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"Whether it be in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto

God, Judge ye."—Act IV, 19

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Southern Baptist Convention.

SEVENTH BIENNIAL SESSION.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1859.

MORNING SESSION.

The President (Dr. Fuller) resumed

the chair at 9 o'clock, a. m. Services

commenced with the 627th hymn—

"Children of the Heavenly King,

Sing your Savior's worthy praise,

Glorious in his works and ways."

Prayer by Rev. Richard Furman, of

South Carolina.

The journal of yesterday was read

and approved.

The tellers (through Mr. A. P. Abell)

announced the result of the vote for

Vice Presidents, and the organization

was declared complete. The following

is the list of officers:

President.

Rev. RICHARD FULLER, Baltimore.

Vice Presidents.

Rev. J. B. FEIER, Richmond, Va.

Rev. BASIL MAYLY, Sr., Charleston, S. C.

Hon. THOS. SNICKS, Greensboro, Ga.

Rev. W. C. BUCK, Greensboro, Ga.

Secretaries.

Rev. WM. CAREY CRANE, De Soto co, Miss.

Rev. GEO. B. TAYLOR, Staunton, Va.

Treasurer.

Rev. J. J. TOOS, Charleston, S. C.

On motion of Rev. Geo. B. Taylor, it

was ordered that a committee of one

from each State be appointed to perfect

the list of delegates to the Convention.

The following is the committee: A. E.

Dickinson, Va.; R. Holman, Ala.; E. P.

Walton, Tenn.; Geo. F. Adams, Md.; J. R.

Hendricks, S. C.; T. E. Skinner, N. C.

C. M. Irvin, Ga.; J. E. Welch, Mo.

Martin Ball, Miss.; G. W. Call, Fla.; G.

W. Samson, D. C.; T. M. Bennett, Ky.

The rules of order and the Constitu-

tion were read by the President, for

the information of the body.

A number of delegates from South-

ern States, not present yesterday, were

reported.

On motion of Dr. Ryland, it was or-

dered that the several committees of

the Convention be appointed by the

President.

A motion having been made that a

committee be appointed to prepare bu-

siness for the Convention the Secretary

stated that in accordance with a vote

of the last Convention, the reports of

the several Boards had been printed in

advance, and that the list of subjects

which it is thought best by the com-

mittees to raise upon their reports, would

be handed to the President by the cor-

responding secretaries.

The motion was therefore withdrawn.

At 10 o'clock, in conformity with the

rule, business was suspended, and half

an hour was spent in singing and prayer.

REPORT OF THE BIBLE BOARD.

The Bible Board submitted their fourth

biennial report, which was read by the

corresponding secretary, Rev. E. P.

Walton, of Tenn.

We learn from this report that during

the past two years appropriations have

been made for German Missions in Louis-

ville, and for general distribution in

Kentucky; for bibles and testaments

for Nashville and for Camden, Tenn.;

for bible distribution in Arkansas, for

the West Florida Association, for Flori-

da, for Germany and Sweden; for home

distribution in South Carolina and East

Alabama; and the usual appropriation

of \$1000 to the Foreign Board.

The Board proposed that the field al-

ready occupied by auxiliary societies

be left to their efficient supervision; and

that so far as practicable, this system

of disseminating bibles (colportage),

shall be self-sustaining; but the Board

will open a liberal hand to those unable

to purchase, and to prosecute the plan

upon a scale commensurate with the

magnitude of the work and creditable

to the denomination, will be compelled

to appeal to the liberality of all their

brethren. Colportage is esteemed one

of the most efficient means for spread-

ing the knowledge of the gospel through-

out the earth. The advantages of the

plan are manifold, and its support is

earnestly urged. In illustration, it is

stated that one society remotely located

from our Southern field, has been able,

through its colportage, to visit in that

field over 800,000 families, and distrib-

ute 1,039,039 books, in six years. The

importance of aid for the foreign and

home Boards, is also urged. In closing,

the following motives for renewed ef-

fort are presented:

"The word of God is now translated

into 150 dialects. Through these

translations, Christians of our day have

it in their power to send the word of

life to 900,000,000, or nine-tenths of the

whole human race. The number of

those who have some knowledge of the

Scriptures, according to a recent com-

putation, is only about 93,000,000. Of

the remaining portion, who might, but

do not read it, 208,000,000 are Catholics

and members of the Greek Church; while

110,000,000 follow another false sys-

tem.

"But the most lamentable considera-

tion to which we would call your atten-

tion is, that 589,000,000, or a large ma-

jority of all earth's inhabitants, are still

entirely destitute of that knowledge

which is alone able to make them wise

unto salvation.

"For supplying this alarming destitu-

tion, only 54,000,000 of bibles and tes-

we ask, can remain inactive? Who

can refuse to lend a more liberal co-

operation in reclaiming this vast wilder-

ness from the dominion of Sin? We

dare not shrink from this undertaking

on account of the vastness of the work

to be achieved.

"Let us then address ourselves to this

stupendous aim with an apostle's soul

within us, and the prophet's vision be-

fore us, and with unerring certainty,

the time shall come when this world,

though a 'wilderness,' shall yet be made

a blooming Eden, and all its waste

places a fruitful field of righteousness."

The report was, on motion, referred

to the committee on bible and book

colportage, viz: Messrs. Boyce, C. George,

Dickinson, Chilton, Millikin, Wingate,

Hillsman, Locksley, Daggs, Warder,

Samson, Adams, Hume, Everts and Hen-

derson.

