

PROCEEDINGS

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

HOUSTON, TEXAS

May 20-23, 1958

TUESDAY NIGHT, MAY 20

1. The one-hundred first session of the Southern Baptist Convention (one hundred and thirteenth year), meeting Tuesday night in joint session with the Woman's Missionary Union, was called to order by President Brooks Hays (Ark.) in the Sam Houston Coliseum, Houston, Texas.

2. William J. Reynolds (Tenn.), music director, introduced Charles Lively (Texas), organist, and V. F. Forderhase (Texas), assistant music director, the North Texas Brass Choir, Leon F. Brown (Texas), director, and the Houston Massed Choir. He then led in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and "New Life for You."

3. Malcolm B. Knight (Fla.) read Matthew 28:16-20 and led in the opening prayer.

4. Secretary Joe W. Burton (Tenn.) reported an enrolment of 6,439 messengers. It was moved and carried that these messengers constitute the Convention and that duly accredited messengers from churches in co-operation with the Convention who arrive later be recognized as members of the Convention when they have enrolled on the basis of membership as set forth in Article III of the Constitution.

5. R. E. Milam (Ore.) presented a motion to amend the report on registration, which was ruled out of order by the President, who stated that it was in conflict with the Constitution of the Convention. The President then declared that he would consider this to be a resolution and referred it to the Committee on Resolutions.

6. President Hays presented Vice-presidents W. Douglas Hudgins (Miss.) and Noel M. Taylor (Ill.) and turned the gavel over to Vice-president Hudgins.

7. Walter L. Moore (Miss.), chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Order of Business, which was adopted.

GENERAL THEME: "Go . . . make disciples" (Matt. 28:19, ARV)

Tuesday Night	
(Joint Session with Woman's Missionary Union)	
<i>"Go . . . make disciples Through co-operative witnessing"</i>	
6:45 Singing—William J. Reynolds, Tennessee, Music Director	7:05 Secretary's Report on Registra- tion—Joe W. Burton, Tennessee
7:00 Scripture (Matt. 28:16-20) and Prayer—Malcolm B. Knight, Florida	7:10 Committee on Order of Business —Walter L. Moore, Mississippi, Chairman
	7:15 Appointment of Committee on Committees, Committee on Reso- lutions, and Tellers
	7:20 President's Address—Brooks Hays, Arkansas
	7:50 Special Music

- 8:00 Launching of Jubilee Advance Program—C. C. Warren, North Carolina
9:30 Adjourn

Wednesday Morning

"Go . . . make disciples
Through faithful stewardship"

- 9:00 Singing
9:05 Scripture (Luke 12:42-43) and Prayer—Fred Hubbs, Michigan
9:10 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers
9:30 Brotherhood Commission—George W. Schroeder, Tennessee, *Executive Secretary*
9:50 Song
9:55 Executive Committee Administrative Report—Porter W. Routh, Tennessee, *Executive Secretary*
11:10 Special Music
11:20 Convention Sermon—Robert E. Naylor, Texas;
Alternate: Harold W. Seever, Alabama
12:05 Adjourn

Wednesday Afternoon

"Go . . . make disciples
Through compassionate service"

- 2:30 Singing
2:35 Scripture (Matt. 9:35-38) and Prayer—J. Lamar Jackson, Alabama
2:40 Southern Baptist Hospitals—Frank Tripp, Louisiana, *Superintendent*
2:55 Relief and Annuity Board—R. Alton Reed, Texas, *Executive Secretary*
3:10 Singing
3:20 Executive Committee Promotional Report, Merrill D. Moore, Tennessee, *Director of Promotion and Associate Secretary*
3:55 Miscellaneous Business
4:10 Election of Officers
4:30 Adjourn

Wednesday Night

"Go . . . make disciples
In every land"

- 6:45 Singing
7:00 Scripture (Acts 1:1-8) and Prayer—Joseph R. Estes, Kentucky

- 7:05 Baptist World Alliance—Theodore F. Adams, Virginia, *President*; Arnold T. Ohrn, Dist. of Columbia, *Executive Secretary*
7:15 Woman's Missionary Union—Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Texas, *President*; Miss Alma Hunt, Alabama, *Executive Secretary*
7:35 Special Music
7:45 Foreign Mission Board—Baker J. Caughen, Virginia, *Executive Secretary*

Thursday Morning

"Go . . . make disciples
By teaching the truth"

- 9:00 Singing
9:05 Scripture (1 Tim. 4:6-16) and Prayer—J. E. Rouse, South Carolina
9:10 Education Commission—R. Orin Cornett, Tennessee, *Executive Secretary*
9:25 Christian Life Commission—A. C. Miller, Tennessee, *Executive Secretary*
9:50 Southern Baptist Foundation
10:00 Report of Radio and Television Commission—Paul M. Stevens, Texas, *Director*
10:25 Special Music
10:35 Miscellaneous Business
11:05 Commission on American Baptist Seminary, L. S. Sedberry, *Executive Secretary*
11:20 Southern Baptist Seminaries:
Southern Baptist Seminary—Duke K. McCall, Kentucky, *President*
New Orleans Baptist Seminary—Roland Q. Leavell, Louisiana, *President*
Southwestern Baptist Seminary—Robert E. Naylor, Texas, *Chairman of the Board*
Southeastern Baptist Seminary—Sydnor L. Stealey, N. C., *President*
Golden Gate Baptist Seminary—Harold K. Graves, California, *President*
Midwestern Baptist Seminary—Millard J. Berquist, Missouri, *President*
Carver School of Missions and Social Work—John P. Sandidge, Kentucky, *Chairman of the Board*

Seminary Extension Department
—Lee Gallman, Mississippi, *Director*
Address on Theological Education—

12:30 Adjourn

Thursday Afternoon

*"Go . . . make disciples
Through efficient churches"*

- 2:00 Singing
- 2:05 Scripture (Exodus 18:13-24) and Prayer—Roy W. Babb, Tennessee
- 2:10 Committee to Study Total Program of Southern Baptists—Douglas M. Branch, N. C., *Chairman*
- 4:30 Adjourn

Thursday Night

*"Go . . . make disciples
By preaching the Word"*

- 6:45 Singing
- 7:00 Scripture (Rom. 10:8-15) and Prayer—Glenn Braswell, Montana
- 7:05 Chaplain's Commission—Alfred Carpenter, Georgia, *Director*
- 7:20 Southwestern Seminary Jubilee Program
- 7:50 Special Music
- 8:00 Home Mission Board—Courts Redford, Georgia, *Executive Secretary*
- 9:30 Adjourn

Friday Morning

*"Go . . . make disciples
By publishing the gospel"*

- 9:00 Singing
- 9:05 Scripture (Isaiah 52:6-12) and Prayer—Chester A. Molpus, Mississippi
- 9:10 American Bible Society
- 9:20 Committee on Committees
- 9:30 Committee on Denominational Calendar—Alma Hunt, Alabama, *Chairman*
- 9:35 Miscellaneous Business
- 10:05 Committee on Denominational Papers—Louie D. Newton, Georgia, *Chairman*

10:20 Sunday School Board—James L. Sullivan, Tennessee, *Executive Secretary*

11:20 Committee on Church—Related Vocations—Allen W. Graves, Kentucky, *Chairman*

11:35 Committee on Canadian Baptist Co-operation—Courts Redford, Georgia, *Chairman*

11:45 Special Music

11:55 Address—Ralph A. Herring, North Carolina

12:30 Adjourn

Friday Afternoon

*"Go . . . make disciples
By righteous living"*

- 2:00 Worship in Song
- 2:05 Scripture (Rom. 12) and Prayer—Arlie L. McDaniel, California
- 2:10 Report of Committee on Boards—Dotson M. Nelson, Jr., South Carolina, *Chairman*
- 2:20 Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher
- 2:25 Report of Committee on Resolutions
- 2:40 Memorial Service
- 2:55 Special music
- 3:05 Committee to Study Theological, Religious, and Missionary Education—W. Douglas Hudgins, Mississippi, *Chairman*
- 3:15 Historical Commission—Norman W. Cox, Tennessee, *Executive Secretary*
- 3:30 Address—Robert Greene Lee, Tennessee
- 4:20 Adjourn

Friday Night

*"Go . . . make disciples
For world peace"*

- 6:45 Singing
- 7:00 Scripture (Micah 4:1-5) and Prayer—Walter A. Pegg, Dist. of Columbia
- 7:05 Presentation of Convention Officers
- 7:25 Committee on Public Affairs—Walter Pope Binns, Missouri, *Chairman*
- 7:40 Special Music
- 7:50 Special Program on Present World Crisis
- 9:30 Adjourn.

8. Secretary James W. Merritt (Ga.) announced the appointment by the President of the Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Committees, and Committee on Tellers as follows:

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.—Homer G. Lindsay (Fla.), *chairman*; E. C. Brown (S. C.), Clyde V. Hickerson (Va.), Wallace Bassett (Texas), John J. Hurt, Jr. (Ga.)

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES.—James P. Wesberry (Ga.), *chairman*; Allen J. Beck (Md.), John Buchanan (Ala.), W. D. Laws (Ariz.), Erwin McDonald (Ark.), Floyd Looney (Calif.), M. P. German (D. C.), James Boyd (Fla.), E. H. Moore (Ill.), Philip Wilson (Ky.), Perry Sanders (La.), Roy Collum (Miss.), Charles Curry (Mo.), Walter A. Mitchell (N. M.), W. D. Morris (N. C.), Murray Foquay (Okla.), Frank Haynes (S. C.), Raymond Rogers (Tenn.), Perry Webb (Texas), R. Stewart Grizzard (Va.)

COMMITTEE ON TELLERS.—Roy Gresham (Md.), *chairman*; Anson Justice (Okla.), *co-chairman*; Asa Couch (Ala.), C. W. Caldwell (Ark.), Elmer Gray (Calif.), Jack Stanton (Colo.), Phil Maxwell (Fla.), A. L. Hawkins (Ga.), Verlin C. Kruschwitz (Ky.), W. E. Young (La.), Bob Guy (La.), Fred Ellerbe (Miss.), Fred Rains (Mo.), S. C. Ray (N. C.), John Shelton (Okla.), and Harold Purdy (Tenn.)

9. A telegram of greeting from the Honorable Sam Rayburn, member of Congress from Texas, was read, and the Convention passed a motion instructing the Secretary to respond with thanks to this message.

10. Vice-president Hudgins called Mrs. Brooks Hays to the platform and presented her, together with President Hays. They were greeted with a standing ovation.

11. Vice-president Hudgins presented Mr. Hays for the President's Address.

12. Preceding his address, President Hays read a telegram of greeting from the President of the United States, and the Convention passed a motion instructing the Secretary to acknowledge with appreciation the greeting from President Eisenhower.

13. Dale Cowling (Ark.) presented a resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

14. Walter Doggrell (Ga.) moved that all telegrams to this Convention be answered. Motion adopted.

15. Special music was presented by the Houston Massed Choir and the North Texas Brass Choir, directed by William J. Reynolds.

