second Church.....	50.00
Chicago, Western Avenue Church.....	11.29
Chrisman Church .....	11.16
Collected on Mission Fields.....	98.42
Cravens, Lucien, Plymouth Special Evangelistic Fund.....	5.00
Curry, A. A., Pisgah Church Special Evangelistic Fund.....	25.00
Damascus Church .....	4.00
Dabler, Mrs. Anna M., Manlius Ch. Special Evangelistic Fund .....	3.00
Elgin, First Church .....	140.00
Evanston Church .....	40.00
Glencoe Union Church .....	12.00
Home Mission Society.....	75.00
Hoopston Church .....	13.85
Jerseyville Church .....	27.08
Joliet, First Church.....	10.50
Kankakee Church .....	22.10
Kirkpatrick, Mrs. M. E., Benton Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
*Manchester Church .....	8.50
Myers, John E., Plymouth Special Evangelistic Fund.....	5.00
*Mt. Pleasant Church, (Macoupin County Association) .....	8.75
Normal Church .....	11.93
Northern Baptist Convention.....	75.00
Peoria Association Missionary Com. Rent of Westville, Okla., property	123.84
Spreen, Edward W., Alton Special Evangelistic Fund.....	4.00
Scoggans, Mrs. Susie, Timewell Special Evangelistic Fund.....	15.00
Taylor, James M., Taylorville Special Evangelistic Fund .....	10.00
University Church Fund .....	5.00
Whites Grove Church .....	530.00
Wheaton Church .....	7.00
Woodstock Church .....	18.02
Woodstock Sunday School.....	11.16
	.84
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1819.73</b>

Our State Convention accepted an invitation of the Home Mission Society to join with them in the support of two evangelists to work in Illinois along the line of the first goal of the Five Year Program. Rev. Francis L. Church of Pennsylvania was secured and began work December 1st. He is exceedingly busy this winter and seems to be giving satisfaction.

Recently the Executive Committee elected Rev. Frank M. Dunk as our second man, and we have the assurance that it will be satisfactory to the Home Mission Society. Brother Dunk has been in the employ of the State Convention as a missionary pastor for six years. His four years' work at Oglesby was very satisfactory and there seemed to be a revival spirit in that church all the time he was there. He resigned the pastorate last summer to give himself wholly to the evangelistic work. He has been for several years a member of our Baptist Preachers' Quartette. He is a fine singer and a good preacher. Brother Dunk will begin work March 1st. He now lives at Princeton, but will make his home in the central part of the state.

Rev. C. F. Stalker of Tamaroa has been secured as a State Convention evangelist for three months in the spring and three months in the fall to work in Southern Illinois. His work will be mostly from Centralia and Mt. Vernon south to the Ohio River. Bro. Stalker is a strong evangelist and is thoroughly acquainted in that part of the state, and we are hopeful of good results from his meetings.

Dr. N. T. Hafer has been engaged in meetings almost all fall and winter, but will spend the remainder of the

year in general missionary work, spending a Sunday or half a week or a week wherever needed. In this way he will aid the Superintendent very much, as I cannot reach half the places where I am needed.

Now, I would like for the brethren, anywhere in the state that need help in meetings, to communicate with me; or if they need any other kind of help, let me know, and I will plan to visit them or have some good helper do it.

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#### AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PASTORS AND CHURCHES OF ILLINOIS

As members of the Department of Education of the Illinois Baptist State Convention we urge upon all our pastors and churches that as far as possible the apportionments for the Northern Baptist Convention and Christian Education be met in full.

This is a matter of the utmost concern. Heretofore there seems to have been a tendency upon the part of many churches to leave these apportionments to the last and with the result that very often they have not been met. The question of Christian education is before the denomination as perhaps never before. Upon it depends very largely our supply of laymen of leadership and power of the future.

There seems to be a misconception as to the use of the funds designated "Northern Baptist Convention." As a matter of fact, hereafter all these funds are to be used in the work of the Board of Education of the Northern Baptist Convention. It is from these funds that the Board is standing so many of our denominational colleges on their feet, and meeting a part of the salaries of fifteen University pastors in our State Universities and other higher in-

stitutions of learning where thousands of our students congregate. The apportionment labeled "Christian Education" is for our own state alone. It is for the aid of Shurtleff College and the Northwestern Education Society of the University of Chicago.

We sincerely hope that these two most important apportionments will be paid in full.

James M. Stifler,  
Chairman.  
Martin S. Bryant,  
Secretary.  
Ernest D. Burton,  
Joseph C. Hazen,  
Charles W. Gilkey,  
Edward P. Brand,  
Charles E. Drew.

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#### HUDELSON HOME

A special meeting of the corporation of Hudelson Home was held in the institution January 16th. The Editor was very much disappointed in not being able to attend. The reports show very successful work during the past year, but about \$5,000 must be raised and put in improvements in order to make the buildings suitable for work. Steps were taken to take care of this and some important matters will be brought before the State Convention Board at its semi-annual meeting in April.

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#### MARRIAGE

Rev. W. W. Brown, formerly pastor at McLeansboro, but now called to Carbondale, and Miss Nona Crosse of West Frankfort Illinois, were married February 1, 1917. Brother Brown seems to be doing successful work among the churches in Southern Illinois, and we hope for him and his bride a happy and successful life.

### ARE ALL THE CHURCHES LOOKING FOR YOUNG PASTORS

Rev Harry W. Read, Ph.D., whose hair is quite white, resigned the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Rock Island to take effect May 1st, at the close of his fifteen years' pastorate. But three or four months before the time his work is to close the South Baptist church at Belvidere gave him a call to become its pastor, and sent him \$100 toward moving expenses. Pastor Read accepted the call and will locate in Belvidere in the spring. In former years he was pastor of the First church in Belvidere. We shall look for a very pleasant and successful pastorate for Dr. Read and his wife on this new field, and we are quite sure that their fifteen years in Rock Island will be long remembered pleasantly by the people of that church and association.

Rev. O. C. Kirkham became pastor at Tiskilwa fourteen years ago, and on the 21st of January, 1917, reached the age of eighty, and the fifty-seventh year of his active ministry. His health is good, his eyesight clear—never having used spectacles in his life. On January 7th he gave the hand of fellowship to one new member. Last autumn they painted the outside of the church, and during the winter are re-papering the audience room and giving it a general house-cleaning. Bro. Kirkham preaches twice every Sunday and every night during the week of prayer. They have suffered a great loss in the death of Mrs. E. B. Cushing, who recently passed away. She was a very efficient supporter of the church, and left a \$3,000 endowment fund for the church

### NEW CHURCHES

Some fifteen or twenty years ago there were organized in Danville two churches called Union churches. They were very close along the line of Baptists. They built good meeting houses and sustained pastors. A few months ago one of them called a council of Baptist pastors and laymen and accepted in full the Baptist position as indicated in the New Hampshire Articles of Faith, and the pastor with the whole church and all its property became a part of the Bloomfield Association.

On Thursday night, February 1st, a council was called and the other church accepted the Baptist positions to the satisfaction of a good council, and with its pastor was accepted into the Bloomfield Association. This gives us three good Baptist churches with pastors in the city of Danville, and four on the outskirts of the city. The Baptist cause is building up in that part of the state. We are led to conclude that Dr. E. L. Krumreig has had much to do with this unification of Baptist forces in that city. Rev. Geo. W. Woolsey is the pastor of this church.

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### ORDINATION

Mr. Peter Hall Seise, one of our splendid men in the northwestern part of the state, a member of the Lena church, was licensed to preach by this church some time last year. During the winter he went to Alabama and is associated in work with his father-in-law, Rev. N. O. Patterson. Late in January a council was called and Mr. Seise was examined and unanimously recommended for ordination, which took place that night.

**INCREASE IN SALARIES**

The Buda church, of which Rev. J. E. Hart is pastor, recently increased his salary \$100. We were glad to hear of this, for we know that Brother Hart is worthy of an increase.

Rev. F. A. Kelley took charge of the work at Oglesby last fall during the period of the summer strike and at a time when the church was in a very low condition. Of course, the State Convention assists in the salary at Oglesby, and quite recently the church unanimously voted to increase the pastor's salary \$100, which was greatly appreciated by him.

The Kankakee church has voted to increase the salary of its pastor, Rev. A. B. Mercer.

**RE-DEDICATION AT NORMAL**

For two or three years the Normal church has felt the need of better equipment for its Sunday school and young people. Last summer the pastor, Rev. E. K. Masterson, undertook the work of remodeling the church. The old basement was large, good height, but had always been damp and was used by two furnaces. The first improvement they made was to put a complete drainage all around the church, which makes it perfectly dry. Two new additions were built providing three classrooms and a furnace room. The old furnaces were taken out and a good steam-heating plant installed. Seven rooms were newly plastered and nine rooms were equipped with hardwood floors. Where the old furnaces stood are now nice rooms for Sunday school, social work, etc. The total cost was about \$3600. On Sunday, February 11, Dr. T. L. Ketman of Chicago came to assist the pastor. There was \$1200 to

raise, and this was practically provided for. This gives Normal a very complete equipment for the best kind of work. Last year the Normal church closed the year without a dollar of indebtedness, held a good and successful evangelistic meeting, and gave \$570 for missions, its full apportionment for all items. The pastor and his wife are very highly appreciated. Brother Ketman did a good work and was appreciated very much. All the other churches of the town dismissed their services Sunday night to attend the re-dedication.

When Billy Sunday started a ten weeks campaign in Boston last fall there was some question all over the country as to whether or not he could succeed in old conservative Boston. But he never held a meeting showing larger results. Those who came up the trail and shook hands with Billy Sunday were 64,484. Those who signed cards and made choice of a church were 48,903. The Baptist denomination did hard work in the meetings, and received large results. Those who expressed themselves in favor of the Baptists were 11,845; Methodists, 7,104; Congregationalists, 6,195; Episcopalians, 3,275; Presbyterians, 2,282; Catholics 1,513; Lutherans 892; Unitarians, 296; Universalists, 128; Christians, 118; Friends, 70; miscellaneous 93; undesignated, in which no church was mentioned, 2887. The total attendance at the tabernacle was 1,500,000. On the last day about 10,000 people could not be admitted, and many hundreds turned to the Lord on that day. The collection on the last day for Mr. Sunday amounted to \$53,585. This is \$2,449 more than they gave him in Philadelphia.

**PERSONALS**

The Second Church in Chicago has given its pastor a long vacation in order that he might take a complete rest out on the Pacific Coast and completely recover his health. Rev. Percy W. Stephens, who was for several years pastor at Jacksonville, has been secured to take care of the work while Pastor Dean is gone.

Rev. John A. Howard and his wife, Grace L. Howard of Contai, Bengal, India, sent a picture of themselves and their baby and a circular letter to their friends in Illinois. We have not space to write much from their interesting letter, but they seem to be doing aggressive work in India and appear to enjoy it very much.

We are glad to hear that Rev. W. H. Geistweit of San Diego, California, has accepted a call to the Third Baptist church in St. Louis. While we would have been glad to have welcomed Dr. Geistweit into Illinois, yet if we cannot do that, we are glad he comes so close to us; we will occasionally have him over in this state. The Third Baptist church of St. Louis is one of the finest churches in the whole country, and we believe Dr. Geistweit is just the man for that field.

Rev. A. Howard Hammer of Buda took two years' English course at the Louisville Seminary, but when he was through with that he became so interested that he went back for another year, and is doing fine work in that institution this year. He is giving special attention to the study of missions, and is making good progress along that line.

**DEATHS**

Mrs. Susan Green Billingsley, widow of Rev. J. M. Billingsley, formerly of Ewing, Illinois, died at the home of her sister in Virginia, January 22nd, and was buried at Ewing. The editor of the Bulletin has been frequently in the home of Sister Billingsley and always appreciated her as one of our noble spirited, devoted, Christian women.

Mrs. Sarah J. Johnson, widow of Rev. John G. Johnson, and mother of Revs. W. R. Johnson and Ben Johnson, died at the home of her daughter in Jacksonville, Thursday, January 16. The funeral services were conducted at White Hall by Rev. T. N. Marsh and Rev. J. A. Simpson, the pastor, and the burial was Athensville.

Mrs. J. T. Green, wife of Rev. J. T. Green, of White Hall, died at her home a few weeks ago. She leaves her husband and several children to mourn their loss. Her home had been at White Hall for perhaps twenty years. She was active in the church life and will be greatly missed, not only by her family, but by the church and city.

**CHURCHES**

The Havana Church gave a Christmas entertainment on Monday evening and in a short time a debt of \$400 on the church was raised. Brother J. G. Little is still pastor on that field, and the work seems to be developing nicely. One of the papers at Havana states that Brother Little has attained the title of "The Marrying Parson." He has been at Havana just four years, and on Thursday preceding Christmas he married his 100th couple.

Rev. L. W. Hostetter of Edgewood Church in Rock Island, had 110 in the Sunday school on January 7th, and baptized seven persons in the evening.