Mr. Adams, of Maryland, offered a

resolution instructing the committee

to inquire into the expediency of contin-

uing the operations of the Bible Board.

On motion of Mr. Lundy, of Alabama,

the resolution was laid on the table.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

Dr. Burrows, from the committee

on religious exercises, reported some

changes in the appointments for Sun-

day. The committee also recommend-

ed a mass-meeting on the subject of Do-

mestic Missions to-night (Saturday).

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The report of the Domestic and In-

dian Mission Board was read by the cor-

responding secretary, Rev. R. Holman.

This report opens with a tribute to

the memory of Rev. Jos. H. Eaton, of

Tennessee, a Vice President of the

Board, who died on the 12th January,

1859. No death has occurred among

the missionaries of the Domestic De-

partment. The support of the Home

and Foreign Journal is urged upon pas-

tors and churches.

Receipts from all sources during the

last year, for the Domestic Department,

were \$21,610 73. Balance in the Treasury,

April 1st, 1858, \$4,821 82. Total \$26,-

432 55.

Indian Mission receipts, \$17,223 64.

Balance in hand, April 1st, 1858, \$4,

042 08. Total, \$21,265 72. Sum total

for both enterprises for the year, \$47,-

698 27.

For extinguishing the debt on the

Coliseum Place Baptist Church, New

Orleans, \$6,902 23. Total for all ob-

jects, \$54,600 50.

A statement of receipts for the pre-

ceding year shows a grand total at the

disposal of the Board, for the two years,

to April 1st, 1859, of \$90,946 07.

For the year past, the disbursements

are, for Domestic Missions, \$23,349 73;

Coliseum Place Baptist Church, N. O.,

\$6,636 30. Leaving a balance in the

Treasury of \$3,323 75.

In the Indian Department, \$18,019 91.

Leaving a balance on hand of \$3,245 75.

Much of the balance reported is now

due the Missionaries for services already

rendered, but whose reports have not

yet come to hand.

In addition to the salaries due on

past quarter, which must be met on the

presentation of report of labor performed,

the Board has already assumed liabil-

ities, for the coming year, for nearly

\$25,000.

The following summary contains the

principal items contained in the reports

for the last year, so far as they have

come to hand: Churches and stations

supplied, 533; discourses delivered, 11-

015; prayer-meetings, 3,020; baptisms,

1,677; received by letter, 718; conver-

sions in connection with the labors of

the Missionaries, but not baptized by

them, 166; Sabbath schools, 114; teach-

ers, 691; pupils, 5,570; teachers con-

verted, 4; pupils converted, 202; pas-

toral visits, 10,391; churches constitu-

ted, 26; ministers ordained, 24; deacons

ordained, 43; young men connected

with mission churches preparing for the

ministry, 58; meeting houses commenc-

ed during the year, 28; meeting houses

finished, 15. In the performance of

these labors, 75,607 miles have been

traveled. By comparison with the last

annual report, this exhibit is very grat-

ifying to the friends of the cause.

The report urges the importance of

preaching the gospel to the colored pop-

ulation. It is presumed that there are

not less than 150,000 now living in com-

munion with the Baptist Churches in

the Southern and Southwestern States.

Most of the missionaries have a colored

interest in connection with their charges,

and in many instances rich blessings

have crowned these labors.

There are now in connection with the

mission churches 114 Sabbath Schools,

with 601 teachers and 5570 pupils.—

Since the organization of the Board,

there have been connected with it not

less than 800 different schools, 27,000

different pupils, 2500 teachers, and 143

pupils pressed religion.

The report gives an interesting detail

of intelligence from mission stations in

California and other points on the Pa-

cific, and a statement of the progress

of missionaries among the Germans in

the South and Southwest.

Since the organization of the Board,

the amount contributed for Domestic

Missions is \$204,715 39; and for In-

dian Missions (in four years), \$61,641-

75. Total \$226,356 13. From 1845 to

1859, the contributions of Virginia

amounted to \$40,474 71; Georgia \$42,-

46 09; Alabama \$44,259 59. [In our

abstract of the report, we detach the

amounts from those paid between the

years 1832 and 1845, at which time the

division between the Baptists North

and South took place.]

A general summary of the report

shows that since the organization of

the Board, there have been about 900

missionaries and agents commissioned

Sermons and addresses delivered by

them 77,547; prayer-meetings attended

15,399; other religious meetings attend-

ed 1,175; pastoral visits 76,980; bap-

tism 13,314; converts in connection

with missionary labor, and baptized by

others 5,104; additions by letter 5,074;

Sabbath schools 803; teachers 2,720;

pupils 29,464; pupils and teachers con-

verted 743; churches constituted 179;

ministers ordained 172; deacons or-

dained 240; meeting houses built 116;

young men preparing the ministry

58; miles traveled the performance

of these labors 903.

The report on *Ind. Missions* appro-

priately notices the death of the wife

of Rev. J. S. Murphys, missionary to the

Creeks. Also the death of Jacob Haw-

kins, a colored male oldest preach-

er, and one of the best members in

the nation.

There has been considerable improve-

ment in the financial of the Indian de-

partment the past year—the total re-

ceipts for the year \$17,223 64. Add

to this sum \$4,048 in the treasury

at the commencement of the year, and

we have as the resources of the year

\$21,265 72. Disbursements \$18,019 91.

There have been no commissions