16. With President Hays again presiding, C. C. Warren (N. C.) presented the report of the Jubilee Advance Program Committee, which was adopted together with the following recommendations:

Recommendation No. 1

That we approve and join in the celebration of the sesqui-centennial of the Triennial Convention at Atlantic City, May 18-24, 1964, as proposed by the Baptist Joint Committee sponsoring the Baptist Jubilee Advance. It is contemplated that the participating bodies will hold their annual conventions in or near Atlantic City immediately preceding or following the date set for the Baptist Jubilee Celebration, so that as many as possible may attend.

Recommendation No. 2

That the Southern Baptist Convention's Jubilee Advance Committee be continued.

Recommendation No. 3

That A. V. Washburn and Millard J. Berquist be named to the Jubilee Advance Program Committee, replacing J. N. Barnette and the late J. Howard Williams.

17. Other features of the Jubilee Advance Program were introduced by Dr. Warren, and William J. Reynolds led in singing "To God Be the Glory."

18. W. A. Criswell (Texas) addressed the Convention on "The Jubilee Advance."

19. A pageant depicting the spirit and objectives of the Jubilee Advance was presented. Co-chairmen, Mrs. R. L. Mathis (Texas) and James M. Sapp (Tenn.); script, Mrs. Ned T. King (Texas) and Cecil McGee (Tenn.); director, Cecil McGee.

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20. William J. Reynolds led in singing "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" and "More About Jesus."

21. Fred Hubbs (Mich.) read Luke 12:42-48 and led in prayer.

22. President Hays presented E. H. Westmoreland (Texas), general chairman of the steering committee for the Houston Convention, who introduced Mayor Lewis Cutrer of Houston for a message of greeting.

23. The President called on Joe W. Burton (Tenn.) to present the following fraternal messengers: Oscar Bellam, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Edwin H. Robertson, London, England, study secretary of the United Bible Societies; Adolph Lehotsky, Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, executive secretary, Yugoslavan Baptist Convention.

24. Clarence W. Cranford (D.C.), president, American Baptist Convention, was recognized and responded for the fraternal messengers.

25. George W. Schroeder (Tenn.), executive secretary, presented and discussed the report of the Brotherhood Commission, which was adopted. A quartette of boys, led by Leonard Holloway (Texas) announced in song the Southwide Royal Ambassador Congress to be held at Fort Worth, Texas, August 12-14, 1948.

26. Porter W. Routh (Tenn.), executive secretary of the Executive Committee, presented the administrative report of the Executive Committee, after paying tribute to Dr. Austin Crouch, former executive secretary, who passed away August 27, 1957.

27. Dr. Routh announced that plaques would be presented to former Convention presidents in recognition of their outstanding service.

J. D. Grey (La.) made the presentation to W. W. Hamilton (La.).

Frank A. Hooper (Ga.) received from A. Judson Burrell (Ga.) the plaque for Louie D. Newton (Ga.), who could not be present.

G. Allen West (Tenn.) presented the plaque to Robert G. Lee (Tenn.).

Clare Clark (La.) presented the plaque to J. D. Grey (La.).

Herschel H. Hobbs (Okla.) presented the plaque to J. W. Storer (Tenn.).

Carl G. McGraw (N.C.) made the presentation to C. C. Warren (N.C.).

Prior to the Convention, Porter Routh presented a plaque to F. F. Brown at his home in Knoxville, Tennessee.

28. A motion to send telegrams of greetings to former presidents Fred F. Brown (Tenn.) and Louie D. Newton (Ga.) was adopted.

29. Homer G. Lindsay (Fla.) presented Recommendation No. 1 of the Executive Committee which, on motion, was adopted.

Recommendation No. 1

We recommend that Bylaw 12 be amended to read as follows:

"12. *Committee on Order of Business:* The Committee on Order of Business shall consist of seven members—the president of the Convention and six other members, two of whom shall be elected each year for a term of three years, one-third of whom shall be lay persons. The committee shall suggest an order of business for the next meeting of the Convention. It shall provide periods of time during the early days of the Convention for the introduction of miscellaneous business, and, when introduced (unless the Convention then gives its unanimous consent for its immediate consideration) shall fix times for the consideration of the same. When practicable it shall give notice in the Convention *Bulletin* of the substance of the motion or resolution and the time for its consideration. If unable to give notice in the *Bulletin*, it shall cause announcement to be made from the floor of the Convention of the same, action thereon to be taken at a subsequent session of the Convention."

30. Edward H. Pruden (D.C.) presented Recommendation No. 2, which was adopted.

Recommendation No. 2

We recommend that the chairman and one member of the 1958 Committee on Order of Business for the Convention be elected to serve on the new Committee on Order of Business.

31. G. Allen West (Tenn.) presented Recommendation No. 3, which was adopted.

Recommendation No. 3

We recommend that Article V, Section 3, of the Constitution be amended to add to the duties of the president, "He shall appoint the director of music for the Convention." It is understood that this will have to be approved by the 1959 Convention."

32. Herschel H. Hobbs (Okla.) presented Recommendation No. 4, which was adopted.

Recommendation No. 4

We make the following recommendations regarding the policy of Convention cities beyond the present commitment:

(1) That the Southern Baptist Convention, beginning in 1959, open with the Tuesday evening session and continue through Friday evening, holding sessions morning, afternoon, and evening Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, with the exception of Wednesday afternoon which would be dismissed for the purpose of holding seminary luncheons, committee meetings, etc. It was our feeling also that the seminaries should be requested to have their luncheons on Wednesday after-

noon at one o'clock, thus avoiding any conflict between those and the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention.

(2) That the Annual Sermon be preached on Tuesday night with no debatable business being included in the order of business for that session. It would include only those things necessary for the organization of the Convention, and any other items that could be considered as non-debatable. This is to enable the Convention to have a worship service which would not be marred by debate or an extension of the time allotted for that session.

(3) That the Committee on Convention Arrangements of the Executive Committee be instructed that no city be considered as a meeting place for the Southern Baptist Convention in which there is a considerable distance between the available hotels and the Convention Hall.

(4) That the foregoing recommendations constitute a policy to be made a part of the established Convention procedure as printed in the Southern Baptist Convention ANNUAL.

33. John W. Wood (Va.) presented Recommendation No. 5, which was adopted.

Recommendation No. 5

We recommend the approval of the 1958 budgets of the Convention agencies insofar as they do not conflict with the Business and Financial Plan of the Convention.

34. W. Douglas Hudgins (Miss.) presented Recommendation No. 6, which was adopted.

Recommendation No. 6

We recommend that the distribution of the Cooperative Program receipts for 1959 be on a single percentage basis, up to the Advance Program for home and foreign missions, with the understanding that if less than \$15,000,000 is received, the agencies not sharing in Capital Needs will receive the balance on their operating budgets before final distribution is made.

35. Kendall Berry (Ark.) presented Recommendation No. 7, which was adopted.

Recommendation No. 7

We recommend that a full \$15,000,000 of Cooperative Program funds be distributed for current operating expenses and capital needs in 1959 as shown on the following schedule:

AGENCY	1958 OPERATING	1958 CAPITAL	1959 CAPITAL	1959 OPERATING
Foreign Mission Board	\$ 5,055,250	\$ 600,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 5,490,000
Home Mission Board	1,461,750	500,000	500,000†	1,500,000
*Relief and Annuity Board	325,000	.....	130,000‡	325,000
**Southern Seminary	519,191	.....	150,000	546,700
**Southwestern Seminary	561,442	.....	200,000	582,700
**New Orleans Seminary	460,927	.....	120,000	462,700
**Golden Gate Seminary	290,960	1,256,433	2,900,000	338,700
**Southeastern Seminary	338,400	358,367	200,000	416,700
**Midwestern Seminary	110,000	.....	200,000	192,500
Radio and TV Commission	390,000	100,000	200,000	335,000
American Seminary	65,000	35,000	.....	70,000
Carver School	128,000	.....	.....	140,000
Southern Baptist Hospital	25,000	150,000	50,000	25,000
Public Affairs Committee	24,500	.....	.....	23,000
Southern Baptist Foundation	27,500	.....	.....	30,000
Brotherhood Commission	120,000	.....	50,000	120,000
Education Commission	35,000	.....	.....	41,000
Historical Commission	32,000	.....	.....	33,000
Christian Life Commission	21,000	.....	.....	23,000
***Convention Operating	185,000	.....	.....	180,000
	\$10,145,000	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 4,200,000	\$10,800,000

* It is understood that all monies herein allocated to the Relief and Annuity Board will go direct to Ministerial relief with the understanding that special offerings in various states for this cause be discontinued.

** It is understood that the operating budget of each of the six seminaries includes \$12,500 designated for the Seminary Extension Department.

***Includes \$45,000 for Baptist World Alliance allocation 1968.

†Church Extension Loan Funds (Home Mission Board)

‡Capital Funds (Home Mission Board)

36. T. K. Rucker (Ark.) presented Recommendation No. 8, which was adopted.

Recommendation No. 8

We recommend that the Convention Operating budget for 1959 be as follows:

Convention expenses (including Annual)	\$ 60,000
Special committees	15,000
Executive Committee	110,000
Reserve	50,000
Baptist World Alliance	45,000
TOTAL	\$240,000

(By agreement the Sunday School Board will pay \$60,000 toward the Convention operating budget and the remaining \$180,000 will be provided out of distributable funds.)

37. Charles C. Bowles (Ala.) presented Recommendation No. 9, which was adopted.

Recommendation No. 9

We recommend that all receipts in excess of \$15,000,000 shall go 75 per cent to foreign missions and 25 per cent to home missions, and that the goal of this, the Advance Section of the budget, be set at \$2,500,000 (\$17,500,000 grand total.)

38. Thomas P. Pruitt (N.C.) presented Recommendation No. 10, which was adopted.

Recommendation No. 10

We recommend to the Southern Baptist Convention that permission be granted to Southeastern Seminary to postpone final payment of \$200,000 to Wake Forest College until January 1, 1961, in order to begin construction on the first unit apartments. This in keeping with the contractual agreement with Wake Forest College.

39. J. Carroll Chadwick (Texas) presented Recommendation No. 11, which was adopted.

Recommendation No. 11

We recommend that Bylaw 4 be amended to include the following additional paragraph:

"Election of officers shall be by ballot, provided however that if there is only one nomination, and no other person desires to nominate, the secretary or any one designated for the purpose may cast the ballot of the Convention."

40. Charles E. Curry (Mo.) presented Recommendation No. 12, which was adopted.

Recommendation No. 12

We recommend that the charter of the Midwestern Seminary be approved as printed on pages 129ff.

41. A. Judson Burrell (Ga.) presented Recommendation No. 13, which was adopted.

Recommendation No. 13

We recommend that Bylaw 6 be amended to include the name of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

42. Mrs. R. L. Mathis (Texas) presented Recommendation No. 14, which was adopted.

Recommendation No. 14

We commend *Operation Baptist Biography* which is to be sponsored in January, 1959, by the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and the state historical commissions or societies as a co-operative effort to acquire adequate biographical information of our Baptist leadership for both deceased or living persons who have or are rendering important service to their church, denomination, community or state.