The La Salle Church is moving along in completing its building and putting its main auditorium in fine shape for worship. The old plans upon which the church was started a few years ago had to be greatly changed and the church has been greatly improved. Rev. Arthur E. Meyer, while working at something about the building, unfortunately broke his arm, but is getting along nicely, and perhaps has recovered by this time.

Rev. L. C. Taylor, pastor at Plainville, recently held a meeting at Newtown. It was a splendid success. The people were greatly interested and there were eleven professions of faith, nine of them uniting with the church.

The East Park Church in Decatur, of which Rev. J. H. Cozad is pastor, continues to have prosperous times. They have secured Professor Ira L. Deal of Waterloo, Iowa, to assist in meetings for three weeks, beginning on March 18th. There seems to have been almost a continuous state of revival on that field for three or four years.

After a special union meeting in Easton the church invited Rev. J. G. Little of Havana to spend one Sunday with them. He received 44 candidates for baptism and twelve by letter and experience, making a total of fifty-six. At the present time, Missionary Hafer is spending three weeks there in the hope that we may be able to get a pastor located with that church.

The work is moving along nicely with the Kane church, of which Rev. R. T. Gasaway is pastor. On January 14th he baptized two men and a girl

twelve or thirteen years old. He also planned to baptize another on January 28th and two expected to come from the Disciples and unite with the Baptists on the following day. The finances were reported in splendid condition.

On January 17th the clerk of the Cordova church writes: "Since the settlement of Rev. Frank Woodhull with the Cordova Baptist church he has baptized five, and there are five more waiting to receive the ordinance of baptism. The work is moving along very satisfactory.

The Kankakee church seems to be enjoying great prosperity under the pastoral care of Rev. A. B. Mercer. We quote the following from a letter received from a member of that church recently: "We have been having great blessings these past weeks. Already seventy-five have been baptized and more to come. This makes a total of 105 Baptisms for the past year. We are enjoying wonderful prosperity."

The first Baptist church of Jacksonville, under its new pastor, Rev. A. A. Todd, is doing quite successful work. Seventeen have recently been added to the church membership. The church and Sunday school are thoroughly organized and the outlook is hopeful.

We quote the following from a letter written by a member of the St. Anne church: "What have we accomplished? We have maintained without state help a resident pastor for some months. We have paid up all small outstanding debts. We have decreased the mortgage on the church by \$200, and we have placed heavier insurance on the church property, paid in advance for five years. We have added to our church roll eight souls by baptism and one by Christian experience."

**PASTORAL CHANGES**

Rev. L. W. Hostetter, pastor of the Edgewood church in Rock Island since the first of last April, has resigned the work there to accept a hearty call to the pastorate of the Orion Church. The Orion church is a strong body and is composed of splendid people. They have a strong constituency of farmers and cattle feeders as well as the people who live in town. They have been pastorless since last fall, but have taken a great deal of care in selecting a man. We hope that Brother Hostetter will have splendid success on that field, but regret very much for the Edgewood church to become pastorless at this time.

We are glad to welcome Rev. H. B. Stevens back into the state. He was pastor for a while at Stillman Valley and then took the Rochelle church after it had been closed for several years. He worked on that field about three years and went to Rochester Seminary. In December he was called to the pastorate of the church at Marengo in the Rock River Association, and is now on the field. This is a splendid field; fine meeting house and good parsonage and a strong membership, and with the right kind of work it ought to become one of our very strong churches.

The Roodhouse Church, from which Rev. C. C. Smith resigned last summer, has called and located on the field, Rev. Russell A. Rapson. He seems to be much encouraged with the work and is quite hopeful.

Rev. C. W. Harris, pastor of the Damascus Church, has led his church to put about \$1200 in repairs on their meeting house, putting in a splendid basement and making it a good place for social work. Brother Harris feels that for several reasons, among them

his wife's health, he must close his work on that field and move on to a fruit farm in Michigan March 1st. We regret very much to have Brother Harris leave the field and the state, but hope he will have a good time in Michigan.

Rev. H. C. Deland, Ph.D., of Hudson, Ia., has accepted a call and located with the Divernon Church in Illinois. Dr. Leland was for many years pastor in Illinois, at Rock Island, Dixon, Orion and Alpha, Streator, and Lexington. For recent years he has been out west and we are glad to welcome him back into Illinois.

Rev. B. H. Coon, who has lived at Stillman Valley during two or three years of work at the University of Chicago, has been called to a country pastorate at Columbia Station, Ohio. It is a great field with a fine property and is quite a wealthy church. We hope Brother Coon will make a great success of his new field.

**STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES**

A meeting was planned at Plymouth for Evangelist Church in January, but about the time the meeting began the pastor and much of his congregation were taken down with measles, and the meeting had to be closed. The evangelist went from there to Colchester and conducted a meeting for about ten days which was highly appreciated and helpful to the church. He has planned to go back to Plymouth for another meeting February 18th.

Our missionary, Rev. L. B. Trites, at Danville, seems to be very active in the work this winter. He has been engaged in special meetings most of the winter. He held a meeting at Horace in which there were thirty-three additions, twenty-six of them by bap-



tism. The last I heard of him he was holding a meeting at Hillery. This is a very difficult field, but there seems to be some work there for the Baptists to do.

Rev. V. Colbert, who has been our missionary in the Alton Association for quite a number of years, seems to be doing a more aggressive work this year than ever before. He has held a number of successful meetings and baptized quite a number of converts. He needs some pastors in that association who can handle two small churches and live on reasonably small salaries.

Rev. Martin S. Bryant, our missionary pastor at Champaign, was invited by some of the Southern Baptist Convention leaders to meet them at Louisville, Kentucky, and confer with them with regard to the kind of work he is doing. Illinois, I think, has taken the lead of all the states of the Union in work among the State University students, and the brethren are beginning to recognize the fact. Brother Bryant went to Louisville and we hope he did good among the Southern brethren.

Rev. D. C. Blunt seems to be doing successful work with our new mission at Wood River. That work was started last summer. On January 7th, they had 106 in the Sunday school and have an enrollment of 130. They have ten classes and a good corps of teachers.

Rev. Julien Niell, a student at Shurtleff College, is supplying the church and preaching every Sunday at Madison, and the work seems to be moving along quite well. That church has made very great progress since we started it up about three years ago.

Evangelist F. L. Church is engaged within the territory of the Chicago Association for meetings, taking his full time until Easter or afterward.

The Illinois Baptist Annual is to hand, a praiseworthy volume of 225 pages. It contains the minutes of the seventy-second annual session of the Illinois Baptist State Convention held with the Upper Alton church October 16-19, 1916, along with a comprehensive statistical yearly report and lists of ministers and delegates.—The Baptist World, Louisville, Ky.

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The cause of prohibition seems to be growing by leaps and bounds. The Indiana legislature has voted to submit prohibition to the people. The amendment passed the Illinois Senate by a good majority, and there are hopeful signs that it will pass the lower house and that all the people of Illinois will have a chance to vote on state-wide prohibition. Notwithstanding the fact that the United States Congress is having much more important business just now than at any time for fifty years, perhaps, yet the question of the liquor traffic is one of the prominent features before Congress. It requires a two-thirds majority to pass upon a bill submitting the question of prohibition to the whole country, yet the Senate has passed the bill by a large majority and it is expected that it will pass in the House before March 4th. Other features have been introduced in Congress that are very strong against the liquor trade. If an amendment is submitted by Congress then as soon as the legislature in two-thirds of the states pass it we would have prohibition throughout the United States, New York, Chicago, Peoria, St. Louis, and some other places to the contrary notwithstanding. We do not have to wait until we get a majority in every incorporated town, nor in every state, to have national prohibition, but when we get two-thirds of the states we can drive the saloon out of the whole land.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME  
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS**

**Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.**

**Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron**

**HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE  
IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS**

**Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.**

Plans are completed now for the receiving cottage and emergency hospital to be built on the grounds of the Home and already a number of kindly spirits have volunteered their help by coming forward with their pledges; among them Rev. J. P. Thoms, Ph.D., a former Superintendent of the Home, and a life long ardent and aggressive supporter of child saving work, has pledged \$500.00 towards this necessary and desirable improvement; also members of our own Board, Mr. W. W. Merrill, Mr. Samuel Jennings, and Mr. H. E. Goodman have responded with a check of \$100.00 each.

The Superintendent hopes that others will respond in this noble way and thus save the expense of soliciting money. Are there not twenty individuals in the territory of the Home who will give at least \$100.00 each to make possible this long felt need. What better investment can be made than that of providing protection and comfort for dependent children?

A receiving cottage will protect our large family from disease when new children are entering the institution. Then, in case of sickness the cottage will be so arranged as to be used advantageously as a hospital. It will also have a sun porch for convalescents.

Our Board has also determined to build a sleeping porch over the front balcony of the main building. This will enlarge the capacity of the Home by 25 per cent besides being a great benefit by way of health to the children.

We close the month of January with sixty-two children and one mother in residence. The mother has four children dependent upon her efforts, the home with us is enabling her to be with her children while working for their support. She is faithful and efficient as a member of this large Baptist family.

The meeting of the H. B. O. corporation was held at Irvington, January 16th. Rev. F. W. Stewart was elected president of the corporation and also a member of the board of directors. The other two new members of the board of directors are Dr. E. E. Fyke, of Centralia, and H. L. Davis, of Patoka. Both of these men have shown their practical interest in the life and work of the institution. At his own request, Rev. A. P. Howels was succeeded by Mr. Stewart.

The corporation heartily and unani- mously voted to raise \$5,000 to be spent in improvements, and to more closely identify ourselves with the churches by giving the State Convention a legal right to inspect every phase of the work and life of the institution.

The contribution of the Woodlawn Church of Chicago will exceed \$500 for the proposed improvements. The Ore- ana Church has pledged \$100 and the Bethany church of the Alton Association has already given in cash and labor \$100.

## Sunday School Work in Illinois



Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.



Director, W. B. MORRIS,  
117 North Monroe St., Decatur.

### ATTENTION SUPERINTENDENTS

The great question before the State Sunday School Committee at the present time is, How many Standard Schools will Illinois report to the Northern Baptist Convention. Five hundred report blanks have been sent out several weeks ago, but so far only one hundred and twenty-five have been returned to my office.

It will be humiliating if Illinois does not make a good showing. We have a large number of schools that lack only a few points of reaching the full ten points of the Standard and could easily qualify with a reasonable effort. The schools making five points will be designated as "striving," and the schools making seven points, will be known as "Star."

We expect to send out a second letter in a few days to those who have not responded so far. Will those receiving please respond promptly, as all reports should be in by March first? This will require quick action.

We are asking each pastor to inquire if his school has reported, and if not, to urge that the report be made at once. This is *most important*. State honors will be awarded will be given according to first, Proportion of approved Standard Schools; second, Total num-

ber of approved Standard Schools; and third, Proportion of Striving and Star Schools.

The same order will be observed in regard to Standard, Striving and Star B. Y. P. U. Societies. Therefore we want reports from all societies as well as schools.

Good team Work with your Sunday School and Young Peoples' Committee will be required to get the recognition Illinois should have.

We want to thank the schools that responded to the appeal sent out by the committee for an offering of one cent per capita according to enrollment, for the work of the State Sunday School Committee. Our space will not permit the mention of these schools in particular. We are still looking for a number of schools to remit their offering. In the future send remittances to Rev. N. J. Little, Lincoln, Ill., who is treasurer of the committee.

I spent one Sunday last month with the Belleville church. Pastor Hyde is doing good work on that field. I also held two weeks of special meetings with the Osceola church. This country field of which we have heard a great deal, fully justifies all the good things that have been said. Pastor Allen is a busy man and greatly beloved in the church and community.

## Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

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2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston.

The January board meeting of the State Society was largely attended and much interest was shown in the various suggestions and plans under discussion for the advancement of missionary interest and ways by which the organization could be most helpful to the women of the state. Many are inquiring about, and entering into the contest for reading missionary books. For this year the reading of any good missionary book will count, but it is hoped the women will first read those suggested by the committee.

There are still copies of the Prayer Cycle which may be obtained from Mrs. Topping, 706 Douglas ave., Elgin, Ill., price 10 cents.

At the first of the year the task set for the W.W.G. Girls was 100 societies by March 1st. There are now 111 organizations. Isn't it fine to have exceeded the number with the returns of February unknown?

How many circles have completed their apportionment to one or both societies?

Oney and Marion Ave., Aurora, have done so. Are there others?

Miss Inez Green, who for a number of years has been foreign secretary of the Greene-Jersey Association, is in sorrow because of the passing on of her mother who was a woman that will be greatly missed by those who knew her. Our sympathy goes out to the daughter whose loss is so great.

"The time is close at hand for the close of the Fortieth Anniversary celebration of the founding of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society. The culmination will be reached in the groups of banquets that are to be held from coast to coast the last week of February."

These are the opening sentences in Missiongrams for January. Write to headquarters or your State Director and get one. It gives a full explanation of our Ruby Gift plan and a number of other most interesting things, every one of which should be read in your Mission Circle. Illinois is to hold three Ruby Anniversary Banquets. The first will be in Chicago, February 27, at 1 p.m. in Mandel's Tea Rooms. Among the speakers will be Mrs. Geo. Caleb Moor of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mrs. Marie Conversano, our Italian Missionary among the immigrants of New York City.