43. J. Ralph Grant (Texas) presented Recommendation No. 15, which was adopted.

Recommendation No. 15

We recommend that Dr. E. S. James, editor of the *Baptist Standard*, be named to replace Dr. J. Howard Williams to serve with Porter Routh and C. C. Warren as Southern Baptist representatives on the National Jubilee Advance Committee.

44. B. J. Martin (Texas) presented Recommendation No. 16, which was adopted.

Recommendation No. 16

We recommend Dr. E. Leslie Carlson as fraternal messenger to the Swedish Baptist Convention without expense to the Southern Baptist Convention.

45. The administration section of the Executive Committee report was adopted as a whole.

46. The following motion by W. Douglas Hudgins (Miss.) was adopted: Because of the widespread interest in and prayerful support of the current revival in San Francisco, and to assure our brethren in that area of our spiritual undergirding, I move that our Convention immediately wire Billy Graham and his staff our affection, prayerful support, and continuing interest in his proclamation of the gospel of our Saviour, and our regret that he is not able to be present at this year's Convention.

47. James P. Wesberry (Ga.) moved that a message of love and appreciation be sent to J. B. Lawrence (Ga.), former executive secretary of the Home Mission Board. Motion carried.

48. Secretary Merritt read to the Convention a telegram of love and appreciation, addressed to President Hays, from his home church, the Second Baptist Church of Little Rock, Dale Cowling, pastor.

49. Wm. J. Reynolds led in singing "To God Be the Glory."

50. The New Orleans Seminary Choir, Genter L. Stephens (La.), director, sang "God's Son Has Made Me Free" and "Surely the Lord Is in This Place."

51. Following the reading of John 1:43-51 by Harold W. Scever (Ala.), who also led in prayer, and the singing of "Blessed Redeemer" by Mrs. John Seelig (Texas), Robert E. Naylor (Texas) preached the Convention sermon, using as a text John 2:23-25.

52. The Convention closed with prayer by Dr. Naylor.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 21

53. With Vice-president Hudgins presiding, Wm. J. Reynolds led in singing "Trust and Obey."

54. J. Lamar Jackson (Ala.) read Matthew 9:35-38 and led in prayer.

55. Frank Tripp (La.), superintendent, presented and discussed the report of Southern Baptist Hospitals, which was adopted.

56. R. Alton Reed (Texas), executive secretary, presented the report of the Relief and Annuity Board which, after discussion by Clare H. Zachry (Texas), was adopted.

57. Wm. J. Reynolds led in singing "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" and "There Is a Name I Love to Hear."

58. Secretary Porter Routh presented Albert McClellan (Tenn.), director of publications, and Merrill D. Moore (Tenn.), director of promotion, both associate secretaries of the Executive Committee. After introducing Robert J. Hastings (Tenn.), assistant director of promotion, Dr. Moore presented the promotion report of the Executive Committee.

59. J. Carroll Chadwick (Texas) presented Recommendation No. 1, which was adopted.

Recommendation No. 1

We recommend that the Convention approve the citation given to Dr. Frank Tripp on the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Hundred Thousand Club, as follows:

"Award of appreciation in grateful recognition of Dr. Frank Tripp, the founder of the Hundred Thousand Club, which made a significant contribution to Southern Baptist life at a critical time in its history."

60. Charles L. McClain (Calif.) presented Recommendation No. 2, which was adopted.

Recommendation No. 2

It is our conviction that the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists is the fundamental, effective, and indispensable channel of providing for the needs of all our work; and that we urge all Baptists to join in giving the Cooperative Program their loyal and undivided support.

61. Harold W. Seever (Ala.) presented Recommendation No. 3, which was adopted.

Recommendation No. 3

That the Percentage Plan of giving to world missions through the Cooperative Program be approved as a basic part of the Convention's promotion program, with the following objectives:

- (1) *Include* the Cooperative Program in every church budget
- (2) *Adopt* for the Cooperative Program a definite percentage of the total budget receipts of the church
- (3) *Focus* on Cooperative Program gifts in the percentage promotion
- (4) *Compute* the Cooperative Program percentage on the basis of all budgeted gifts
- (5) *Increase* the percentage of the total budget given to world missions through the Cooperative Program regularly

62. E. N. Wilkinson (Ky.) presented Recommendation No. 4, which was adopted.

Recommendation No. 4

That current promotion emphasis of "2 Plus for World Missions Through the Cooperative Program" be approved, and that during this emphasis item No. (5) above read as follows:

- (5) Increase the percentage of the total budget given to world missions through the Cooperative Program by at least 2 per cent each year.

63. Porter Routh (Tenn.) presented to Frank Tripp (La.), founder of the Hundred Thousand Club twenty-five years ago, a citation of appreciation for his significant contribution to Southern Baptist life at a critical time in its history. Mrs. Tripp was also recognized.

64. With Merrill Moore leading, testimonies to the effectiveness of the Forward Program of Church Finance were presented by James H. Smith of Raytown, Missouri; and J. Norris Palmer, William May, and A. E. Pardue, all of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

65. Dr. Moore then introduced Archie Ellis (S.C.) who spoke on "Two Plus for World Missions."

66. The promotion report of the Executive Committee was adopted as a whole.

67. Porter Routh (Tenn.) moved the adoption of the entire report of the Executive Committee. Motion adopted.

68. E. D. Boyer (Fla.) eighty-nine year old pastor of the Marion Street Mission of the Palm Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida, was presented.

69. Under the head of Miscellaneous Business, H. Marshall Smith (Texas) gave notice that the following amendment to the Constitution of the Convention will be offered for consideration at the Convention in 1959:

ARTICLE II, PURPOSE: It is the purpose of the Convention to provide a general organization for Baptists in the United States, its territories, and churches in Canada who co-operate with the Southern Baptist Convention, for the promotion of Christian missions at home and abroad, and any other objects such as Christian education, benevolent enterprises, and social services which it may deem proper and advisable for the furtherance of the kingdom of God.

70. The period for the election of officers having arrived, nominations for President were called for.

71. J. D. Grey (La.) nominated Brooks Hays (Ark.) for re-election.

72. L. F. Minnis (Wash.) nominated R. E. Milam (Wash.).

73. Mrs. Mary Odum (Texas) nominated Robert E. Naylor (Texas).

74. A motion was made that nominations cease. Motion adopted.

75. Archie Ellis (S.C.) nominated James W. Merritt (Ga.) for Senior Secretary, and a motion prevailed to close nominations. Joe W. Burton (Tenn.) was requested to cast the Convention's unanimous ballot for Dr. Merritt, and this was done.

76. Homer G. Lindsay (Fla.) nominated Joe W. Burton (Tenn.) for Secretary, and a motion prevailed to close nominations. Noel Taylor (Ill.) was requested to cast the Convention's unanimous ballot for Dr. Burton, and this was done.

77. J. Carroll Chadwick (Texas) nominated Porter Routh for Convention Treasurer, and a motion prevailed to close nominations. James W. Merritt (Ga.) was requested to cast the Convention's unanimous ballot for Dr. Routh, and this was done.

78. Wm. J. Reynolds led in singing "How Firm a Foundation."

79. Frank Tripp (La.) moved, and it carried, that it be the sense of this body that we are conforming with the intent of the Constitu-

tion as we proceed with the nomination of a First Vice-president.

80. Nominations for First Vice-president were called for.

81. E. H. Westmoreland (Texas) nominated Bruce H. Price (Va.).

82. Wayne Dehoney (Tenn.) nominated Harold W. Seever (Ala.).

83. On motion of Walter Moore (Miss.) time for this order of business was extended 20 minutes.

84. Howard Aultman (Miss.) nominated Chester L. Quarles (Miss.).

85. A motion was made that nominations cease but was lost on a motion to table until the tellers' report on the President's election was received.

86. At this point the tellers reported the re-election of Brooks Hays as President of the Convention.

87. A motion was again made to close nominations. Motion carried.

88. A motion was made to proceed with nominations for Second Vice-president and carried.

89. James D. Gullledge (S.C.) nominated Archie Ellis (S.C.)

90. R. C. Paulette (Va.) moved that nominations for vice-president close. Motion adopted.

91. Archie Ellis (S.C.) was declared elected Second Vice-president, and Secretary Merritt was asked to cast the unanimous ballot of the Convention for Dr. Ellis. This was done.

92. On motion, the time for the election of officers was again extended ten minutes.

93. James P. Wesberry (Ga.), chairman of the Committee on Committees, reported the following Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher had been named:

COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER.—Bruce H. Price (Va.), *chairman*; Olin J. Owens (S.C.), Earl Kelly (Miss.), Jack O'Neal (Calif.), W. A. Duncan (Ga.), John Phillips (Ill.), Randolph Gregory (N.C.), Lowell Milburn (Okla.), Vander Warner (Md.)

94. The Convention adjourned with prayer led by Ray Dykes (Tenn.).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, MAY 21

95. Wm. J. Reynolds led in singing "Blessed Assurance," "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations," "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand," "New Life for You," and "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus."

96. Joseph R. Estes (Ky.) read Acts 1:1-8 and led in prayer.

97. The tellers reported that none of the nominees for first vice-president received a majority, and that Bruce H. Price (Va.) and Chester L. Quarles (Miss.) received the highest vote.

98. The Convention proceeded to vote again for a first vice-president with only Bruce H. Price and Chester L. Quarles as the nominees. (See Item No. 117 for a result of this ballot.)

99. Arnold T. Ohrn (D.C.), general secretary, presented the report

of the Baptist World Alliance, which was received as information. Dr. Ohrn presented Robert Denny, secretary of youth work; C. E. Bryant, director of the division of publications, and Theodore F. Adams, president of the Alliance, who spoke on phases of World Alliance plans and work.

100. Mrs. R. L. Mathis (Texas), president, and Miss Alma Hunt (Ala.), executive secretary, presented the report of the Woman's Missionary Union which was adopted. With the aid of slides Mrs. Mathis and Miss Hunt presented the Jubilee Advance aims and objectives of Woman's Missionary Union.

101. Wm. J. Reynolds led in singing "O Zion, Haste" and the Houston Massed Choir sang "Amazing Grace."

102. Baker J. Cauthen (Va.) presented the report of the Foreign Mission Board and moved its adoption, together with a request that the Convention's secretary be instructed to send a message of greeting to former secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Charles E. Maddry (N.C.). The report was adopted, and the request approved.

103. Dr. Cauthen presented missionaries from Latin America, Frank Means (Va.), area secretary; the Orient, J. Winston Crawley (Va.), area secretary; Africa, Europe, and the Near East, H. Cornell Goerner, area secretary; he also presented the members of the office staff of the Foreign Mission Board.

104. Elmer West (Va.), secretary of missionary personnel, called on the area secretaries to introduce the thirty-eight newly-appointed missionaries. Following the introductions and a personal testimony by Miles Seaborn, one of the new appointees, President Hays led in a prayer of dedication and blessing.

105. The following are the newly-appointed missionaries who were introduced:

AFRICA, EUROPE, AND NEAR EAST.—Mr. and Mrs. G. Clayton Bond (La. and Ky.), Ghana; Dr. and Mrs. Hal D. Boone (Texas and Ky.), East Africa; Dr. Joanna Cranston Maiden (Va.), Nigeria; Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Smith (N.C.), Nigeria; Mr. and Mrs. W. Eugene Verner (Texas and Ala.), Ghana.

LATIN AMERICA.—Mr. and Mrs. Thurmon E. Bryant (Okla. and Texas), South Brazil; Miss Sistle Givens (Okla.), South Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Green (Texas), Paraguay; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene B. Kimler, Jr. (Mexico and Texas), Venezuela; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert A. Nichols (Ark.), Paraguay; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Ross (Texas), Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Davis H. Thompson (Ala. and Tenn.), Argentina; Mr. and Mrs. James C. Ware (La.), Mexico.

ORIENT.—Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bensfield (Okla.), The Philippines; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Boatwright (Ga.), Japan; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hamrick (Miss.), Indonesia; Mr. and Mrs. James F. McKinley, Jr. (Ky.), East Pakistan; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mitchell (N.M. and Texas), Indonesia; Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Morris (Tenn.), Formosa; Mr. and Mrs. Miles Seaborn, Jr. (Okla.), The Philippines.

106. Secretary West presented James D. Belote, Hong Kong, for a message on the subject, "Without Hope, Without God." "I've Seen God Do It" was the theme of messages by W. O. Harper, East Africa, and Thomas E. Halsell, Brazil.

107. In an earnest message Dr. Cauthen challenged the Conven-

tion to give a new thrust of spiritual power to the forward program of world missions, using as the theme, "By Nothing Save by Prayer." He then called on the Convention to engage in a season of prayer. Dick Baker (Texas) led in singing the stanzas of "Breathe on Me" as the congregation, with heads bowed, sang the refrain. Prayers were offered by Forrest Feezor (Texas); Kearnie Keegan (Tenn.), James G. Stertz (Va.), and Frank Means (Va.), and the session was closed with the singing of the Lord's Prayer with Dick Baker directing.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 22

108. V. F. Forderhase (Texas) led in singing "I Love to Tell the Story."

109. J. E. Rouse (S.C.) read I Timothy 4:6-16 and led in prayer.

110. R. Orin Cornett (Tenn.), executive secretary, presented the report of the Education Commission which, after discussion and an address by Ralph A. Phelps, Jr. (Ark.), president of Ouachita College, was adopted.

111. A. C. Miller (Tenn.), executive secretary, presented the report of the Christian Life Commission, and a motion was made to receive the report as information. Montague Cook (Ga.) raised a question as to whether the Convention should receive the report as information. The President ruled that the Convention does have such a right. A. J. Moncrief, Jr. (Mo.), chairman of the commission, discussed the report.

112. Montague Cook (Ga.) then moved to amend the report by deleting from the report Section 5, "A Call for Racial Reconciliation." The motion was lost.

113. An effort to introduce an amendment relating to the financial section of the report of the Christian Life Commission was ruled out of order.

114. After two extensions of time were approved, during the discussion of the report of the Christian Life Commission, the Convention adopted the motion to receive this report as information.

115. With Vice-president Noel M. Taylor (Ill.) presiding, J. W. Storer (Tenn.), executive secretary, presented and discussed the report of the Southern Baptist Foundation, which was adopted.

116. Paul M. Stevens (Texas), executive secretary, presented with the effective use of visual aids and music the report of the Radio and Television Commission. The report was adopted.

117. It was announced that the balloting Wednesday night resulted in the election of Chester L. Quarles (Miss.) as First Vice-president.

118. V. F. Forderhase led in singing "To God Be the Glory."

119. At this point the gavel was returned to President Hays and, the period for miscellaneous business having arrived, W. L. Meadows (Miss.) was recognized for a motion to send a telegram of sympathy to Mrs. Deb Lee Stennis, Meridian, Mississippi, whose husband, a former vice-president of the Convention, passed away early this

year. The motion carried.

120. H. H. Hargrove (Texas) moved that the Committee on Resolutions be requested to prepare resolutions of appreciation and sympathy in connection with the passing of J. Howard Williams, former president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, that a copy of the resolution be sent to the family of Dr. Williams, and that a copy be included in the Minutes of this Convention.

121. Jack Trimble (Ala.) moved that this Convention return the \$15,000 grant accepted by the Christian Life Commission from the Ford Foundation through the Fund for the Republic and that no further funds be received from this organization. After extended discussion the motion was lost.

122. With Vice-president Noel M. Taylor again presiding, L. S. Sedberry (Tenn.), executive secretary, reported for the American Baptist Theological Seminary Commission. Following brief talks by Dr. Henlee H. Barnette (Ky.), Dr. Primrose Funches (Tenn.), director of promotion, and Dr. Maynard P. Turner (Tenn.), president of the American Seminary, the report was adopted.

123. The Committee on Order of Business announced that a period for consideration of a By-law change which W. Douglas Hudgins (Miss.) desired to present, would be provided at 2:10 p.m. today.

124. President Duke K. McCall (Ky.) reported for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and, as chairman of the Inter-Seminary Council, directed the remainder of the period for reports from the Seminaries.

125. Acting President J. Wash Watts (La.) reported for the New Orleans Seminary.

126. Ellis L. Carnett (Texas), a trustee of the institution read resolutions adopted by the trustees of Southwestern on the passing of former president J. Howard Williams. The Convention stood while the resolutions were read, followed by a period of silent prayer.

127. President Sydnor L. Stealey (N.C.) reported for Southeastern Seminary.

128. President Harold K. Graves (Calif.) reported for Golden Gate Seminary.

129. President Millard J. Berquist (Mo.) reported for Midwestern Seminary, the newest of the seminaries, scheduled to open in September, 1958.

130. Barnett L. Williams, Jr. (Ill.), a trustee of Carver School of Missions and Social Work, presented George Carver, acting president of the institution, and Nathan C. Brooks (Fla.), recently elected president of Carver School, who spoke briefly.

131. Lee Gallman (Miss.), director, reported for the Seminary Extension Department.

132. It was moved that the reports of all seminaries be accepted. Motion adopted.

133. J. Wash Watts (La.) moved that the Committee on Resolu-

tions be instructed to present a suitable resolution on behalf of the Convention expressing the love and appreciation of the Convention for President Emeritus Roland Q. Leavell of New Orleans Seminary. By common consent this motion was approved.

134. Robert E. Naylor (Texas), chairman of the trustees of Southwestern Seminary, presided during the closing period and presented Professor Jack Dean, acting dean of the School of Church Music; Dr. Joe Davis Heacock, dean, School of Religious Education; Dr. Jesse Northcutt, dean, School of Theology; each of whom spoke regarding the work and ministry of the Seminary. Special reference was made to the Seminary's Golden Jubilee Anniversary which is being celebrated this year. Former president J. Howard Williams, who passed away in April of this year, was to have addressed the Convention at this hour.

135. Southwestern Singers, Paul Green (Texas), director, sang "Hallelujah, Amen," "All People That on Earth Do Dwell," "Beneath the Cross of Jesus," "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord."

136. The closing prayer was led by E. H. Westmoreland (Texas).

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 22

137. V. F. Forderhase, with Hardin-Simmons Cowboy Band (Marion B. McClure (Texas), director) accompanying, led in singing "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

138. Roy W. Babb (Tenn.) read Exodus 18:13-24 and led in prayer.

139. W. Douglas Hudgins (Miss.) proposed the following change in the By-laws of the Convention, which was adopted: That the words "or standing committees" appearing in By-law 7-(2)-d, lines 6 and 7, be deleted.

140. Douglas M. Branch (N.C.) presented the report of the Committee to Study Total Southern Baptist Convention Program.

141. Dr. Branch presented the following motion, which was adopted: That in the consideration of this report we shall proceed in the following manner: (1) Review all the recommendations in the order in which they appear in the report in order that we may gain a total perspective; (2) after hearing all the recommendations, we shall then consider and pass on them seriatum; (3) that should the Convention feel that certain sections of the report require more study before final action is taken, these shall be referred to your study committee, which shall continue this study in this area and report back to the 1959 Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

142. Kendall Berry (Ark.), chairman of the Study Committee's subcommittee on the Executive Committee, the Sunday School Board, and the Commissions, directed the period devoted to consideration of recommendations regarding the Executive Committee. E. N. Wilkinson (Ky.) presented the detailed recommendations following a statement by J. D. Grey (La.) that the Executive Committee had reviewed and approved the six recommendations and expressed the hope that they would be adopted.

143. Recommendation No. 1 was adopted.

Recommendation 1

The Executive Committee should develop an appropriate report format which will help agencies of the Convention present their reports on a more appropriate and comparable basis and to provide more information about program plans, accomplishments, and costs.

144. Recommendation No. 2 was adopted.

Recommendation 2

Item 8-(5)-(g) of the by-laws relating to the Executive Committee should be revised to make it clear that the Executive Committee is not responsible for approving agency budgets . . . The Executive Committee should review and present to the Convention as information the budgets of all Convention agencies whether they receive Cooperative Program funds or not.

145. Recommendation No. 3 was adopted.

Recommendation 3

The Executive Committee should continue to study the needs for an expanded public relations program. If at some time in the future, it is found to be appropriate, the committee should recommend the establishment of such a program and the creation of an agency of the Convention to conduct this program.

146. Recommendation No. 4 was adopted.

Recommendation 4

The Executive Committee's present responsibilities for the promotion of stewardship should be transferred to the Stewardship Commission, a new Convention agency recommended at a later point in this report.

147. Recommendation No. 5 was adopted.

Recommendation 5

To conduct its affairs, the Executive Committee should organize itself into four subcommittees: a program committee, a finance committee, a public relations committee, and an administrative committee. The four committees should have equal status and report directly to the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee should be assisted in its work by a small professional staff headed by the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. The staff should include a program analyst, a financial analyst, a director of public relations, and required accounting and clerical personnel. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer should report directly to the Executive Committee and serve as an ex-officio member of the committee and all the subcommittees. He should direct the members of the staff in their work.

The public relations committee should appoint a small public relations advisory committee comprised of representatives from the principal Southern Baptist Convention agencies, state conventions, and state papers. The public relations advisory committee should advise the public relations committee of the Executive Committee and the director of public relations on all aspects of the public relations service provided by the Executive Committee.

148. Recommendation No. 6 was adopted.

Recommendation 6

The Executive Committee should be provided with facilities which will serve its needs more appropriately than do its present quarters. These new facilities should also be available to the smaller agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention which do not have their own facilities. The Executive Committee might well furnish central services for agencies housed in the Executive Committee building—such as accounting service, supplies, etc.

The Executive Committee should request funds to finance the construction or purchase of an appropriate building, or should be authorized to accept appropriate quarters if such are offered by another Convention agency.