The second will be February 28, at Springfield, in Masonic Hall. Springfield will also have Mrs. Moor and Mrs. Conversano.

The third will be at Macomb, March 1st, and the same speakers will be there.

Write the State Director, Mrs. J. D. Louderback, 6912 Eggleston ave., Chicago, for information regarding any of these meetings. Be sure you have a part in the Gift Offering of the Fortieth Anniversary.

## Baptist Young People's Union of Illinois

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### DETROIT CONVENTION JULY 4-8

Associations or locals desiring services of the State President for Rallies or other meetings, can procure same without charge, except actual expense, by corresponding with him. The state officers also desire to call attention to the "Bureau of Efficiency," and trust that all locals and Associations will make full and free use of this part of our State organization. This bureau is organized to *help* any, and all, desiring the same. Each chairman is ready to give advice and suggestions on their specific line. If you have troubles along any of these phases of endeavor, write the chairman of that particular line, and they will help you. The following is the list: Education, President Potter, Shurtleff College, Alton; Junior, Miss Winifred Morris, 117 North Monroe, St., Decatur; Missions, Miss Alice Eaton, Normal; Social, Miss Mayme Bolger, 1916 Potomac Ave., Chicago; Citizenship, John L. North, El Paso; Finance, Miss Flossie E. Allison, Ottawa; Transportation, John Ruthven, Morgan Park.

Send all money, per capita or otherwise, to Miss Allison, not to the Treasurer.

The following is a list of real "live" Unions in the State, outside of the Chicago Association. These are the entries in the Standard Campaign. They

have their "Ideal for service" and know just what they are striving to attain. Has your Union a definite ideal? Alton First, Arcola, Alpha, Bloomington, Buda, Bushnell, Colechester, Carthage, Decatur, El Paso, Fairmount, Kewanee, Lincoln, LaSalle, LaMoille, Minonk, Manlins, Mt. Vernon, Macomb, Mendota, Normal, Oglesby, Oquawka, Osceola, Ottawa, Peoria First, Princeton, Raritan, Springfield South 7th St., Sidel, St. Mary's, Tremont, Toulon, Utica, Upper Alton. Thirty-five in all, and Chicago association has 27 more, making 62 in all, the largest number in our history. This shows progress in our work.

Benton has an Intermediate Union of 50 members with a sister of our general secretary as leader. Eugene Hamill, an old Bloomington boy, is the president at Decatur, and they are surely going to attain the Standard. President North of El Paso, reports great interest in the Group plan. Our general secretary says, "Mattoon Union doing fine, group plan being used." Miss Jessie Horrell, president of Salem association says, "Great interest in our association in all phases of the work." Did you note the large number of Unions in Salem association in the campaign? Don't forget we all go to Detroit next July, to "bring back the Banner to Illinois."

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is a book of 225 pages. With the increased cost of paper this year, the expense of publishing the book is almost \$500 for 1250 copies. This price is for printing and finishing the book complete, not for the work of getting the matter ready for the printer. All that work is done by the secretary and in the superintendent's office, without extra cost to the Convention. It is admitted by those who are capable of judging, that the Illinois Annual is one of the best published in all the states. It enrolls the names and addresses of the delegates who attended the Convention, the names of all the officers and departments and committees of the Convention; it gives in full all the reports made to the Convention and some account of all the business and all the addresses at the annual meeting. It contains the treasurer's itemized report complete, and the names and addresses of all the ordained ministers in the state, about 1100 in all. It gives the name of each church and the association to which it belongs. It gives the statistics of every church in the forty-seven associations in the state. For each of these churches it gives, so far as the information could be secured, the name of the pastor, clerk, Sunday school su-

perintendent, B. Y. P. U. president, and president of the women's societies. It also gives for each one of the more than 1300 churches, twenty-two sets of statistics. It also gives the statistics of the Baptists of the world. The Annual recently published is of high order, but a few errors are found on account of the superintendent being too sick to read much of the proof, or to revise the book as it was being published. The summary of the statistics shows that we now have 1303 Baptist churches in the state and an enrollment of 165,707 members. There are 16,610 reported non-resident members. There were reported 8409 baptisms and a net gain in membership of 3746. There were added to the churches by letter, restoration and experience, 6484. The churches lost by death and letter 5634, and excluded or erased 3620. The Sunday school enrollment is 118,398, an increase over the previous year of 3379 pupils. The entire value of church property in the state, meeting houses and parsonages—school property not included—is \$8,152,785, and the amount reported for current expenses was \$999,953.79. The entire amount reported for all missionary and benevolent purposes was \$221,300.33. The

amount reported for Foreign Missions, including Women's Foreign Mission work, was \$57,295.09.

We have some pastors and some laymen who are pessimistic or penurious, or both, who are continuously raising the question, why are the Baptists not pushing ahead, or why are they falling back so rapidly? and then in many cases propose some very doubtful remedies. They simply assume that the Baptists are not moving forward.

Let us see: in the two years of 1915 and 1916, the Baptists of Illinois immersed 18,572 converts, and within those two years made a net gain of 9927 in membership. The above reference to statistics will show what the denomination is doing in finances. We know that we are not doing nearly what we should do, not one-half what we can do, and yet, perhaps there is no denomination in the state that is making more substantial progress than the Baptists. Let us be encouraged and thank God for what we have been enabled to do and press forward for still larger things.

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#### SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The semi-annual meeting of the State Convention Board will be held at the University church in Champaign Friday, April 13th. The time was changed by the Executive Committee from Thursday to Friday this year on account of the student membership of the church. They desire to give a reception to the members of the Board at night, and Thursday night is not nearly so convenient for them as Friday night. A good program and social meeting will be prepared for Friday night. We want our Board to see something of what we are doing at the University.

The business meeting of the Board will be held in the afternoon. The four departments of the Convention, viz: Missions, Efficiency, Education and Philanthropy will meet on the same day at the University church. There is much work for some and possibly all of these departments, and the constitution requires them to meet at the same time and place as the semi-annual meeting of the Board.

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#### STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARY PASTORS

"The work at East Moline is doing well, better than I expected. We have good attendance and good interest. We are expecting to start a building campaign soon."—J. M. Osborne, pastor.

Rev. W. E. Andereck, pastor at Bradford and Whites Grove, attempted a meeting at Whites Grove some time ago. The meetings were assuming an interesting stage and some were very deeply interested, when their pastor was taken sick and the meetings had to be closed. We are glad to know that Pastor Andereck has recovered and will be able to carry on the meeting at Whites Grove at some time in the future.

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The Bois d'Arc meeting house in the Springfield Association was destroyed by fire while they were engaged in special meetings the past winter, but instead of being discouraged, they took hold of the work vigorously and are building a splendid meeting house and will have it thoroughly equipped for modern church work in that country place. It is entirely in the open country but many people can be reached by that organization.



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**E**VERY month we seem to get more letters expressing appreciation of the Bulletin. The increase in subscription price does not seem to cut down the number of subscribers at all.

**L**ET everyone remember that after the Blue Cross appears on his paper he cannot get another copy until he renews. No subscriptions are carried unless the money comes in.

**W**E are expecting a great time at our semi-annual meeting at the University church, Champaign, Friday, April 13th. Not only the members of the Board, but the Four Departments of the Convention will meet there at that time.

**T**HE greatest weakness in our Baptist denomination is the pastorless period. Our average pastorate is entirely too short. This is because of restlessness and desire for change on the part of both pastor and people. Often when a pastor is having a great success the people fail to show their appreciation until after some other church has recognized his worth and called him.

**M**INISTERS are often too easily discouraged and want to get

away from hard difficult tasks to be solved, not seeming to realize that they will probably find just as hard problems in the next field. Often difficult problems would not be so difficult if the pastor would patiently stand by them for a while.

**W**HEN a pastorless period comes the majority of our churches are slow in locating a pastor. They do not know where to look for one. If it becomes generally known that the church is pastorless they will receive many letters from preachers who wish to locate or letters from their friends. But in every case, if the man is not known, careful investigation should be made before he is invited to visit the field. In many cases from three to six months and sometimes a year, elapse before a pastor can be located. During that time the church has made no progress and in almost every case it has gone backward.

**I**F a pastor is having only fairly good success, or if he has made some mistakes, if he is a good man, the church had better try hard to help him to succeed than to desire his resignation; and if a pastor has a hard field and it is difficult for him to get his people to work, it is better for him patiently to stand by the work than to resign and seek some other field. If our average pastorates were about seven years instead of two or three, it would mean much in the building up of our churches, and we would have abler and better supported ministers.

**W**HAT do the nearly 6000 readers of the Bulletin think about State Convention finances? If every reader of the Bulletin would talk up State Con-

vention work and give what he can, it would put new life in our State Convention work. If every pastor who reads the Bulletin would make a strong effort with his church in the interest of State Missions, there would be a great increase in our income this year. The high cost of living seems to be causing the churches to hold back our State convention offerings this year. We hope they will make it up before the year closes.

**T**HE Wisconsin Baptist for March gives its first two pages to Rev. J. Johnson, who a few months ago located at Chillicothe, Illinois, and preaches also at the Pleasant Grove church. On the first page of the Baptist is an excellent picture of Brother Johnson, and the second page contains an editorial on the excellent work he did in that state for twenty years after he entered the ministry. It speaks in the highest terms of his work in every place where he was pastor. We are glad to have this good record of the Chillicothe pastor.

#### MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING FEBRUARY

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (\*) star.

Alton, College Ave. Church .....	\$21.39
Bethel Church, Harry Nicholson .....	5.00
Campbell, Thomas, Rock Island	
Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
Chandler, Mrs. E. M., Peoria	
Special Evangelistic fund .....	10.00
Chicago, Englewood Church .....	15.00
Chicago, Messiah Church .....	5.32
Chicago, Woodlawn Church .....	55.06
Cody, Dr. J. M., Tremont	
Special Evangelistic Fund .....	10.00
Cooper, Annette B., Normal	
Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
Crumb, E. V., Rockford	
Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
Graymont Church .....	2.90

Home Mission Society, on salary and expenses of F. L. Church .....	90.00
Interest .....	257.50
Johnson, Watts R., Princeton	
Special Evangelistic Fund .....	25.00
Marsh, Rev. T. H., Decatur	
Special Evangelistic Fund .....	2.00
McKee, Rev. W. P., Mt. Carroll	
Special Evangelistic Fund .....	20.00
Morgan Park Church .....	36.70
Northern Baptist Convention .....	75.00
Oak Park First Church .....	35.90
*Oak Park, Lombard Ave. Church....	34.50
Opydke, C. C. Cordova	
Special Evangelistic Fund .....	25.00
*Princeton Church .....	66.70
Randolph, Hattie, Danvers	
Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
*Reynolds Church, Geo. E. Mayhew	5.00
Reynolds Mission Circle .....	6.00
Robertson, Mrs. M. J., Cambridge	
Special Evangelistic Fund.....	10.00
Robinson, Mrs. Alice C., Bloomington	
Special Evangelistic Fund .....	25.00
Rockford, First Church .....	33.00
Rockford, State St. Church .....	22.00
Tomlinson, A. R., Kewanee	
Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
University Church Fund .....	415.50
Westville, Okla., house rent.....	4.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1338.47</b>

"Even the Eskimos now have an "organ." A monthly magazine entitled "The Eskimo" is published in Nome, Alaska. In the first number Walter C. Shields, of the Bureau of Education, at Washington, speaks of the Eskimo as even in his present condition "a real and vital factor in the wealth of the country." He has never received a ration from the Government. He can support himself. And, unlike most primitive races, the Eskimos are not likely to be pushed off the map by the white man."

"In the year 1824, Rev. Andrew Broadus became pastor of the Calem church, Caroline county, Virginia. This pastorate continued until 1848, when the father was succeeded by his son, Andrew Broaddus, the second, who held the place until 1896. He was succeeded by his son, Andrew Broaddus, the third, who is yet in the pastorate, and who completed his twentieth year January 1, 1917."

"During the year 1916, the University of Chicago received gifts amounting to \$3,581,543; Yale, \$2,346,000; the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, \$2,025,000; Columbia, \$1,346,000, and Wellesley \$1,016,000."

**STATE CONVENTION EVANGELISTS  
AND GENERAL WORKERS**

Rev. E. H. Fletcher, our colored missionary in Chicago, had to remain at home a recent Sunday on account of sickness. He is making a strong effort to establish a colored church at Dixon where we have about seventy-five negroes, with no opportunity for work among them except what Brother Fletcher is doing.

Rev. N. T. Hafer recently closed a three weeks' meeting at Easton, where he had splendid success. He baptized thirty-five converts and raised \$1400 for current expenses and helped them to secure Rev. N. S. Sutton, a graduate of Shurtleff College and Rochester Seminary, as pastor. It has been only a few years since this church was organized, and they have never had but one pastor. The church has been pastorless for about four years. Mr. Hafer is at this writing, assisting the colored Baptist church of Galesburg, in securing funds for a new or remodeled meeting house.

Evangelist F. L. Church conducted a meeting at Plymouth for about three weeks in February, and is now engaged in the Chicago Association for four meetings until the first of May. Brother Church seems to be very highly appreciated wherever he works.

Rev. F. M. Dunk began work as a State Convention evangelist March 1st. He is now assisting in meetings at Bradford in the Peoria Association, and will go from there to Centralia, in the Southern Illinois Association.

Rev. C. F. Stalker of Tamaroa, began work with the Convention March 1st. The first church, Campbell Hill, where he had arranged to begin meetings, had an outbreak of measles which

prevented his starting in at that place. He will do his work in the Southern Illinois Association.

Rev. V. Colbert has spent a busy winter in the Alton Association, much of the time in special meetings. He is now supplying several weak churches and looking after the general missionary interests of the association.

Rev. H. F. Jones of Macomb has been busy all winter working in the Quincy, Peoria and Salem Associations. He has assisted in quite a number of meetings, besides looking after the pastoral interests of four or five churches.

Rev. L. B. Trites of Danville has held four or five meetings besides having the pastoral care of four churches. He has baptized a considerable number of converts during the past winter.

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The Editor of the Bulletin took his first trip in State Convention work since early in January, Sunday, March 4th. He spent Friday night with Rev. P. H. Aldrich, the pastor in Clinton. The Clinton church is the only Baptist church in DeWitt county; it is not large, but is doing good work. Pastor Aldrich baptized eight during the winter, several of these being men. He has held no special meetings, but is securing results in his regular preaching services. The outlook in that church is quite hopeful.

Saturday, March 3rd, I went to Collinsville and spent the afternoon and evening and Sunday forenoon. Pastor P. G. Spangler was conducting a Christian Workers' Conference. This meeting was quite largely attended and of very deep interest. On Sunday morning the Sunday school crowded the entire building, side room and all. Broth-

er Spangler is quite a young man, but has by far the largest congregations and Sunday school in the town.

I spent Sunday night and Monday forenoon in Granite City. I attended the Baptist Church Sunday night and heard Pastor E. M. Ryan preach the closing sermon of a series of meetings.

Monday forenoon I visited the Hungarian Mission and in company with the pastor of the First German Baptist church of St. Louis, carefully went over the whole situation. The Hungarian pastor could talk German and the German pastor could interpret it. While the work is moving slowly we think Brother Kelih is doing successful work among the Hungarians in that city.

Monday afternoon we held a two and a half hour's conference with the missionary and missionary committee of the Alton Association and North Wood River. The work in the whole association was carefully gone over and plans formulated for the future.

Sunday night we had a meeting in the tabernacle conducted by the editor assisted by Dr. Twing of Alton and Rev. Jesse Hyde of Belleville. One year ago the Baptists were doing nothing at all in North Wood River. During the summer Evangelist Johnson held a tent meeting and organized a church. Rev. D. C. Blunt was secured as pastor for half time and began his work about the first of November. They have secured two good lots and have built a splendid tabernacle and are nearly out of debt. They have about 150 in the Sunday school, forty-five or fifty members in the church and good congregations. I see no reason why we should not within the next five years, be able to have a good meeting house and self-supporting church in that city.

#### PERSONALS

Rev. Joseph C. Hazen, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Peoria, has had some illness the past winter and his church sent him to Hot Springs, Arkansas to regain his health. We hope by this time that he has fully recovered.

The second son of Rev. Chas. W. Wolfe of Glasford, was taken very sick in February; an abscess formed in the left thigh and his condition was quite serious. He was taken to one of the hospitals in Peoria, where he received careful attention. We hope he is recovering by this time.

The 22nd of February, Washington's birthday, was the 17th wedding anniversary of Rev. A. P. Howells and his wife, of Centralia. Their church made a surprise upon them and presented them with a dining room set, consisting of six leather seated chairs, a table, rocker and set of dishes. 100 guests were present and the spirit of the occasion was fine. Brother Howells has been pastor at Centralia for six years.

Rev. J. N. Edmondson of Atwood, recently assisted Rev. J. L. Ryan in a meeting at Hutton, Indiana.

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On the 31st of this month the books of all the National Societies will close. Very much of all the money contributed to the organizations is raised the latter half of March. This is very unfortunate in many ways, both for the societies and for the churches. However, we hope that all our churches in Illinois that have not made up their apportionment for the national societies will make a strong effort to do so by April 1st. Very many churches will try to make the whole apportionment, including the State Convention; others will leave State Convention offerings

until later, as our books do not close until October 1st. We hope the churches will make their full apportionment for State Convention with 15 per cent increase if possible.

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#### PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. N. Scott Sutton of Kilbourne, graduated at Shurtleff College and has taken the complete course at the Rochester Seminary and will complete his work in May. For the past two summers he has supplied the church at Easton. Now the Easton Church has called him and he will become a settled pastor on that field.

Rev. L. B. McKinley became pastor of the Sidell church instead of H. C. Holtas, as was recently reported.

Rev. J. W. Harnly, who has been pastor at Roseville for quite a number of years, has accepted a call to the Assumption church in the Peoria Association. This makes the second time that that church made an effort to secure Brother Harnly as their pastor. We hope he will continue there for many years, and have a very successful work.

The Hoopeston church has called Rev. J. R. Very to become its pastor and he has accepted. He comes from Springfield, Mass., and is well recommended by those who know him and his work. The Hoopeston church has paid off its indebtedness for the past year and started out with the new pastor in a hopeful condition. There have been some unfortunate troubles at Hoopeston, but we hope the time has come for a rapid forward movement on the part of that church.

Rev. Harry E. Miles of Allegan, Michigan, was formerly pastor in Buda, Chillicothe, and LaMoille, and has

just accepted a call to the Walnut church. He will begin work there the first of April.

Rev. B. Frank Tabor, pastor of the Wilmette church, has resigned that field and gone to Washington, Pa.

Rev. F. A. Peck has become pastor of the Chrisman church and is doing good work.

Rev. R. E. Carney, who resigned at Littleton last summer, and went to Kansas City, has returned to Illinois and located at Villa Grove as pastor.

Rev. J. P. Williams of Worthington, Indiana, has accepted a call to the Mt. Pleasant church at Cooks Mills for half time and will move on to the field in April. We hope that some church within reasonable distance of Cooks Mills will call for the other half of his time.

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#### UNION OR AFFILIATION

There is very much talk among some people with regard to union or affiliation in church membership among different denominations. This influence is brought to bear especially upon the Baptists. Scarcely does one of our weaker churches become pastorless but somebody proposes some kind of a combination with some other church. Many people seem to think that there is no difference between the Baptists and other denominations, and that by combining they all give up a little and gain much. But, as a matter of fact, the Baptists have to do all the surrendering and the others give up practically nothing of importance. When a Baptist church affiliates with a pedo-baptist church the Baptists may continue to believe in believers' baptism (immersion), but must have fellowship with and recognize sprinkling and infant

baptism as valid and scriptural. The other parties recognize and fellowship believers' immersion, but they all do that now; that is part of their belief. No church rejects believers' immersion as true baptism. They surrender nothing, and continue to practice what Baptists believe is wrong. The Baptists in an associate or union church have their testimony against infant baptism and rantism sealed, and they are not at liberty to teach believers' baptism without trouble. And when a Baptist church comes to that point, what is the use of claiming any relationship with the Baptists. It has completely surrendered the one thing for which Baptists stand, that is not taught by others. We know a great deal of emphasis is laid upon the Baptists position of religious liberty and separation of church and state, but while the Baptists were pioneers in that teaching, yet nearly all other Protestant denominations now believe in religious liberty as strongly as the Baptists do. We believe in regeneration, the deity of Jesus Christ, and the operation of the Holy Spirit, but the Methodists, Presbyterians, and others teach those things as strongly as do the Baptists. Whenever the Baptists give up their position on baptism there is no longer any need for the denomination. It is rather encouraging that so few of our churches have yielded to the modern cry of organic union. Only four churches out of 1300 in Illinois have taken this step in ten years. One small church in the Rock River Association has affiliated with the Congregationalists, and one in the Springfield Association affiliated with the Presbyterians. A church in the Aurora Association, practically turned itself into a pedo-baptist church and tried hard to

continue among the Baptists, but the Aurora Association refused to receive their letter and that church is not a member of any denomination. One church in Chicago united with the Disciples. The Baptists had a fine property worth about \$90,000; the other church had no property. They use the Baptist meeting house, but have taken one of the names of the other denomination. Many of the Baptists have left this church and the union is generally unsatisfactory to the Baptists of Chicago. It is far better for two or three small Baptist churches to unite in the support of a pastor than for one of our churches however small, to surrender its positions as a Baptist church and unite with or affiliate with those whose teachings are antagonistic.

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The mid-year meeting of the Ministers' and Laymen's Conference of the Bloomfield Association was held at Paris in February. The conference was very successful. There seemed to be a strong spiritual power manifested. The missionary work of that association is being carried on much more successfully than in former years. The churches are paying up this year, and the missionary does not have to wait for his salary.

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A recent report of the American Baptist Home Mission Society work shows that they are working among twenty-two foreign nationalities in America and have 218 foreign missionaries under appointment and are occupying 434 stations, with a membership of 13,409, and there were 280 baptisms last year. The Home Mission Society expended last year on these fields \$16,149.57.

## CHURCHES

Rev. Minor Stevens has just closed a two weeks' meeting at Murphysboro, aided by Dr. L. D. Lamkin of Cairo, who did the preaching. One hundred eighteen came forward and made a confession of Christ and 89 were added to the church, 73 by baptism. There have been just 100 additions to the church since January 1st. The house was crowded all the time of the meetings, and the impression was very deep.

Rev. Harry A. Belton, pastor of the Virden church, recently closed a very successful meeting on that field. Rev. O. W. Shields of Carlinville did the preaching, and Mr. Belton led the large chorus choir in the singing. There were 31 additions to the church, 23 of them by baptism, four by relation and four by letter. The meetings made a very deep impression upon the entire community, and the church is thoroughly organized and doing effective work.

Rev. Edward Benden, pastor of the church at Pontiac, closed a fifteen days' meeting Sunday evening, February 25. Thirty-nine persons made a decision for Christ and twenty-five have already applied for church membership, twenty-one of these by baptism. Brother Benden did the preaching, but was assisted by Ensign and Mrs. Thomas of Chicago, and their son Percy, who plays a cornet, which was a great attraction in the meetings. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas not only aided in the meetings, but were baptized and united with the church. They expect to engage in evangelistic work.

Our pastor, Rev. Frank Woodhull, was greatly encouraged by the enthusiastic response to the invitation to attend a banquet for men only, given at the Cordova Baptist church, Monday

February 26th, 1917. It was a community gathering of men whether members of the congregation or not. There were eighty-three men who accepted the invitation, and at 7:30 p.m. were all seated at the tables spread by the ladies of this community who certainly know how to provide an abundant supply of eats. After the dinner was served, Rev. H. W. Reed, pastor of the First Baptist church, Rock Island, was chosen toastmaster, and presided at the banquet. Program—Address by Rev. Diefenbaugh, pastor of M. E. church, Port Byron; Rev. L. C. Trent, pastor of First Baptist church, Kewanee, this being Mr. Trent's old home; Rev. T. L. Ketman, D.D., connected with the American Baptist Publication Society, Chicago, Ill., and Rev. Frank Woodhull. Interspersed with songs by Ladies Quartet, and Men's Quartet, and reading by Mrs. W. J. Forsythe of Cordova. This affair was an enjoyable one throughout, and was an inspiration for more active social work. We feel that we have at least made one step toward community gathering.

E. Cool, Church Clerk.

On February 25th, the Jerseyville church dedicated their new building. The church, entirely furnished, together with the additional lot purchased, cost \$39,100. There was only \$1,000 debt to raise the morning of dedication and that was accomplished in a few minutes. Rev. Joseph Jenkins has been pastor of that church for about two years. He is very happy in the work. We are glad to give to the readers of the Bulletin a cut of this splendid building in Jerseyville.

The annual meeting of the Morrison church went off with a good and harmonious spirit, with good reports from

all the societies. The church is now making an every-member-canvass. Rev. Marlin has been pastor for quite a number of years at Morrison, and this is one of the best years he has had on that field. The congregations are good.

Rev. Russell A. Rapson, pastor of the Roodhouse church, is engaged in special meetings, he doing the preaching and depending upon the people of the church to furnish the music and help him in various ways. He expresses himself as much encouraged with the work at Roodhouse.

The Geneseo Church is getting along very nicely with Rev. J. C. H. Read of Rock Island as pastor. Only a few years ago this church was closed up for several years. Then the State Convention aided them in getting started, and now they are carrying on the work, having preaching every Sunday, without outside assistance, and propose to make all the apportionments with 15 per cent increase.

Rev. H. H. Smith has been pastor at Woodstock for about four years, and his work is quite encouraging. At the annual meeting January 3rd, the treasurer's report showed the pastor's salary for the year paid up and something paid on back salary. They have a men's chorus which sings in the evening and has increased the evening congregations.

The First Church of Cairo, of which Dr. L. D. Lamkin has been pastor for two years, is having splendid success. The congregations are fine, and the men's Bible class large. They are perhaps at this time engaged in special meetings.