149. With Winston Pearce (Fla.), chairman of the subcommittee on correlation, directing, Mrs. J. I. Alford (Ga.) read and moved the adoption of Recommendation No. 35, which relates to the Woman's Missionary Union. Motion carried.

Recommendation No. 35

After review of the work of the Woman's Missionary Union and the study of its relationships with the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention, your committee recommends that:

(1) *The Woman's Missionary Union should be continued as an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.* The relationship between Woman's Missionary Union and the Southern Baptist Convention should continue to be one of two independent organizations co-operating on the basis of mutual Christian concern to accomplish their common purpose. The present relationship between the Convention and the Woman's Missionary Union has proved satisfactory for both groups over the years. Your committee believes no significant benefits would be achieved from a change in this relationship at this time.

(2) *Woman's Missionary Union should continue to perform its present functions.* The mission programs of Southern Baptists on foreign and home fields are growing in scope and effectiveness each year. To support these growing programs, we as Baptists will need to marshal all possible resources in the years ahead. In this important work, Woman's Missionary Union can continue to play a very significant role through the sponsorship of special offerings for missions and by conducting a strong missionary education program for women, girls, and boys in the local churches.

(3) *The work of Woman's Missionary Union should be related to that of the Southern Baptist Convention agencies through the Inter-agency Council.* Both the stewardship promotion activities and the missionary education work of Woman's Missionary Union are intimately interrelated with the programs of the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention; hence, the work of Woman's Missionary Union should be carefully correlated with that of the Convention's agencies. The desired degree of correlation, planning, and carrying out of programs can best be achieved through continual participation by Woman's Missionary Union in the work of the Inter-agency Council.

150. Winston Pearce (Fla.) presented the next three recommendations. Recommendation No. 36 was adopted.

Recommendation 36

The Inter-agency Council which presently is a voluntary organization with very limited representation should be authorized formally by the Southern Baptist Convention to serve as the organization through which the various agencies of the Convention should correlate their work. The functions of the Inter-agency Council should be to:

(1) Consider program problems of importance to Convention agencies and plan ways to overcome them through co-operative effort.

(2) Consider the need for co-operation in establishing and carrying on new programs authorized by the Convention and plan the ways in which that co-operation should be achieved.

(3) Consider the need for co-operation to overcome problems, eliminate duplication of effort, or otherwise improve the effectiveness of existing programs and plan ways in which that co-operation should be achieved.

(4) Recommend to Convention agencies the measures they should take to correlate their programs with those of other agencies and to strengthen their programs so they can contribute more effectively to the total Convention effort.

(5) Develop specific plans for conducting programs co-operatively.

(6) Prepare a proposed denominational calendar for consideration by the Convention's Committee on Denominational Calendar.

The Inter-agency Council should not become an agency of the Convention with responsibility or authority to report to the Convention, to conduct programs, or to perform administrative activities.

The relationship of the Inter-agency Council to the agencies of the Convention should continue to be purely advisory. The Council should not be given authority to reach decisions which will be binding on Convention agencies since the boards and commissions of Convention agencies must retain the authority to reach the decisions required to permit them to exercise their responsibilities. At the same time, each agency should recognize even more than it does now—that it has a responsibility to consider carefully recommendations growing out of the work of the Inter-agency Council.

The Executive Committee should be permitted to refer problems for consideration to the Inter-agency Council on an informal basis. The Council should not be obligated to take formal action with regard to matters referred to it by the Executive Committee; however, the Council should provide assistance to the Executive Committee whenever possible.

The Inter-agency Council should continue to have no relationship with state conventions or local churches. Members of the Inter-agency Council should endeavor to consider and reflect local church and state convention views and needs. The relationships of the agencies of the Convention with state conventions and with the local church should be in no manner affected by the existence of the Inter-agency Council.

151. Recommendation No. 37 was adopted after an unsuccessful attempt to refer it back to the committee for further study.

Recommendation 37

The Membership of the Inter-agency Council should be expanded to assure broader representation.

The present membership of the Inter-agency Council should be expanded to include three representatives from each of the following agencies:

- Foreign Mission Board
- Home Mission Board
- Sunday School Board
- Relief and Annuity Board
- Church Loan Board (if and when created)
- Brotherhood Commission
- Christian Life Commission
- Education Commission
- Historical Commission
- Radio and Television Commission
- Stewardship Commission (if and when created)
- Southern Baptist Foundation
- Woman's Missionary Union

The Theological Seminaries, Carver School of Missions and Social Work, and the Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary should, as a group, elect three representatives to be members of the Inter-agency Council.

The three representatives from each agency and from the group of institutions named above should include:

- President or chairman of the board or commission,
- Executive Secretary or, in the case of the institution, the president, and
- One senior staff member.

Each agency should select an alternate board or commission member to represent it in the event the president or chairman cannot participate in one or more of the meetings. Each agency should also have the right to select a board or commission member other than its chairman or president as its representative on the

Inter-agency Council if for any reason it feels this action would be more appropriate.

An agency should be permitted to send less than three representatives if it deems this desirable. Conversely an agency or institution not regularly represented on the Council should be authorized to send from one to three representatives to a specific session where a matter affecting that agency or institution in some significant manner is to be considered.

Ex-officio members of the Inter-agency Council should be the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, the president of the Executive Committee, and the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Executive Committee. The president of the State Executive Secretaries Association and the Southern Baptist Press Association should be ex-officio members to serve as observers from their groups and to keep the states advised of activities of the Inter-agency Council and the problems of the Convention's agencies.

152. Recommendation No. 38 was adopted.

Recommendation 38

The Inter-agency Council should be organized to permit it to conduct a variety of work.

In the course of its work the Inter-agency Council will be called upon to consider a large variety of matters and should organize itself to handle all of them effectively. To do this, it should be prepared to meet in special groups established to work with specific matters assigned to them.

In addition to Inter-agency Council meetings attended by all members, special meetings might be held by board and commission chairman and presidents, and by Executive Secretaries, or by senior staff members.

The Council should appoint a Program Calendar Committee to develop a recommended denominational calendar. When approved by the Inter-agency Council, the proposed calendar should be presented to the Convention's Committee on Denominational Calendar.

The Inter-agency Council should also appoint such other standing and special committees as may be needed. Each committee should be assigned to specific and clearly defined tasks. Each committee should include the persons specifically selected by the Council. Membership of committees should not be restricted to members of the Inter-agency Council. The Council should choose committee members on the basis of contributions they can make to the tasks assigned to the committee. Members could be drawn from Southern Baptist Convention agencies and to the extent appropriate from state conventions, institutions, and local church staffs.

The Inter-agency Council should meet at least three times a year. Committees should meet as often as their assignments warrant.

The Inter-agency Council should not have a staff. The work of the Council should be conducted primarily by its committees rather than by a Council staff; however, a permanent secretary might be found desirable to maintain files of minutes, circulate reports, notify Council and committee members of meetings, etc.

The expenses of agency representatives on the Council and its committees should be paid by their own agencies. The Inter-agency Council may eventually need a small budget to pay the salary and expenses of its secretary and to pay the expenses of persons serving on subcommittees who are not regular staff members of Convention agencies. To finance such expenses, the Council may wish to assess its member agencies. The Inter-agency Council should not, however, be financed directly through allocations of Cooperative Program funds.

153. With Kendall Berry (Ark.) again directing, Cecil Carroll (Fla.) presented the next four recommendations.

154. Recommendation No. 17 was, on motion of Porter Routh (Tenn.) referred back to the committee for further study.

Recommendation 17

Agencies which originate published materials should have the option of having them published by the Sunday School Board or by other publishers; however, to avoid duplication, other agencies of the Convention should not establish publishing facilities.

155. Recommendation No. 18 was adopted.

Recommendation 18

To assure that all persons interested in the Sunday School Board's supplementary appropriations to state conventions have adequate information, the Board should include in its annual report to the Convention information on the amount of funds transferred to each state convention during the preceding year.

156. Recommendation No. 19 was adopted.

Recommendation 19

The Sunday School Board should not be permitted or required to transfer funds to other Southern Baptist Convention agencies or committees.

157. Recommendation No. 20 was adopted.

Recommendation 20

The Sunday School Board should be required to transfer funds to the Southern Baptist Convention each year to be used as the Convention determines.

(1) The Sunday School Board should continue to contribute a minimum fixed amount of money each year. It is suggested that this amount be fixed at \$60,000.00 per year, the amount the Board is currently required to transfer to the Convention.

(2) The Board should contribute additional funds to the Convention when its financial position will permit it to make supplementary appropriations without impairing its own program of work.

The additional funds should be distributed on the basis of an agreed formula. It is suggested that the supplementary appropriations of the Sunday School Board be divided 20 per cent to the Southern Baptist Convention and 80 per cent to the state conventions, provided, however, that the allocations to the Southern Baptist Convention should never be less than the minimum fixed amount; that is, \$60,000.00.

This formula should serve to protect the interests of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Sunday School Board. Once the formula is adopted, it should be subject to revision only with the approval of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Southern Baptist Convention should co-mingle funds received from the Sunday School Board with income received from other sources. Funds distributed by the Convention to its agencies and committees should not be identified as having originated with the Sunday School Board.

158. Barry Garrett (D.C.) presented the following five recommendations.

159. Recommendation No. 24, which was enlarged to include the following sentence, "It is understood, of course, that the general principle here enunciated should not interfere with the performance of any function specifically assigned to the commissions by the Southern Baptist Convention," was referred back to the committee for further study.

Recommendation 24

The Commissions should work primarily with other Convention agencies and state conventions and their agencies rather than with local churches.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, in reviewing the work of the Commissions each year, should devote particular attention to the

manner in which the Commissions are conducting their work to assure that the principle stated above is adhered to. It is understood, of course, that the general principle here enunciated should not interfere with the performance of any function specifically assigned to the commissions by the Southern Baptist Convention.

160. Recommendation No. 25 was, on motion of George W. Schroeder (Tenn.) referred back to the Committee for further study.

Recommendation 25

The work of the Commissions should be correlated carefully with that of other Convention agencies.

The Commissions should correlate their work both through direct co-operation and through active participation in the work of the Inter-agency Council.

161. Following an unsuccessful effort to amend by referring back to the Committee for further study, Recommendation No. 26 was adopted with the understanding that the matter would be presented for final decision at the next session of the Convention in keeping with Section XIV of the Business and Financial Plan.

Recommendation 26

A Stewardship Commission should be established to assume responsibility for the Stewardship Promotion Program now conducted by the Executive Committee.

When the Stewardship Commission is established, all stewardship promotion work now conducted by the Executive Committee should be transferred to the Commission. The Commission should assume responsibility for stewardship promotion activities now under the direction of the promotion committee of the Executive Committee.

The Commission should continue to sponsor the annual stewardship promotion conference and work with the state conventions in the same manner and on the same basis as the Executive Committee now does. The Commission should continue to place major emphasis on helping the state conventions develop effective programs for improving financial practices at the local church level and for assisting them in developing better stewardship concepts in promoting the Cooperative Program.