The Baptist church in Atwood recently improved its house to the extent of \$1400 and rededicated the church. Rev. T. Harley Marsh, D.D., of De-

catur, preached the sermon, and it was a great day for our little church at Atwood.

Rev. H. R. Otto of Girard recently held three special meetings, one at his home church at Girard resulting in nine baptisms. He assisted the pastor at Farmersville for two weeks. There were thirteen additions to the church, ten of them by baptism. The third was at Bois d'Arc, where the meeting house was destroyed the third day of the meetings, but he continued in a school house and baptized five converts.

Dr. E. L. Krumreig, who is in his fourth year as pastor of the First church of Danville, has received more than 300 members into the church. There were 185 members when he began and they have a net membership now of 425. On the coldest Sunday of this winter, fifteen below zero, there were eighty-four at the communion service. Two young men have been licensed to preach, one is now at Shurtleff College.

Rev. Jesse Hyde is now in his third year at Belleville. During that time the membership of the church has about doubled. The Sunday school now averages 115 and the B. Y. P. U. has increased from forty to sixty.

We received the following notice from a committee of the Erie church: "We feel that we have made some progress in every department of our church work. Our congregations have improved in general in the past year. Our prayer meetings are well attended and interesting; good young people's society, efficiently maintained. Sunday School has gained strength numerically. In the past few years we have had no junior society, but since the coming of our present pastor, one has been organized, consisting of thirty members."



"Dr. George E. Burlingame has closed his pastorate of the First church, San Francisco, after ten years of fine service. Dr. J. S. Kirtley is supplying the pulpit of the First church. It is announced that Dr. Burlingame will supply the pulpit of the Hanson place church, Borough of Brooklyn, New York, for several weeks."

"The negro Baptists of the country are growing in consecration and intelligence. Their giving is remarkable for their means, and their missionary enthusiasm is growing apace. The National Convention has sent a commission to study conditions in Africa."

Rev. John M. Moore of New York, who for ten years or more has been so well known in the denomination as a religious educator, an investigator along active denominational lines, and a writer of almost innumerable tracts, leaflets, etc., has resigned that position to accept the pastorate of a large church

in Brooklyn. We shall miss Brother Moore in our denominational work very much.

"The Baptist World gives these interesting items about two Crozer men in West Virginia: 'Dr. T. C. Johnson, of Charleston, has been forty years in that happy and successful pastorate. Few pastors have nobler record. He is still a mighty pillar of strength in this large church, for our capital city and for the entire State. Nineteen hundred and sixteen was a year of progress for every department of his work. In February he and his people will engage in a special revival meeting, under the direction of Chapman and Alexander. Dr. F. F. Briggs, at Morgantown, reports forty-eight additions for the year, an overcrowded Sunday school, a growing congregation and an urgent need for a new church building.'"

"Doctor," said a gentleman to his pastor, "how can I best train up my boy in the way he should go?" "By going that way yourself," truly responded the pastor.



First Baptist Church, Jerseyville  
Dedicated February 25, 1917

**TO THE BAPTISTS OF ILLINOIS**

Hudelson Baptist Orphanage at Irvington, Illinois, is to us an achievement, a disgrace, and an opportunity.

It is an achievement that so much good has been done to so many children at such a small outlay of money. In 1916, under Christian influence, and in healthy surroundings, 54 children were given home and schooling at an average cost of \$100 apiece.

It is a disgrace that so many of us have supported the home in so niggardly a fashion. The run-down condition of the buildings, the overworked condition of the staff, and the inadequate equipment have called for the severe censure of the State Inspector on the churches that should support the home.

It is an opportunity. Here we may carry out one of the missions of the church, namely, the care of dependent children. Here is a real outlet for that "Social Outreach" called for by our Five Year Program.

\$5000 wisely spent will largely remedy the faults in the Orphanage plant. A competent Chicago architect is giving his counsel regarding the proposed alterations. And already the appeal for support is meeting a splendid response.

After a careful investigation of the Orphanage plant, its management, and its work, the Department of Philanthropy of the State Convention puts its hearty approval on the appeal that is soon to go out from the Finance Committee of the Orphanage, and earnestly hopes that everything possible may be done to insure the future efficient service of Hudelson.

Sub-committee on Hudelson Orphanage. { Virgil V. Johnson,  
E. P. Brand,  
F. W. Stewart.

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**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME  
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS**

**Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.  
Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron**

The month of February closed with everyone well in the Home and ready for their three meals a day. And meals are worrying us greatly just now because of the high cost of living and the few donations. We have had to take potatoes from our menu and eggs are an unknown quantity. But it is nearing Easter and we are hoping that our donations will be increased many times. If a woman in each community would take it upon herself to collect eggs for the home it would mean a great deal to us and would never be missed by those with hens. Mrs. Charles Dabler has followed out this plan in Manlius, Ill., adding to it her own donation and it has helped us more than we can say.

The youngest member of our family has been placed in a private home.

Many are on our waiting list for admittance into the Home. We lack room. Our committee on improvements met recently and determined to enlarge the capacity of the home by finishing another room which had formerly been used as a store room. This, with the additional sleeping porch, will enlarge our capacity 30 per cent.

Our finances must be strengthened greatly to meet the demands of the present hour and as things look now it seems that the demands of the future will be still greater. Hard times place a heavier burden of children upon us, and we are paying as much again for food stuffs as we were a year ago. Friends of children and child-saving work, remember our needs and see to it that offerings are sent in.

**HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE  
IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS**

**Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.**

On March 1st, there were 65 children in the orphanage. Among the more recent arrivals were twin sisters not quite two years old, and full orphans. Another was a large boy from the Pilgrim Temple church, Chicago.

The improvement fund is growing at an encouraging rate. Pledges thus far are as follows:

Woodlawn, Chicago.....	\$ 575.00
Oreana .....	100.00
Bethany .....	100.00
Benton, First .....	200.00
Dr. Fyke, for Centralia.....	1000.00
Irvington .....	200.00
Alton pastors .....	500.00
Ashley .....	31.85
Total .....	\$2706.85

Our form of pledge card indicates what we propose to do and gives opportunity to help do it.

**ORPHANAGE PLEDGE CARD**

Conditions at Hudelson Orphanage, Irvington, Ill., require the early expenditure of at least \$5,000

**WHAT IS PROPOSED**

1. Painting buildings inside and out.
2. Permanent building for power plant.
3. Suitable shelter for coal.
4. Completion and equipment of 16 room house now idle.
5. Heating plant for this building.
6. Playrooms or small gymnasium.
7. Hospital or isolation rooms.
8. Assembly room for religious and other services.

## Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor  
Morgan Park.

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer  
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston.

Greetings to the Baptist Women of Illinois from the "Sunny Southland": How I wish all could be with us and enjoy the balmy air, the beautiful birds, and "God's great outdoors." We are enjoying every minute and with our enjoyment we are seeing much that makes us glad. Last week we visited Florida Baptist Academy at Jacksonville. Over five hundred colored boys and girls of all ages are attending. There is a faculty of twenty-two teachers, six of these teachers being supported by our W. A. B. H. M. S. The president, Mr. Collier, is a splendid man and how he and all the teachers appreciate our Women's Home Society, and how glad we are to have a part in this splendid school. When we looked into the bright, intelligent faces at chapel time we felt that character was being made for all time, and lives being influenced for eternity; and when the five hundred sang for us I wondered if the music of the colored race would not help to make Heaven wonderful! We expect to visit Spelman on our way home. This week we are to speak at a large missionary gathering here in DeLand, and shall tell with much pride of the work of our Illinois Baptist women.

Grace M. Topping.

Mrs. I. W. Hopps, president of the Ottawa Association is to be in the south the unexpired time of the associational year. The vice president, Mrs. L. W.

Weaver, of Ottawa will assume her duties for the time.

The mid-year meeting of the Rock River Association was held last month at the Park Place church in Aurora. The weather was so very cold that the attendance from out of town was not as large as expected, but the written returns from churches which could not send representatives, was very gratifying. At 5:30 p.m. 120 sat down to the Ruby banquet and others came in for the after dinner program. An interesting feature was the presence of Mrs. Smith, who was present at the meeting when the W. A. B. H. M. Society was organized. In the evening a pageant arranged by the W. W. G. girls was given to a crowded house.

Many circles are quite interested in the Reading contest, and are pushing it among their members. The circles which push the hardest will not only be enlightening and broadening their members in missionary knowledge, but have a fair chance of being custodian of the beautiful loving cup for at least one year.

Mrs. L. S. Shumaker, president of the Bloomfield Association, and Mrs. Albert Edwards, Home Director, are actively at work visiting the circles and seeking to arouse greater enthusiasm throughout the association. They plan to visit every circle and the churches which are without circles before Sept.

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The final stage of the Standard Campaign is on, and scores of Unions are making desperate efforts to attain certain percentages in order to reach "high," as our motoring friends say. Don't forget that the State Union is going to give a number of awards for those who made the best "high"! This is not in the nature of a prize for your work, but rather for the purpose of sending delegates to the International Convention, in order that these Standard Unions may gain new inspiration and enthusiasm by meeting other enthusiasts from all over the country. All large business corporations are making a practice of having conferences of their salesmen, and other employees, in all branches of their business, frequently, in order that a comparison of methods, and a new enthusiasm and loyalty to their respective firms may be instilled into them, by contact with one another. This is good psychology and we can well afford to follow it.

Nothing will bring new life to a union quicker than to send one of their YOUNG people to these international meetings. They absorb enthusiasm, and zeal more quickly, generally, than older ones. Youth is the age of enthusiasm. It should be part of our

"stock in trade," for use with young people, constantly. If you wish to put your B. Y. P. U. on the "doing" list, make it a practice each year to have as many of the young people attend both the International Convention and the Havana Assembly. It is a "paying investment" from every standpoint, spiritually and materially. A living witness to this fact is the union of the First Peoria church. Miss Hamil this year's president, reports good work, and great activity. This union has for the past number of years sent delegates to both these meetings, and expect to have a number at Detroit. Ottawa union is another example, and many others could be named.

The following named are acting in their territory to organize parties to attend the Detroit meeting. If you desire information regarding that trip, write to the nearest one to you.

Southern Illinois—Harold Howard, Mount Vernon.

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## THE EUROPEAN WAR AND OUR COUNTRY



During the two and a half years that the greatest war in all history has been in progress, the Bulletin has occupied a neutral position. Almost no mention has been made of this awful struggle except to occasionally call attention to the terrible losses that were reported. While the great majority of our readers are American, yet there are some British, some German, and a few French readers. So it was thought best to adhere strictly to neutrality in this conflict. That, however, did not mean indifference or no well defined opinion on the great war. But now the time seems to have come when it is not a question of neutrality, but a question of loyalty to and patriotism for our own country.

There is absolutely no question but that the masses of the German people deserve the greatest admiration and Christian sympathy, but there is nothing but condemnation for the Prussian militarism that has dominated and controlled them for more than fifty years. President Wilson has gone to the extreme limit to maintain peace with the German Empire, and has held to the principles of neutrality so strongly that it has seemed to endanger the standing and influence of America among foreign nations. The selling of war ma-

terials in this country has not been one-sided. Germany and Austria had just the same privilege to make purchases as England and France, and when on two occasions a German submarine made its way to this country, on each occasion it was loaded with the most valuable of war materials and carried them to Germany, and there was no outcry that this country was not neutral because of selling war supplies to Germany. This country will have many settlements to make with England on account of the war, but they will be for the loss of goods; there will not be, so far as now appears, a single controversy over the loss of life. Practically all the German colonies have been captured by the Allies, but no case of barbarism was committed contrary to civilized warfare. While America has tried to be neutral, she has been shocked many times with the reports of barbarism and cruelty surpassing that of the Dark Ages.

When Turkey entered the war she seemed to have deliberately attempted to exterminate the Christian Armenian race, the best people in the Turkish empire, and her allies, two professed Christian nations. Germany and Austria, did not seem to make a protest against this slaughter of the Armen-

ians. The barbarous treatment of the Belgians and the destruction of their property, is well known to every one who reads. And the submarine destruction of merchant vessels with helpless women and children, and the destruction of American citizens has been sufficient to arouse every true American of whatever race or nationality, to the point of throwing aside neutrality and taking a stand for humanity and modern civilization.

Since the severing of diplomatic relations with Germany, our country has been approaching nearer and nearer to the European conflict, and when it was reported by President Wilson that Germany had made an effort to unite Mexico and Japan against the United States and promised Mexico aid to recover Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California from the United States, it seemed that the time had come for every American to take a stand for his country. When this outrageous scheme was revealed, many German papers in this country ridiculed the idea and declared that it was a forgery, and gotten up to create feeling against Germany. But German officials at home did not deny it, but justified themselves in such conduct. There seems to be strong proof that the South American republics have been wrought upon by German influence to turn against this country and are combining their strength in opposition to the United States. America for a century has protected Mexico and Central and South America against foreign aggression, and just now, when we are so poorly prepared for war, an effort is being made to combine all of America south of us and Japan with Germany in a war with this country. War may not be declared,

but since the sinking of the Lusitania and the invasion of Belgium, there has been sufficient provocation to have justified the country in entering the conflict; and yet the people should be glad that the patience of the president has kept them out of war. But now there cannot, or should not, be a division of sentiment.