When the Stewardship Commission is established, its representatives should meet jointly with the finance committee of the Executive Committee each year to help in arriving at a recommended Co-operative Program goal to be established for the coming year. The Stewardship Commission should advise on the feasibility of proposed goals. The Executive Committee should continue to be responsible for recommending the proposed goal to the Convention. The Stewardship Commission should then develop and carry out the program of stewardship promotion which will be required to achieve the established goal. The Commission should keep the Executive Committee well informed regarding program progress and problems since the Executive Committee will continue to have a vital interest in the success of the Cooperative Program.

162. Recommendation No. 7 was adopted.

Recommendation 7

Your committee recommends that the functions and organizations of most of these committees continue unchanged. The following specific changes are recommended:

(1) The Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Standing Committees should be required to publish its report in the first issue of the Convention bulletin on the first day of the Convention.

(2) The Committee on Denominational Calendar should be established as a permanent committee. Members of the committee should be elected by the Convention to assure acceptability of the calendar to the local churches and state con-

ventions. The committee should review and recommend approval of the calendar proposed by the Inter-agency Council.

(3) The number of the members of the Committee on Resolutions should be increased from five to ten to provide broader representation. Three of the members should be members of the Executive Committee to assure that the Committee on Resolutions will have at its disposal information about recent work of the Executive Committee and Convention agencies.

163. Recommendation No. 8 was adopted after an unsuccessful attempt to amend.

Recommendation 8

It is recommended that the Convention amend its by-laws to provide that all Convention committees, boards, and commissions include both ordained and lay persons as members. Not more than two-thirds of the members of any group should be drawn from either category.

164. With Carr Collins (Texas) directing, R. Houston Smith (La.) presented Sections (1) and (2) of Recommendation No. 9. Both sections were adopted.

Recommendation 9

(1) The Foreign Mission Board should make definite plans for gradual transfer of responsibility for the work in Hawaii to the Hawaiian Convention.

In planning for the gradual reduction and eventual transfer of its work in Hawaii, the Foreign Mission Board should work co-operatively with the Hawaiian Baptist Convention. The plan jointly developed should provide for Foreign Mission Board assistance until the Hawaiian Baptist Convention is itself prepared to administer the mission work in Hawaii.

The Foreign Mission Board should include in its over-all report to the Southern Baptist Convention each year a special report on the progress made by the Hawaiian Baptist Convention in assuming full responsibility for mission work and thereby in carrying out the planned program for the transfer of full responsibility to the Hawaiian Convention.

(2) The Foreign Mission Board should continue, and expand, its efforts to establish churches for English-speaking people in major cities in countries served by the Foreign Mission Board.

165. L. D. Ball (N.M.) presented Recommendation No. 10. Following an unsuccessful attempt to refer this recommendation back to the Committee, a motion by J. D. Grey (La.) to refer the entire section, including all recommendations, relating to the Home Mission Board was passed.

Recommendation 10

The Home Mission Board and the State Conventions should continue to explore means of increasing co-operative effort and financial support in order that the best possible plan may be found to direct our mission resources where they are most needed and to utilize our media of missionary education and enlistment in the most effective way. It is further recommended that the Home Mission Board and the State Conventions seek to develop a uniform Southern Baptist Convention-wide pattern of mission work.

Recommendation 11

State Conventions should be encouraged to assume administrative and financial responsibility for direct mission work now conducted by the Home Mission Board as rapidly as is feasible. It is recommended that a plan be developed co-operatively by the Home Mission Board and each state convention to provide for the orderly assumption of responsibility for direct mission activity by the state conventions. The Home Mission Board should take the initiative in developing

these plans. While it is recognized that conditions will differ from state to state, it is suggested that the following general guide lines be observed in preparing the plans.

(1) Well-established state conventions should assume full administrative and financial responsibility within five years.

(2) States with fairly strong conventions should assume administrative responsibility within five years by converting the program to co-operative missions.

The Home Mission Board should include in its annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention each year a special report on progress made by the state conventions in assuming responsibility for direct mission activities now sponsored by the Home Mission Board. Wherever special circumstances prevent states from complying with the suggested schedule, the Home Mission Board should include in its report comments on those circumstances.

Recommendation 12

Where new direct mission work is undertaken by the Home Mission Board, it should, at the outset, obtain the concurrence of the state convention and jointly with the state convention develop a plan for the orderly assumption of administrative and financial responsibility for the work by the state convention. When the work is established in an area where no state convention yet exists, the Home Mission Board should develop a plan by itself and obtain acceptance of the plan or a revision of the plan from the state convention when the state convention is organized.

The Home Mission Board should continue to establish direct mission activities of an experimental nature wherever such activities seem to offer prospect for success. When such experimental activities are to be undertaken in an area served by a state convention, the Home Mission Board should obtain the concurrence of the state convention and jointly with the state convention develop a plan for the orderly assumption of the administrative and financial responsibility by the state convention if the experimental activity proves to be a success and should be continued as a permanent activity.

Recommendation 13

State Conventions should also be encouraged to assume financial responsibility for all work in the areas which are now financed wholly or in part by the Home Mission Board.

It is recommended that a plan be developed co-operatively by the Home Mission Board and each state convention to provide for the orderly assumption of full financial responsibility for all mission activities by the state conventions. The Home Mission Board should take the initiative in developing these plans. While it is again recognized that conditions will differ from state to state, it is suggested that the following general guide lines be observed in preparing these plans.

(1) Well-established state conventions should assume financial responsibility for all mission activities within five years.

(2) All other state conventions should assume increased financial responsibility each year and should assume full financial responsibility as rapidly as they are able to do so.

The Home Mission Board should include in its annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention each year a special report on progress made by state conventions in assuming financial responsibility for co-operative mission work carried on in their territories. Where special circumstances prevent states from complying with the suggested schedule, the Home Mission Board should include in its report comments on those circumstances.

Each annual report of the Home Mission Board should indicate to which state conventions the Home Mission Board provides financial assistance for co-operative mission activities and the amounts and purposes of such assistance.

Recommendation 14

The Home Mission Board should work with the state conventions to develop a single uniform mission program.

Recommendation 15

The Home Mission Board should make definite plans for gradual transfer of responsibility for its work in Cuba, Panama, and the Canal Zone to local conventions.

These plans should be developed at the initiative of the Home Mission Board and in co-operation with the local convention. The plans jointly developed should provide for Home Mission Board assistance until the local conventions are themselves prepared to administer the mission work in their areas.

The Home Mission Board should review its present administrative and financial policies and procedures to determine whether they provide the maximum feasible encouragement to local conventions to take over responsibility for work now administered or financed by the Home Mission Board. Policies and procedures which do not encourage local initiative should be revised.

The Home Mission Board should include in its annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention each year a special report on changes it has made in its policies and procedures to encourage local initiative in Cuba, Panama, and the Canal Zone. This special report should also indicate the progress made in each country by the local convention in assuming increased responsibility for mission work as it relates to the planned program for transfer of full responsibility to the local conventions.

Recommendation 16

The present church loan function should be retained by the Home Mission Board; however, the limited church loan resources available to the Home Mission Board should be utilized in the newer states where other loan sources are not available. Loans should be extended only in unusual circumstances in areas where Baptist or satisfactory commercial loan sources are available.

166. Mrs. Horace Hammett (S.C.) presented Recommendation No. 21, which was adopted.

Recommendation 21

As the work of the Relief and Annuity Board grows, it should keep its plan or organization, personnel administrative programs, executive development programs, and budget and accounting systems abreast of the growing demands placed upon it and in harmony with the best methods available for the conduct of its work.

167. B. Locke Davis (Ala.) presented Recommendations No. 30, 31, and 32, which were adopted.

Recommendation 30

The Southern Baptist Convention should reaffirm the principles heretofore taken that sponsorship of hospitals is a function most appropriately performed by state conventions and local groups.

Recommendation 31

In keeping with the principle stated above, the Southern Baptist Convention should not establish or acquire additional hospitals.

Recommendation 32

The Southern Baptist Hospital Commission is to be commended for its past efforts to finance its operations from its own earnings and is encouraged to continue to finance its current and capital requirements in this manner.

168. Douglas M. Branch (N.C.) moved that Recommendations No. 22 and 23 be referred back to the Committee. Motion adopted.

Recommendation 22

The Southern Baptist Convention should authorize the establishment of a new board to extend loans to new and existing churches for the construction of new

facilities and for the enlargement of existing facilities. Loans should be granted on the basis of sound business standards and in accordance with specific policies established by the Church Loan Board.

The Church Loan Board should have the same relationships to the Southern Baptist Convention as other agencies of the Convention. The Southern Baptist Convention should elect board members on the same basis as those elected to serve other Convention agencies. The affairs of the Church Loan Board should be conducted in accordance with the Business and Financial Plan and other policies applicable to Convention agencies.

Recommendation 23

The Southern Baptist Convention should allocate capital funds to the Church Loan Board for the capital needs program. The Convention should authorize the Board to borrow funds within limits to be established from time to time by the Southern Baptist Convention. The Convention should also authorize the Church Loan Board to accept capital funds offered to it by individuals and organizations after proper evaluation of the soundness of the assets offered. The Board should not, however, be authorized to solicit capital funds in any way which would be contrary to the best interests of the Cooperative Program. During the first year of the Board's operation and as long thereafter as necessary to get the Board on a sound operating basis, the Southern Baptist Convention should appropriate funds for current operating costs; thereafter operating costs of the Church Loan Board should be met from interest income.

169. Garis Long (Va.) moved adoption of Recommendation No. 27.

Recommendation 27

Immediate steps should be taken to provide the seminaries with the funds required to provide quality education.

To improve the financial position of the seminaries, a number of steps should be taken:

(1) Allocation of Co-operative Program funds should be related more directly to the number of students the seminaries are expected to train.

(2) The seminary presidents should adopt a revised formula for distribution of Co-operative Program funds. The formula for distribution of Co-operative Program funds among the seminaries should (a) allocate funds more directly in proportion to enrolment, (b) assure that the allocation will afford all seminary students the same quality of training, (c) consider the differences in costs of educating students in different fields and on different levels, (d) allow a sufficient base amount for operating costs to assure that essential operation of all seminaries will be provided for even if they have small enrolments, and (e) take endowments into consideration in the formula for distribution of funds.

(3) A nominal charge of tuition and an increase in fees should be made by the seminaries.

Immediate or deferred plans of tuition, or both, should be initiated, as well as the increases of fees. If only immediate payment tuition plans are adopted, seminaries should expand their scholarship and work grant programs. Such measures would be essential to assure that well-qualified students with more limited financial resources could still attend the seminaries.

170. A motion by Duke K. McCall (Ky.) to amend Section (2) of the recommendation by deleting all except the first line of Section (2) passed.

171. Paul Maxey (Okla.) moved to further amend Recommendation No. 27 by changing the first sentence of Section (3) of the recommendation to read: "A nominal increase in fees may be made by the seminaries," and deleting the remainder of this section.