If people who live in America are not for America, let them go where their sympathies rest, and not live in a country they will not sustain.

Recent conversation with different people who are Germans or of German parentage, reveals the fact that none of British parentage express themselves so strongly in their criticism of the Kaiser and his advisers as do the German people. Whenever any foreign nation tries to break up our government, then there is only one position for Americans, and that is to stand by our President and our Country.

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#### CHRISTIAN WORKERS' CONFERENCE

On March 18th, 19th, and 20th, the Publication Society held one of its conferences in the First Church of Peoria. The workers present were Batten and Chambers from Philadelphia, Roberts from Indiana, Morris from Illinois, the Dean of the Training School in Chicago, and some other workers. There was a good attendance from many of the churches of the Peoria Association and some of the churches of the Bloomington Association. On Monday forenoon there was a conference of the pastors of the Peoria Association. Pastor Hazen and the Peoria Church entertained the people splendidly and it was a very valuable conference and was well attended.



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**N**OW is the time to begin to plan for the great Convention in Cleveland, May 16-22.

**M**ANY of the leading speakers and workers in the thirty-three states of the Northern Convention will be heard in Cleveland.

**M**ANY returned foreign missionaries, and some who are being sent out, will be introduced at the Convention in May.

**M**ANY items of business of great interest to the Baptist denomination and to the kingdom will be transacted at this meeting at the Convention. Pastors ought to make every effort possible to attend.

**T**HIS April issue of the Bulletin completes eight volumes of the paper. When it was started eight years ago it was hoped that it might reach 1000 Baptist homes, but it is now going into almost 6000 homes.

**T**HERE never have come to the editor's office so many expressions of appreciation of the Bulletin as during the past month or two. The increased cost of the paper does not seem to have cut down the subscription lists at all. It seems as easy to get twenty

subscriptions at fifteen cents as it was at ten cents.

**A** GAIN the readers must be reminded that the office force of the State Convention cannot take time from the Convention work to boost the Bulletin; that must be done by the pastors, Sunday school workers, B. Y. P. U. workers and others. It shows a lack of interest in denominational affairs in the state for a church not to have a club of Bulletin readers.

**W**HILE the books of the National Societies are just now closing it is too early to know how they came out financially. This information will be given in the May issue.

#### **PASTORS AND THE NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**

It would be a great blessing to the cause of Christ in Illinois if a large proportion of our pastors could attend the Northern Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, May 16-22. Every pastor who can attend will be a stronger man and a more successful preacher for the whole year. The churches will reap great benefit by the pastors attending the convention. A few pastors in Illinois have sufficient salary to enable them to attend the Convention without assistance, but many of our pastors do not feel that they can go without assistance. Here is a great opportunity for the churches to show a little bit of generosity. In putting it on the lowest scale, it is doubtless true that nearly every pastor would go if the church would make him a donation of \$50 to pay his expenses. Many pastors would go if one-half their expenses were paid. How easy it would be for twenty or twenty-five members of the average church to

give \$2.00 each, or in some cases \$1.00 each to enable the pastor to attend this great meeting. If churches will do this and send a notice to the Bulletin, the name of each church doing so will be published in the May issue. The people, in many churches, would be glad to do this if some layman would start it and give a little time and attention in working it up. Many would be willing to give five dollars to send the pastor to the Northern Baptist Convention.

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If any pastorless churches with some difficulties need a few days' assistance from a good, able missionary, or if churches or pastors need some assistance in evangelistic work, let them communicate with the Superintendent at Normal, and the matter will be taken up at once, and, if possible, a date made that will be satisfactory. If any fields are desiring tent meetings in the summer season, let them write to headquarters at once.

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**WHY ALL ILLINOIS BAPTISTS SHOULD  
BE INTERESTED IN THE STATE  
CONVENTION**

There are some very strong reasons why the State Convention should have the sympathy and strong financial support of all our Baptists of the state:

1. The State Convention, at much labor and large expense, furnishes the Annual, which is the only publication in the state that gives the statistics and valuable information concerning the whole denomination in the state.

2. The Convention furnishes the Bulletin, also at much labor and considerable expense, for the denomination in the state. This periodical gives monthly a birds-eye view of the Baptist affairs in Illinois.

3. The State Convention encourages all our educational institutions in the state, but is especially back of Shurtleff College, and is carrying on the greatest work among the Baptist students of the State University of any state in the Union. The State Convention has put more than \$40,000 into the State University Church, and this touches the Baptist students in all parts of the state, North and South in the Big City.

4. The State Convention carries on the Summer Assembly near Havana, which is a splendid summer outing with fine instruction for all throughout the state who will attend.

5. The State Convention has a department on Philanthropy which is taking hold strongly this year of our orphanages and, as time passes, will bring all our philanthropic institutions to a much higher standing.

6. Our Department of Missions is back of Foreign and Home Missions and Women's Missions and is doing aggressive work to bring up our churches to a higher standard in giving for these great missionary objects.

7. The Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work have no stronger friend and supporter in the state than the State Convention.

8. From forty to sixty churches each year in all parts of the state are aided by the Convention in the support of pastors, in the building of meeting houses, or the raising of old debts.

9. The Convention has eight evangelists or general missionaries giving all their time in evangelistic meetings, or other missionary work for the benefit of the churches.

From the foregoing statements it would seem that the one organization above all others that should have the

sympathy and loyal financial support of the entire brotherhood is the State Convention. A poorly supported and weak State Convention will be a source of weakness to every Baptist organization working in the state, and a well supported State Convention will give new life and vigor to all the other denominational work in the state.

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#### CHURCHES

Rev. L. D. Lamkin recently held a revival meeting in the First Church of Cairo which was reported to have been very successful, but we do not know at this date the number of additions to the church through that meeting. Dr. Lamkin has done very successful work at Cairo and during the two years he has been there the church has been greatly built up.

Rev. R. V. Meigs of Muskogee, Oklahoma, assisted the pastor at Bunker Hill, Rev. T. C. Coffey, in special meetings. The meeting was a great success; although Bunker Hill is not a large town and the Baptist church is rather small, yet they had more than fifty conversions. Mr. Meigs will assist Pastor Twing in meetings in the First Church in Alton in April.

Rev. Chas. C. Colby held a special meeting in his church at Toulon, assisted by Rev. Chas. R. Drussell of Berwick. Brother Drussell preached two weeks. The meeting was good, but the final results in additions to the church are not yet known.

The Hoopston Church seems to be getting along very nicely at the present time. They have raised the entire missionary budget with 15 per cent added to every cause except Foreign Missions, and that will have a 50 per cent increase. The new pastor, Rev. Mr. Very, seems

to be proving himself the right man for the place, and the outlook is reported as hopeful.

Rev. J. B. McKendry, pastor of the Mendota Church, writes as follows: "Things are going very well at Mendota. I came last November and have found a very hearty response on the part of the people." We are glad to hear this good news from Mendota, and hope that the pastor will get a strong hold on that important field.

Rev. E. L. Krumreig of Danville held a meeting in the Western Avenue Baptist Church of Danville and six persons united with the church, while others were very deeply impressed. This is a church that has just recently come into the Baptist denomination and they are anxious to locate a pastor quite soon.

The work at Dixon seems to be getting along quite well. That has been a very difficult field and for several years it has been hard to make progress. The pastor, Rev. Geo. W. Stoddard, writes, "Please find enclosed our every-member-canvass letter. We will be able to finance the church the coming year and raise our apportionment for missions. We have been having a cottage prayer meeting; will re-organize the B. Y. P. U. the first Sunday in April; had twenty-two boys, ages ten to fifteen, in Sunday school last Sunday."

About the middle of March, Rev. P. G. Spangler, pastor of the Collinsville Church, started in in special meetings. We have not heard from the meeting since the second day; there were 171 in Sunday school at that time and eleven made professions in the Sunday and Monday evening services.

Rev. L. C. Taylor, pastor of the Plainville Church, held a meeting, do-

ing his own preaching. It was a very encouraging revival, with ten additions to the church.

Rev. C. A. Neyman, pastor of the Eastern Avenue Church of Joliet, held a meeting from February 4th to 18th. Rev. Henry Clay Miller of Aurora doing the preaching. There were about thirty-five decisions and twenty baptisms as a result of the meeting. The pastor held a meeting at Forest Park Mission from February 27th, to March 9th. Nineteen cards were signed, and there will possibly be ten baptisms. Both meetings were very helpful to the churches and strengthened the work. From March 12th to 25th, Mr. Neyman assisted Pastor Miller at the Marion Avenue church in Aurora. The meetings started out well, but we have not heard the results at the close of the services.

The Rozetta Church, of which Rev. G. W. Wright is pastor, seems to be making some substantial progress. Thirteen persons have recently been received for baptism, and others have come by letter. During the holiday season, the church presented the pastor and his wife with useful gifts and made an increase in the pastor's salary. This is one of our splendid country churches.

"A three-weeks' series of revival meetings in the First Baptist Church in Decatur, closed on Sunday evening, March 25. Dr. T. H. Marsh, the pastor, conducted the meetings and preached most effectively.

"Rev. Samuel Hoekstra of Utica, Ill., led the singing during the first two weeks. He had a large chorus and the music was a most helpful feature of the meetings. There was much interest shown. About 50 persons united with the church. These meetings have done

much to create active interest among the membership. The church was never in a more flourishing condition than it is now."

"Edinburg.—The ladies of the Bethel Baptist church met at the home of Miss Verna Sanders, two and one-half miles east of Edinburg, Tuesday afternoon, March 24, and organized a Missionary circle. Mrs. John George of Taylorville, the secretary of missions in the Springfield association, was present and assisted in the organization. The officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Myrtle Seaton; vice-president, Miss Ruth Watts; treasurer, Mrs. Maria Perry; secretary, Miss Verna Sanders."

Rev. Henry Dixon held a meeting with the Manchester Church in February. There were twenty-five additions to the church, twenty-one by baptism and four by letter, and others are expected to follow later.

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#### SHURTLEFF COLLEGE

At the Trustees' Meeting held in Decatur March 14th, some very important business was transacted. All the teachers in the college department were re-elected for another year, and each was given an increase in salary. Already enough girls have applied for next year for the room that is now provided for them, but steps were taken toward an effort to greatly enlarge one of the women's dormitories. Dr. Myron W. Haynes was elected to begin the work of raising from \$300,000 to \$500,000, to begin his work the first of next January. He finished his work in raising a large endowment for McMinn College in the Northwest, and is this year engaged by Dr. Riley and the First Baptist church of Minneapolis in raising money for that great work.

**PASTORAL CHANGES**

Rev. W. H. Peebles of Chicago is now supplying the church at Warren. The people seem to appreciate his work and speak very highly of him.

After making several efforts, the Assumption Church has secured Rev. J. W. Harnly of Roseville, as pastor, but Brother Harnly will not begin work there until the first of May, on account of special union meetings being conducted in Roseville, and he desires to remain for a month after the meetings to gather up the results. He has been at Roseville six years, and has had a very successful pastorate there.

We recently learned that Rev. J. L. Meads has been called to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Benton. He was pastor of this church for several years and resigned about two years ago to go into evangelistic work. His home is in Benton, and he is very popular in that city, and the church has done well to secure him for the pastorate again.

Rev. W. R. Yard of Delavan, Wisconsin, has been called and has accepted the pastorate of the DeKalb Church. He will move on to the field some time this summer.

Rev. G. P. Burdon, who has been pastor at St. Anne for about three years, has been called to the pastorate of the Griggsville Church. He has accepted the call.

The Wilmette Church, in the Chicago Association, was pastorless only a few weeks when it called Rev. Francis C. Stifler. He is a brother of Rev. J. M. Stifler, pastor at Evanston.

Rev. Edgar Woolhouse some time ago located at Barrington and became pastor of that church. The first of January the church increased his salary \$100.

**COMPARISONS**

Our Southern Illinois brethren of the Landmark Anti-alien Immersion type have had a great deal to say during the past few years concerning Northern Baptists and all those Baptists who differ from them on some of their peculiarities, dying out and disintegrating and ceasing to maintain their standing in the world, etc. Much has been said about how much more rapidly the Landmark Baptists increase than do the Baptists, and the missionaries of the State Association in Southern Illinois have been reporting, through their work alone, about 2000 additions to the churches each year, but anyone who carefully studies the statistics of these associations wonders what the associations and churches and pastors have been doing for the past few years. If anyone will study the last Illinois Baptist State Annual published, he will notice the associations affiliated with the State Convention and the Northern Baptist Convention report fully as many baptisms and additions to the churches as those affiliated with the South, and the missionary work of those affiliated with the North is three or four times as great as that of the churches affiliated with the South, and the educational and philanthropic work of the churches in Illinois affiliated with the State Convention is more than twenty times greater than of those affiliated with the South, and yet those who read the Baptist organ of Southern Illinois and accept its teachings as correct, and read no other paper, are impressed that about all the Baptist work being done in Illinois is through the Southern Illinois State Association. Some of the most prosperous Baptist churches in the state are in extreme Southern Illinois and loyal supporters of the State Con-

vention and Northern Convention; such churches at Murphysboro, Cairo 1st, Benton 1st, Mt. Vernon 1st, Centralia, Johnston City 2nd, Carterville 2nd, and others. Already some of the Southern Illinois pastors and laymen are seeing things differently from what they did a few years ago.

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The Editor spent Saturday and Sunday, March 17th and 18th, on the Moline, Rock Island and East Moline fields talking up the meeting of the State Convention in Moline in October. The Moline church, of which Rev. R. W. Babcock is pastor, is in very good condition. He has perhaps the largest congregations of any Protestant church in the three cities. They seem enthusiastic about the coming of the State Convention next fall. Rev. J. M. Osborne, the pastor at Watertown and East Moline, is doing very fine work. The East Moline Mission is coming forward rapidly. We found the hall where services are held, crowded with more than 100 people on Sunday night. They are now pushing the plan of erecting a \$15,000 meeting house in East Moline.

The Edgewood Church in Rock Island is now pastorless, and the First Church will be about the first of May. All the other churches in the Rock Island Association, except Andalusia and Bethel are supplied with pastors.

The Editor spent Sunday and Monday, March 25th and 26th, in the Chicago Association. He gave Sunday morning to the Chicago Heights Church, of which Rev. Henry Duff has been pastor for three and one-half years. They have a union Sunday school and Sunday morning service. There were 92 present in the Sunday

school, but they have an enrollment of 190. The Sunday school seems to be well organized and doing good work.

Sunday night was spent with Epiphany Church on the West Side, of which Rev. W. F. Waggoner is pastor. The church seems to be in good condition. Evangelist F. L. Church was just beginning a revival meeting with a very hopeful outlook for the work.

At noon Monday a meeting of the Evangelistic Committee of the Chicago Association was held in the Marshall Field restaurant and vigorous and aggressive plans for the work in that association, and especially in the city were developed.

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#### THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

A week or two ago the world was astonished to learn of the great revolution in Russia in which the Romanoff Dynasty was overthrown, and the Russian Czar Nicholas deposed. The Russian nation practically became a democracy at once. The revolution was almost without bloodshed, and political and religious freedom were at once declared, and the Jews released from all the restrictions and persecutions from which they had suffered so much. Czar Nicholas is a very weak man mentally and was so completely controlled by the reactionaries that the Duma, the army and navy seemed to have almost unanimously turned against the ruling house. The Czarina was German born and had a large influence over the Czar and while the nation and the Duma and the army and navy were fighting the Germans and Austrians, the aristocratic government seemed to be doing all it could in the interest of Germany and against the Russian success of the war. For centuries, Russia has been

one of the most despotic and cruel governments in the world. There are about 180,000,000 people in Russia, and if the new government succeeds, it will be one of the greatest movements toward popular government the world has ever seen. Some think that the Russians are too backward for a republic. But Russia is certainly as far advanced in civilization as China, and China, with her 400,000,000 people, almost without bloodshed, threw off the yoke of the Manchu Dynasty and established a republic, and during the life of the republic, it has gotten along fairly well; we believe Russia will succeed.

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#### TEMPERANCE

One of the greatest victories ever won for temperance in Illinois was by the vote in Springfield, the Capitol of the State, on Tuesday, April 3rd. That city, to some extent influenced by state politics, has been cursed with the whiskey traffic ever since it began to exist as a large town. Even now, a large majority of the men voted for whiskey, but by the vote of the women, prohibition carried by a majority of 452 votes. Quite a number of smaller towns in the state went dry and two small towns voted from dry to wet. Possibly Chicago and Peoria and three counties around East St. Louis will not be dry until after we secure national prohibition, and the indications are that we will have national prohibition within ten years, and possibly within the space of five or six years. As soon as it passes Congress and the legislatures of thirty-two states ratify it, liquor will be abolished in the whole country. The law almost passed Congress last session and almost thirty-two states now have state-wide prohibition. If the temper-

ance movement makes as rapid progress within the next three years as it has during the last three years, we can have national prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

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#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

President Wilson's address to both houses of Congress on Monday night, April 2nd, was one of the great state papers of our country. Perhaps never was there a more statesman-like document written by a president of the Republic. The address was received with great enthusiasm and Congress will almost unanimously carry out his recommendations. The only delay was caused by LaFollette of Wisconsin and a few men who followed him, in delaying legislation until the close of the last Congress; but he cannot now block the country in resisting the war that has been forced upon it, more than a day or two.

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The Rev. C. C. Long, pastor of the Park Ave., Baptist church in St. Louis, has accepted the call extended to him by the Urbana Baptist church congregation, and will be in Urbana to take up his new work on April 1.

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"Charles Spurgeon, son of Charles H. Spurgeon, and twin brother of Thomas Spurgeon, has announced his resignation of the pastorate of Holland Road Church, Brighton, England, in order to undertake deputation work for the Spurgeon's Orphanage in various parts of the country. The Sussex Daily News says that Mr. Spurgeon has left a permanent mark on the religious life of the town and that his departure will leave a gap which it will be hard to fill."

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#### IMMIGRANTS AS EMIGRANTS

"There are one-quarter million immigrants returning to Europe this year. What a missionary force that would be if we had led them to know Christ."—Missionary Review of the World.

### MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING MARCH

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (\*) star.

Allaman, M. H., Oquawka, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	\$ 5.00	Downers Grove Church .....	17.45
Alton, Cherry St. Church.....	25.00	Dundee Church .....	10.00
Alton, First Church .....	79.10	*Elgin First Church .....	90.59
Alpha Church .....	4.00	Evanston First Church .....	24.61
Aurora, Marion Avenue Church.....	27.00	Gardner, Mrs. C. P., Princeton Special Evangelistic Fund .....	25.00
Aurora, Park Place Church.....	25.00	Graymont Church .....	20.00
Bagwill, Mrs. M., Millington.....	5.00	*Geneseo Church .....	5.75
Baldwin, A. C., Deer Park Church Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00	Harrington, E. J., Griggsville Special Evangelistic Fund.....	5.00
Barrington Church .....	4.00	Herrick, J. T., Wyanet Special Evangelistic Fund .....	2.00
Beal, P. L., Monmouth Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00	Home Mission Society, on salary and expense of F. L. Church.....	148.27
Berwyn Church .....	83.20	Hoopeston Church .....	13.75
Belvidere First Church .....	60.00	Interest .....	1815.25
Blake, Mrs. Emma C., Normal Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00	Interurban rebate .....	.50
B.Y.P.U., for advertising in Bulletin	4.00	Jerseyville Church .....	17.00
Bulletin collections .....	75.47	Johnson, Frank B., Wyanet Special Evangelistic Fund .....	1.00
Cambridge Church .....	34.00	Joliet, Eastern Avenue Church.....	60.60
Carlinville Church .....	6.00	Joliet First Church .....	16.80
*Champaign, University Church .....	25.00	Jourden, S. S., Freeport Special Evangelistic Fund .....	10.00
Chrisman Church .....	3.00	Kewanee First Church .....	25.55
Centralia Church .....	35.00	Kirkland, Rev. R. S., Urbana Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
*Chicago, Albany Park Church.....	11.00	LaGrange Church .....	11.00
Chicago, Englewood Church .....	32.00	Layman, T. J., Benton Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
Chicago, First Church .....	15.35	Lexington Church .....	9.90
Chicago, Grace Church .....	3.50	Mage, Mrs. L. C., Peoria Special Evangelistic Fund .....	10.00
Chicago, Garfield Park Church .....	55.00	Marengo Church .....	26.65
*Chicago, Calvary Church .....	7.00	Marley Church .....	19.00
Chicago, Immanuel Church .....	50.00	Moline Church .....	47.00
Chicago, Logan Sq. Norwegian Ch	4.09	Moncrief, John W., Aurora, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	10.00
Chicago, Lorimer Memorial Church	15.00	*Monmouth Church .....	37.75
Chicago, Maplewood Church .....	12.50	Morgan Park Church .....	45.19
Chicago, Ravenswood Church .....	4.00	Morrison Church .....	35.00
Chicago, Rogers Park Church .....	15.00	Morrisonville Church .....	7.40
Chicago, Tabernacle Church .....	40.00	Murray, Dr. Chas. H., Elgin Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
Chicago, Washington Park Church	6.90	McChesney, E. D., Minonk Special Evangelistic Fund.....	10.00
Chicago, Hungarian .....	13.00	*Mt. Pleasant, Medora S. S.....	11.83
Collected in Special Meetings— F. L. Church .....	68.00	Newman, John E., Griggsville Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
Collected in Special Meetings Frank M. Dunk .....	77.00	Newtown Church .....	3.00
Collected on Mission Fields— H. F. Jones .....	66.19	Northern Baptist Convention .....	75.00
*Cornell Church .....	31.00	Oakford, Mrs. M. L., Clinton Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
Cornwell, J. L., Deer Creek Special Evangelistic Fund .....	10.00	Oak Park First Church .....	53.18
Dabler, C. H., Wyanet Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00	Oranger, Rev. J. C., Minonk Special Evangelistic Fund .....	10.00
Dabler, F. L., Wyanet Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00	Osgood, S. P., Quincy Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
Davison, Paul H., Minonk Special Evangelistic Fund.....	25.00	Patrick, Mrs. F. M., Marengo Special Evangelistic Fund .....	10.00
Davison, W. S., Minonk Special Evangelistic Fund .....	25.00	Plainville Church .....	4.00
Deer Creek Church .....	15.00	Plano Church .....	3.00
DeWitt, Mrs. Margaret E., Macomb Special Evangelistic Fund .....	30.00	Pittsfield Church .....	12.00
Dexter, Grant, Galva Special Evangelistic Fund .....	10.00	"Polly" .....	500.00
		Publication Society, advertising in Bulletin .....	8.00
		Rinewalt, J. M., Mt. Carroll, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	25.00



*Robinson Church .....	3.45
*Rockford State St. Church .....	66.40
Rock Island Edgewood Church.....	10.00
Shelden, Mrs. E. J., Berwick Special Evangelistic Fund .....	10.00
Sinnett, Mrs. P. E., Rock Island Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
South Chicago Church .....	7.00
Stone, H. O., Bloomington Special Evangelistic Fund .....	10.00
Story, Chas. H., Jacksonville Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
Skaggs, O. P., and wife, Danvers Special Evangelistic Fund .....	50.00
Talbot, O. J., Plymouth Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
*Tolono Church .....	5.00
Tonica Parsonage Rent .....	30.00
Tonica Meeting House Rent .....	39.32
University Church Fund .....	4034.00
Villa Grove Church .....	5.00
Vandaveer, Mary J., Carrollton Special Evangelistic Fund .....	12.50
Walker, Sarah J., Aurora Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
Warner, D. L., Little York, Special Evangelistic Fund .....	5.00
*Warsaw Church .....	1.30
*Wilmette Church .....	34.00
Woodstock Church .....	6.03
Total .....	\$8836.32

#### STATE CONVENTION EVANGELISTS AND MISSIONARIES

Rev. N. T. Hafer spent about two weeks on the field at Hammond trying to get that church in a condition to secure a pastor. The meeting was quite successful. About one year ago the former pastor, who has now left the denomination and gone into medical practice, while being assisted in meetings by Rev. H. S. Merrill, of Aurora, excluded twelve or fifteen of the leading members from the church because they declined to support the pastor. The church soon saw the great mistake it had made and while Brother Hafer was on the field, it rescinded the action of the church, and these excluded members were restored to church fellowship. The church now seems united and harmonious, and expects to locate a pastor immediately. Missionary Hafer is spending a good deal of his

time in trying to help churches straighten out old difficulties, some of them of long standing.

Rev. F. L. Church spent the month of March and will continue until the Northern Baptist Convention meets, in the Chicago Association. The Editor met with the Missionary Committee of that Association, Monday, February 26th. The brethren unanimously gave expression to their appreciation of Brother Church's work. His meeting in March on the South Side with a small church was very successful, and resulted in many additions. He is now holding a meeting with the Epiphany Church, on the West Side, and from there will go to Momence in the southern territory of the Chicago Association.

Rev. J. H. Martin, who located at Greenville in the early winter is very much encouraged with his work there. The young people's society averages from forty to sixty in attendance. The prayer meetings are interesting and the Bible school increasing. The pastor held a meeting of three weeks, beginning February 18th. The seating capacity of the house was at times crowded; fourteen were received for baptism, and some came by letter. Within three months from the time he began work there were twenty-one additions to the church. The pastor says there are in the church three ordained ministers, the mayor of the city, two policemen, three civil service men, a banker, ten business men and an undertaker. With such a company as that in membership, we think Brother Martin ought to do successful work.

Rev. J. L. Duff, who was pastor last year at Mt. Sterling and Kellerville, has closed his work at Kellerville and

taken in Timewell Church in connection with the Mt. Sterling work. That makes him a large, strong field close together. On Wednesday evening, March 7th, he baptized four persons; one of these was seventy-six years old, and another one awaits baptism. The prayer meeting at Mt. Sterling has an average attendance of twenty-two.