172. Garis Long (Va.) moved that the entire recommendation be referred back to the Committee for further study. Motion adopted.

173. Garis Long (Va.) moved adoption of Recommendation No. 28. A motion by Herschel H. Hobbs (Okla.) to amend the recommendation by changing Section (5)-(b) to read as follows passed: "... (b) expanded Bible, Religious Education, and Music Education in Baptist colleges, etc."

174. Recommendation No. 28 was then adopted as amended.

Recommendation 28

To make more effective use of existing seminaries, it is recommended that:

(1) Before more new seminaries are established, every effort should be made to utilize the full potential of the present seminaries.

(2) A plan for year-around operation of the seminaries be developed.

A study should be made under the sponsorship of the seminaries of the feasibility and cost of year-around operation, and detailed plans for year-around operation should be developed and presented to the Convention for approval.

(3) The seminaries should make every effort to avoid duplication of college courses.

(4) Graduate study and special programs should not be offered in the newer seminaries until faculty, facilities, equipment, and library resources justify such procedures.

It is recommended that the seminary presidents establish a committee to study this matter in detail. If desirable, specialized subcommittees could be established in the various fields where need for expanded programs or conversely unnecessary duplications are felt to exist.

(5) Seminary sponsorship of Christian training and certificate programs should be studied carefully and held at a minimum.

It is recommended that a special study be conducted under the sponsorship of the seminaries to determine how the needs for degree and non-degree training can best be met with the resources available to the denomination. Alternatives to continuation and expansion of non-degree programs which might be studied would include (a) an expanded seminary extension program, (b) expanded Bible, religious education, and music education in Baptist colleges, and their extension programs, and (c) expansion of assistance to state convention sponsored Bible schools by the seminaries to improve the quality of these programs.

175. Recommendation No. 29 was adopted.

Recommendation 29

In view of the expanding growth and increasing demands upon our institutions, we recommend that they keep under constant review their programs, organization structures, personnel, administration, and administrative services.

176. H. H. Hargrove (Texas) moved that the Committee be instructed to give further study to the section of the survey report dealing with the Carver School and report back to this Convention next year with a full justification for or against its continuation. Motion adopted.

177. Douglas M. Branch (N.C.) recommended the adoption of Recommendations No. 33 and 34.

178. Carr Collins (Texas) proposed a substitute motion to be adopted for Recommendations No. 33 and 34, but a motion by J. D. Grey (La.) to refer these recommendations back to the Committee for further study prevailed.

Recommendation 33

The Southern Baptist Foundation should strengthen its investment management staff.

The Foundation should add to its staff at the earliest opportunity a qualified specialist in the management of investments. Additional staff assistants should be employed as rapidly as the growth of the Foundation's volume of work warrants.

Recommendation 34

The Foundation should develop and promote a co-operative program to encourage capital giving to Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

The Foundation should work with the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention and state conventions to develop a co-operative program to encourage capital giving. This program—like the Cooperative Program which is so successfully meeting current needs—should recognize the requirements and interests of both Southern Baptist Convention agencies and institutions, and state convention sponsored agencies and institutions.

The Foundation should have on its staff one or more persons qualified to advise and provide informative material to Southern Baptist Convention agencies and state conventions on technical matters relating to wills, annuities, and other means of capital giving.

179. Douglas Branch moved adoption of those sections of the report which have been approved and that the Executive Committee be asked to study those sections as they related to our existing By-laws and bring to this Convention any By-law changes necessary for the implementation of these items. Motion adopted.

180. During the afternoon session the Convention adopted two motions extending the time thirty minutes under each motion.

181. The Convention closed with a period of silent prayer.

THURSDAY NIGHT, MAY 22

182. Assisted by the Hardin-Simmons Cowboy Band, Marion B. McClure (Texas) director, Wm. J. Reynolds led in singing "We Praise Thee, O God," "Jesus Saves," "New Life for You," "Rescue the Perishing," and "Onward Christian Soldiers."

183. Glenn Braswell (Colo.) read Romans 10:8-15 and led in prayer.

184. W. A. Duncan (Ga.) read the following report of the Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher; the report was adopted.

1961 CONVENTION

Time: May 23-26, 1961

Place: St. Louis, Missouri

1959 CONVENTION

Preacher: R. Paul Caudill (Tenn.)

Alternate: Frank Morris (Ga.)

185. Alfred Carpenter (Ga.), director of the Chaplain's Commission, presented the work of the commission and introduced the following chaplains who spoke briefly of their work and ministry: Lewis Parks (V.A. Hospital, Houston, Texas); R. A. Corsline (C.A.P.); Robert E. Blackburn (Columbus); Marlin B. Morris (Ellington A.F.B., Texas); H. E. Keen (Pensacola, Fla.); M. E. Green (Ft. Bliss, Texas); George W. Cummins (Ga.). Associate director George W. Cummins (Ga.), the last speaker, led in prayer. (The report of the Chaplains Commission was adopted later as a part of the Home Mission Board report.)

186. Robert E. Naylor (Texas), chairman of the trustees, introduced the Southwestern Seminary Jubilee Program.

187. Southwestern Seminary Oratorio Chorus, Robert L. Burton (Texas), director, assisted by the Cowboy Band, sang "Hallelujah."

188. The fifty-year history of Southwestern Seminary was presented in picture and story. Dr. Naylor brought the closing message of this period and, following a special musical number, John Halde-
man (Fla.) made a brief statement for the trustees.

189. Grady Wilson, a member of the Billy Graham evangelistic team, brought greetings from Dr. Graham and a report of the Crusade in San Francisco.

190. Courts Redford (Ga.), executive secretary, presented the report of the Home Mission Board, which was adopted, and introduced the program which set forth the plans, work, and needs of home missions.

With Charles Wellborn (Texas) as narrator, needs were presented in picture; the evangelism emphasis was given by Leonard Sanderson (Ga.); C. C. Warren (N.C.), S. F. Dowis (Ga.), and Travis Hudson (Ohio) spoke on the 30,000 Movement; the needs and ministry of the Church Loan Fund; and testimonies from lives committed to home missions were presented by Red Coleman (Texas), Ann Coleman (Texas), Louise Propst (Ga.), Carolyn Finch (Ga.), Victor Glass (Tenn.), William Beeby (Canal Zone), Sam Morris (Okla.), and A. J. Roddy (Ga.).

Chester Quarles (Miss.) outlined the Long-Range Rural Church Program; Paul James (N.Y.) presented mission work in Big Cities; experiences from the field were given by Harold Cambron (Ill.), Clovis Brantley (Ga.), Jack Adkisson (Nebr.), and John Gearing (Ark.), and special music was featured.

191. Courts Redford (Ga.) brought the closing message on "A Challenge to Prayer for the 1959 Evangelistic Crusade," and closed the Home Board program with prayer following the singing of "Lead on, O King Eternal."

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 23

192. Wm. J. Reynolds led in singing "My Jesus I Love Thee."

193. Chester A. Molpus (Miss.) read Isaiah 52:6-12 and led in prayer.

194. Thomas T. Holloway (Texas), field secretary, presented the report of the American Bible Society, which the Convention voted to include in the Annual, and a resolution which was automatically referred to the Committee on Resolutions. Chaplain Ivan Bennett (D.C.), district secretary of the Society, addressed the Convention.

195. James P. Wesberry (Ga.), chairman of the Committee on Committees, named the Committee on Boards, which was approved.

196. Chairman Wesberry moved that the Convention authorize the continuation of the following committees. Motion adopted. Commit-

tee on Jubilee Advance Program, Baptist State Papers, Canadian Baptist Co-operation, Denominational Calendar, and Committee to Study Total Southern Baptist Program.

197. Chairman Wesberry then named the members of the above committees, which report was approved.

198. Miss Alma Hunt (Ala.) presented the report of the Committee on Denominational Calendar, which was adopted.

199. S. A. McDonald of Australia was recognized as a fraternal messenger and brought greetings.

200. Joe Burton (Tenn.) made the following motion, which was passed by unanimous consent: That the President of the Convention and the Chairman of the Committee on Order of Business for 1959 be added to the Committee on Order of Business for 1960 and that this be interpreted to be in the spirit of the new By-law 12, and that the staggering of the terms of office for the Committee on Order of Business become effective next year.

201. Secretary Merritt (Ga.) moved, and it was carried, that the reading of the Convention minutes be omitted and that the proceedings as published in the Convention Bulletin be approved as the record, with authority for any necessary clerical adjustments to be made by the Secretary.

202. Chairman Homer G. Lindsay (Fla.) presented the following report of the Committee on resolutions; the report was adopted.

Resolution No. 1—Seating of Canadian Baptist Messengers

In regard to the resolution on the seating of Canadian messengers offered by Brother R. E. Milam of Washington-Oregon, we, your Committee on Resolutions, feel that in view of the proposal to amend the constitution, presented to the Convention by Marshall Smith of Texas, relative to the seating of messengers from Canadian Baptist churches, which amendment is to be voted upon at the 1959 Convention, that we not take any action that would prejudice a vote on that matter.

Resolution No. 2—World Peace

We, your Committee on Resolutions, approve and recommend for adoption the resolution on world peace offered by Dale Cowling of Arkansas, which is as follows:

WHEREAS, the gospel of Christ enjoins us to seek peace and good will among all people, and

WHEREAS, the threat of war still creates fears and international tensions, and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists are eager to meet our responsibility to promote peace through Christian love and the application of Christian principles to human affairs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That a committee of nine members be appointed by the President to report to the 1959 Convention on ways and means by which Southern Baptists can contribute to the cause of world peace.

Resolution No. 3—Appreciation to the Host City

The Southern Baptist Convention in its 101st session wishes to express appreciation to the Baptists of Houston and the Union Association for their cordial Christian hospitality. We wish to express our appreciation to all local committees for many services rendered for our convenience and for the success of the Convention—to the radio, television, and press who have given publicity to

the Convention preceding us, we express our heartfelt gratitude. We make special note of the courteous and efficient manner in which the police and public transportation facilities of the City of Houston have handled the requirements of the thousands of messengers attending this Convention, the employees of the Sam Houston Coliseum and the hotels, as well as the taxicab drivers of Houston.

Resolution No. 4—Appreciation of Convention Officers

WHEREAS, the President and other officers of this Convention have discharged their responsibilities in such a faithful and efficient manner,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That we, the messengers of this Convention, hereby express sincere appreciation to them.

Resolution No. 5—Memorial Resolution

WHEREAS, in the providence of our gracious Lord there has been taken from our midst our beloved friend and fellow laborer, Dr. J. Howard Williams; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Williams has served his Lord and his denomination well and faithfully; as a beloved pastor, serving the First Baptist Churches of Sulphur Springs, Texas; Corsicana, Texas; Amarillo, Texas; and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; as a faithful denominational servant, twice serving as the Executive Secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, and as a seminary president, serving as president of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary of Fort Worth, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Williams lived sincerely as a genuine Christian, leaving in our midst an enduring influence for good in behalf of the cause of Christ;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That this One Hundred and First Session of the Southern Baptist Convention shall go on record,

FIRST, as expressing its gratitude to God for Dr. Williams' faithful and enduring ministry;

SECOND, as expressing its heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. J. Howard Williams and the family as Dr. Williams in the hour of their sorrow;

THIRD, as expressing to Southwestern Seminary assurance of its prayers in the Seminary's behalf during the days of its great need;

FOURTH, as expressing the wish that copies of this resolution be placed in the minutes of the Annual of the Southern Baptist Convention; that a copy be sent to Mrs. Williams; and that another copy be released to the Baptist Press.