Rev. N. T. Hafer spent twelve or fifteen days in Galesburg, assisting the colored Baptist Church in planning for a building enterprise. Dr. Fowle, pastor of the First Baptist Church, writes, "We have fully appreciated the help of Dr. Hafer and are glad to announce the success of our efforts to get enough to start work. After Dr. Hafer left, Mrs. Geo. Lawrence announced to us a gift of \$500, which is in memory of Mr. Lawrence's mother, who was for sixty years a member of the First Baptist Church." This makes more than \$5000 that the colored people will have toward building a new church or remodeling the old one. They have a splendid lot and have been offered \$4500 for it, but have declined to sell it. Mr. Hafer raised about \$1,000 or \$1,200 while he was there.

Rev. Frank M. Dunk began work as a special evangelist in the employ of the State Convention and Home Mission Society March 1st. His first meeting was held at Bradford and continued over three Sundays. It was a splendid meeting. On the last Sunday three among the leading men of the town and their wives, were received for baptism and church membership. The pastor at Bradford says concerning Evangelist Dunk, "Brother Dunk is certainly an evangelist of a rare type. I will not have to go around and apologize for him in anything he has said or done

while here. The State Board has in him not only a strong speaker and a sweet singer, but a gentleman also." He went from Bradford to Centralia, and in the midst of meetings there, Pastor A. P. Howells writes, "Brother Dunk is making good here. Our people are liking him splendidly and entering into the meeting wonderfully for Centralia. There have been twelve additions to the church since a week ago yesterday. You made no mistake in selecting Frank Dunk for State Evangelist."

Missionary L. B. Trites of Danville has been busy in special meetings all through the month of March. He has held a meeting at Grape Creek and on Thursday night, the 15th, baptized sixteen candidates, and expects to baptize five or six more in a few days.

Evangelist C. F. Stalker began meetings at Cambria March 8th. On March 19th he writes, "Twenty-eight from the Sunday school have made decision, besides twenty others from the best people of the place"; and on March 26th, he writes, "Meetings will probably close Wednesday of this week. We really had a very remarkable meeting in many ways; will give details at the close."

Rev. V. Colbert, our missionary in the Alton Association, is planning to hold a meeting at the Unity Church in East St. Louis, assisted by Rev. Jesse Hyde of Belleville. They are also planning to erect a basement of a meeting house and have it ready for use by fall.

#### WHERE IS GOD?

A lady was stopping with a farmer's family in Chatham, Mass. The farmer was speaking of Mr. Beecher. "Oh," he said, "he lived very close to God." "Anyway he lived very close to men," the lady replied. "That's where God is," said the farmer.—Meredith.

## Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

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### A MESSAGE FROM MRS. BERYL GILBERT BILLS, STATE COLLEGE COUNSELLOR

This is a day when man's religious instinct is expressing itself in definite service for the good of his fellows. Everywhere Civic Clubs, Social Settlements and Church Societies are shifting the emphasis from catechisms and individual piety to a socialized Christianity. Such a sweeping change is challenging Christian leadership and it is to the institutions of higher education that we must look for recruits. Here we must develop men and women with such world-wide visions that no matter in what field of endeavor they may go, they will be positive factors for good.

It is the aim of the College Counselor work of our Illinois Baptist Board to assist in the training of these leaders. It is purposed to appoint in every college town of our state a Baptist woman who shall personally interest herself in the Baptist girls of her school and lay before them the opportunities for Christian service, especially along missionary lines. She shall direct them toward definite training for efficient work, keep them in touch with denominational activities, follow them up after they leave college, co-operate with the Young Women's Christian Association in their attempts to quicken an interest in a world program.

Investigation into the enrollment of our Illinois Colleges shows a pitifully

small per cent of Baptist women. This means that effort must be made in our churches to encourage more girls to continue their preparation for their life's work on through our institutions of higher learning. If we do not do this how can we hope that our denomination can effectively take its place in the work of establishing the kingdom of God on earth. The College Counselor will help our problem somewhat, but it must mean co-operation all along the line if we are to get big results.

#### *All Baptists Invited*

Where? Cleveland, Ohio. When? May 15 to 22nd. Why? Northern Baptist Convention.

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## Sunday School Work in Illinois



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These are busy days in the office of the State Director. We are endeavoring to get in reports from Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies to be submitted to the Northern Baptist Convention. It is hard to understand why it is so difficult to secure these reports. We need better team work to insure efficiency.

From present indications we will make a better showing than we did last year, so far as 100 per cent schools are concerned, but it is too early to predict the number of 100 per cent Young People's Societies. We hope all entrants for our Illinois Work Campaign will be prompt in sending in their reports. There will be this difference this year—the Striving and Star schools will also be reported.

The principal feature of our work in the State during March was the Christian Workers' Institute held in the First Baptist Church of Peoria, under the auspices of the American Baptist Publication Society, and our own State Sunday School Committee. The pastor, Rev. Joseph C. Hazen, led his people in a splendid way in entertaining the Institute and all of those from out of town thoroughly enjoyed the generous hospitality extended. Mr. D. C. Hilling, superintendent of the Sunday School, was secretary of the committee

of arrangements, and handled the many details in a most efficient manner. He is one of the leading Sunday School superintendents in the state.

The prize winners among the out of town churches were Tremont, Osceola, and Galva. The institute team consisted of Dr. W. E. Chalmers, Dr. S. Z. Batten, Rev. S. L. Roberts, Mr. Geo. W. Harding, Mrs. Pinkham, Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner, Miss Winnifred B. Morris and the State Director. These institutes are always of a high order and great benefit to those who attend. Lecture notes are encouraged and certificates are granted to those who hand in note books on ten lectures. The closing session was held in connection with the regular meeting of the Peoria Sunday School Association in the auditorium of the Methodist Church. Twenty-one certificates were given for work done.

After April 1st, my address will be Ashley, Illinois.

### JAPAN

Ninety-eight per cent of the children of school age in Japan are in school; ninety per cent of the people are literate.

The Young Men's Christian Association at Waseda, Japan's largest university, last summer asked our missionary on the faculty, to take charge of their dormitory. This means that the only two hostels provided for the 12,000 students are under the supervision of a Baptist missionary, Dr. H. B. Benninghoff.

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In connection with the Institutes that are being held in many places of our state, it is well to note the enthusiasm and spirit that our young folks exhibit at these meetings. Enthusiasm is one of the predominating elements in young life. They admire action, and—yes—noise, and when anything appeals to them they are desirous of saying so, and this very element should be part of our stock in trade for them. Illinois has been a leader in this movement. Its young people have become "noted," I suppose some would say "notorious," for expressing their enthusiasm out loud. However, other states are recognizing the value of this, and are following very close in our tracks. Michigan has just held its sixth annual Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention at Kalamazoo. It was a meeting of enthusiasm and spirit, it couldn't be anything else in that town, with such a "live one" as Burr Osborn, a resident of the place, and "on the job" every minute, and everywhere at once. This meeting had delegates from all over the state who are interested in these two phases of Christian service. They gave two days to it and had conferences, addresses, and a real banquet that was a Hummer.

This meeting relieves their State Convention of the necessity of giving

part of its valuable time to this work and affords opportunity for proper consideration, and to help those needing it. It also makes possible a program that is suited to younger people.

Chicago Union is beginning an effort to make permanent the "Convention Chorus" of last year. They are holding a reception and asking all the choirs in our churches to join in the Baptist Choir Federation."

Their first recital will be given at Orchestra Hall Tuesday, April 24th. The chorus will be under direction of Edward T. Clissold, who so ably directed the Convention chorus. Palmer Christian will be the organist, Miss Amy Oneill, violin soloist, and the Imperial Quartette will be other numbers on the program. This is a very laudable effort, and it is to be hoped that a great Baptist "Apollo Club" will be the result.

All arrangements have been completed for the "Oskawawa Tour" to Detroit. A special train will leave Chicago at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, July 4th, arriving at Detroit 5 p.m. After dinner the party will take a trip to the great municipal playground, Belle Isle.

If you are interested and wish the details concerning the trip, write to the editor.

JOHN RUTHVEN.

**THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME**

Maywood, Illinois

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While we have had some sickness in the Home this winter, the general health has been much better than last winter.

Rev. David Griggs passed to his home in the Better Land in February, his devoted wife remains with us, being the second one in the Home to become widowed during the year. One of these men, shortly before going said, "I thank God for this Home, I shall soon pass on, and I am glad to know how my wife will be cared for."

Every vacancy in the Home is filled immediately by some one on the waiting list. Our Home as it is, is a credit to our denomination, except that it is pitifully inadequate to meet the call for places for worthy applicants. We should build the middle section of our building this summer. Who is going to provide a beautiful enduring monument of service in this way?

In this time of dreadful high cost of living does it ever occur to our Baptist people who have made no contribution to the Home this year, to wonder how we manage to give the necessities of life to this home full of people? This work lies so near us that it is a part of our own churches. If you have omitted it so far, please see that a special offering is given to the Old People's Home from individuals, churches and Sunday Schools. Envelopes and materials will be furnished on request. May 14th is "Tag Day for adult charities in Chicago," we are sorry we cannot say with the Methodists, "Our denomination takes care of our expenses."

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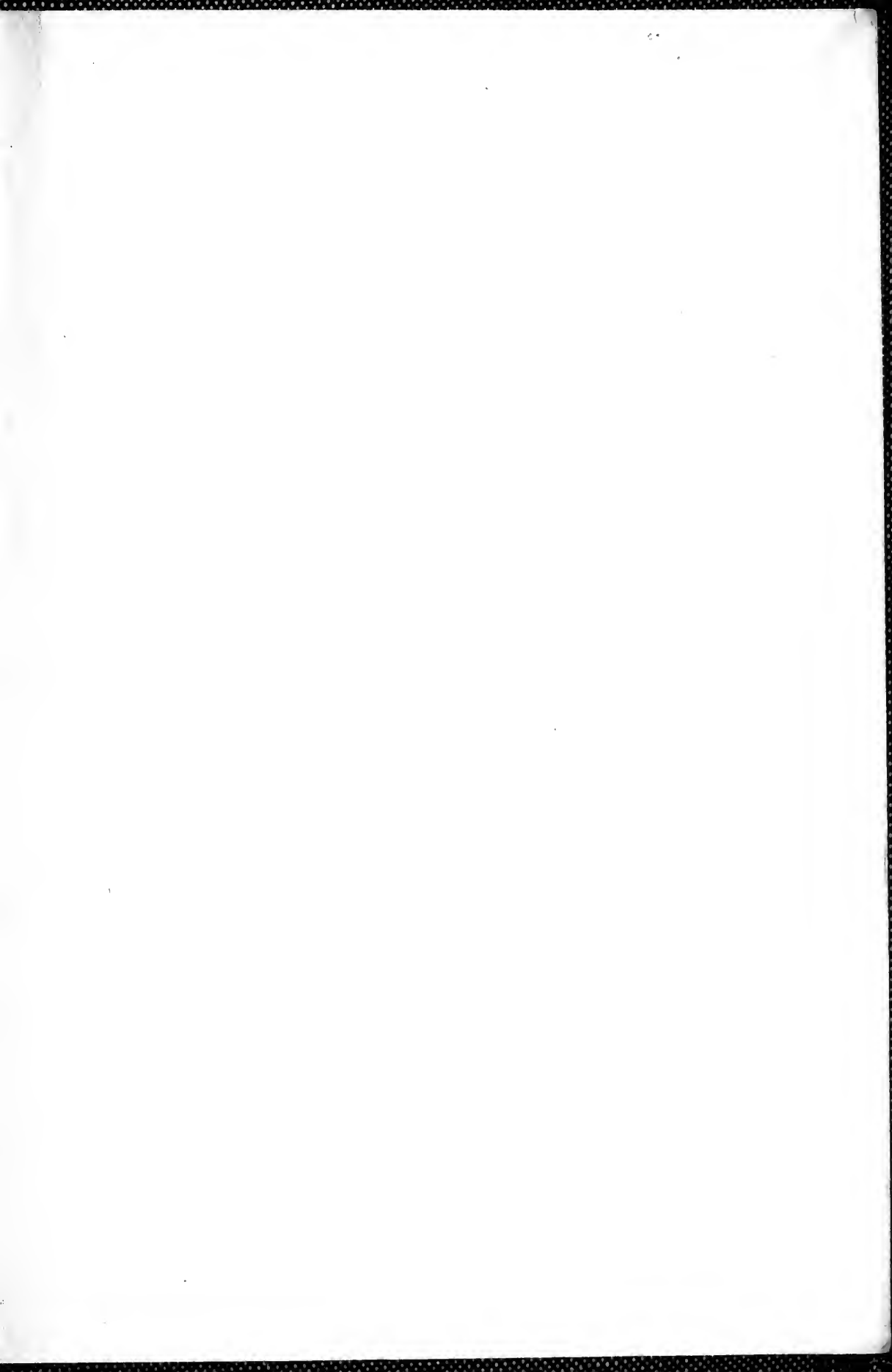












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