Resolution No. 6—Resolution of Appreciation

We, your Committee on Resolutions, wish in behalf of the Southern Baptist Convention to express our abiding sense of gratitude to Dr. Roland Q. Leavell for his monumental labors in behalf of the New Orleans Seminary and this Convention. We regret that illness has compelled his retirement as President of the Seminary, and we have sorely missed his wise counsel, genial spirit, and presence at this Convention. We assure him of our love and gratitude. We pray God's richest blessings upon him always and in all ways.

Resolution No. 7—American Bible Society

WHEREAS, this Convention recognizes, first, that widespread distribution of the printed Word of God is a basic need in mission work around the world, and second, that missionary advance calls for even greater distribution of Bibles, New Testaments, Gospels, and other individual books of the Bible, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the American Bible Society renders an essential, worldwide missionary service through translating and publishing the Scriptures without note or comment and through distributing them without profit and usually below cost; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the American Bible Society is rendering an additional special service through providing without charge to the chaplains Scriptures for distribution to the men and women of the Armed Forces and to patients in veterans hospitals;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That we fraternally urge all our churches and our people to make worthy contributions to the work of the American Bible So-

ciety, in order to provide the Scriptures needed for the missionary advance to which we are committed.

203. Chairman Lindsay moved that the Committee on Resolutions be authorized to prepare resolutions on the passing of Austin Crouch, who passed away in 1957, to be included in the Annual. Motion passed. (See Memorial Service beginning on p. 81.)

204. Floyd Looney (Calif.), in the absence of Chairman Louie D. Newton (Ga.) presented the report of the Committee on Baptist State Papers. The report was adopted, together with recommendation that the committee be continued, with the names of the editors of the regular state Baptist papers being included.

205. James L. Sullivan (Tenn.), executive secretary, presented the report of the Sunday School Board, which was adopted, together with two recommendations presented by J. M. Crowe (Tenn.), administrative assistant.

Recommendation No. 1

That the Sunday School Board be authorized by the Convention to adjust its charter to the extent of providing for 100 Board members instead of 50, which is now designated as the maximum number who can serve at any one time.

Recommendation No. 2

That the Convention authorize the Sunday School Board to alter the special assignment given it in 1895 of promoting a Home and Foreign Missions Day and Offering each year in the Sunday school. This request grows out of the desire of the Sunday School Board and Woman's Missionary Union to harmonize their programs in such a way as to avoid conflict or duplications in missions emphases and offerings.

It is the wish of the Sunday School Board to promote a Home Mission Day in the Sunday School on the Sunday following the Annie W. Armstrong Week of Prayer and a Foreign Mission Day in Sunday School on the Sunday following the Lottie Moon Week of Prayer. The emphasis will be primarily on the teachings of the Bible concerning missions with an opportunity given for life commitment by those who feel that God is calling them into special mission services.

Request is hereby made that the Sunday School Board be permitted to make such adjustments as are deemed necessary to avoid duplication, and at the same time to keep the mission emphasis in those churches which have no special missionary organizations.

Phases of the Board's work were discussed by Clifton J. Allen (Tenn.), editorial secretary; W. L. Howse (Tenn.), director of the education division, who presented Donald F. Ackland (Tenn.), John Tubbs (Tenn.), Howard Foshee (Tenn.), Earl Waldrup (Tenn.), Wm. J. Fallis (Tenn.), Joe W. Burton (Tenn.), Kearnie Keegan (Tenn.), A. V. Washburn (Tenn.), and J. E. Lambdin (Tenn.), heads of departments in the education division. Howard Foshee and A. V. Washburn spoke briefly. Through the use of visual aids and by the answering of questions most often asked about the Sunday School Board, Dr. Sullivan explained and interpreted the work, ministry, and future plans of the Board.

206. Allen W. Graves (Ky.), chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Church-Related Vocations which, after discussion by the chairman, by Elmer West (Va.), Miss Helen Gardner (Tenn.), and John M. Tubbs (Tenn.), was adopted.

207. Courts Redford (Ga.) presented the report of the Committee on Canadian Baptist Co-operation and introduced W. Bertram King (Canada), liaison representative of Southern Baptists to all the Baptists of Canada, who brought greetings from Canadian Baptists. A motion was made to adopt the report and recommendations. R. E. Milam (Ore.) moved to amend the recommendations. After discussion by R. E. Milam (Ore.), Clifton J. Allen (Tenn.), Jack McKay (Canada), and Porter Routh (Tenn.), the amendment was lost. During the discussion the time was extended ten minutes for this order. The report with recommendations was then adopted.

Recommendation No. 1

We recommend that the secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board be added to the committee and that the committee be continued.

Recommendation No. 2

We recommend that the policy adopted by the Home Mission Board and the Sunday School Board as authorized by the Southern Baptist Convention be recognized as the Southern Baptist Convention policy regarding Canada, as follows:

(1) That the Home Mission Board and the Sunday School Board shall recognize that Baptist brethren as individuals, local churches, associations, and state conventions are each autonomous bodies with the right to determine their own affiliation and co-operation with each other and with other Baptist bodies. Therefore, we would not question their own rights for mutual co-operation and promotion.

(2) We recommend that the Home Mission Board and the Sunday School Board as agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention may accept invitations from any Baptist church or group of churches in Canada to help them in the promotion of their programs of education, stewardship, missions, and evangelism for the development of their own members.

(3) That no worker of the Home Mission Board or the Sunday School Board whose salary is paid in part or in full shall seek to align existing churches or new churches with our Southern Baptist work. This statement is to be understood as our policy in dealing with all missionary personnel employed in part or in full by the Home Mission Board.

(4) That, in accord with our generally accepted policy, it shall be the hope of the Home Mission Board and the Sunday School Board to render all assistance possible in helping the Baptist forces in Canada to develop an indigenous denominational program that will win Canada for Christ.

208. Wm. J. Reynolds led in singing "Love Divine, All Love Excelling."

209. The Baptist Hour Choir, R. Paul Green (Texas), director, sang "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," "God So Loved the World," and "I Love Thee."

210. Ralph A. Herring (N.C.) brought the closing message and led in prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 23

211. With vice-president Noel M. Taylor presiding, Wm. J. Reynolds, assisted by the Cowboy Band of Hardin-Simmons University, led in singing, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord."

212. Arlie L. McDaniel (Calif.) read Romans 12 and led in prayer.

213. Dotson M. Nelson, Jr. (S.C.), assisted by other members of

the Committee, presented the report of the Committee on Boards which was adopted.

214. M. P. German (D.C.) moved to reconsider the report of the Committee on Boards, following unanimous consent for this matter to be considered. Motion adopted.

215. M. P. German moved to amend the report by substituting the name of Porter H. Harrison (D.C.) for Bryant F. Archbald. Motion adopted.

216. The amended report was then adopted.

217. The Convention adopted a motion by Porter Routh (Tenn.) that it be the sense of this body that the President of the Convention be one of the committee of nine named to study world peace.

218. W. Douglas Hudgins (Miss.), chairman, reported for the committee to Study Theological, Religious, and Missionary Education, and on motion of the chairman, the report was referred to the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Your Committee on Theological, Religious and Missionary Education submits the following report:

1. Details attendant to the transfer of the Carver School of Missions and Social Work from the Woman's Missionary Union to the Southern Baptist Convention and the establishment of the Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City have been completed, and administrative details of both institutions are being carried on by their respective Boards of Trustees.

2. Your committee is of the opinion that Theological Education is so closely allied with every phase of our work that it recommends that a committee on Theological Education be continued to study the expanding needs of the Convention in this field.

219. Norman W. Cox (Tenn.) presented the memorial service.

220. James W. Merritt (Ga.) moved that Dr. Cox be requested to prepare memorials to E. D. Solomon and Deb Lee Stennis, former vice-president, who passed away during the year, and any others who should be included. Motion adopted.

221. The Baptist Hour Choir, Paul Green (Texas), director, sang "Come, Thou Fount," "Deep River," "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood."

222. Norman W. Cox (Tenn.), executive secretary, presented the report of the Historical Commission, which was adopted.

223. George W. Schroeder (Tenn.), speaking for a committee appointed by the Southern Baptist Encyclopedia Committee, presented to Norman W. Cox a certificate of appreciation of his outstanding service and achievement in the production of the Southern Baptist Encyclopedia, which he initiated and directed from the beginning of this important undertaking.

224. Wm. J. Reynolds led in singing "I Love to Tell the Story."

225. Dr. Robert G. Lee (Tenn.) brought the closing message on the subject, "Making Disciples by Righteous Living," and led the closing prayer.

FRIDAY NIGHT, MAY 23

226. With Vice-president W. Douglas Hudgins presiding, Wm. J. Reynolds, assisted by the Cowboy Band, Hardin-Simmons University, led in singing "Down at the Cross," "This Is My Father's World," "The Church's One Foundation," and "To God Be the Glory."

227. Walter A. Pegg (D.C.) read Micah 4:1-5 and led in prayer.

228. Vice-president Hudgins announced that the offering for Convention expenses taken Wednesday night totaled \$3,542.47.

229. Vice-president Hudgins presented the newly-elected officers: Brooks Hays (Ark.), president; Chester L. Quarles (Miss.), first vice-president; R. Archie Ellis (S.C.), second vice-president; James W. Merritt (Ga.), senior secretary; Joe W. Burton (Tenn.), secretary; and Porter Routh (Tenn.), treasurer. Mrs. Hays and Mrs. Ellis also were presented.

230. E. H. Westmoreland (Texas), chairman of the Steering Committee for the Houston Convention presented the other committee chairmen.

STEERING: E. H. Westmoreland, South Main Church, Houston.

RESERVATIONS: H. D. Hale, Memorial Church, Pasadena, Texas.

HOSPITALITY: A. B. Penny, Houston.

AUDITORIUM: Edwin Crawford, West End Church, Houston.

FINANCE: Ross Dillon, Houston.

MUSIC: Troy Campbell, Houston.

REGISTRATION: Milton Bailey, Meadowbrook Church, Houston.

PUBLICITY: Ray Mayfield, West University Church, Houston.

RADIO AND TV: L. D. Morgan, First Church, Pasadena, Texas.

LUNCHEONS AND BREAKFASTS: Roy Ladd, Baptist Temple, Houston.

USHERS: Earl Palmer, Houston.

HOUSES: A. E. Harrison, Trinity Church, Houston.

FIRST AID: Chaplain Joe Fred Luck, Memorial Hospital, Houston.

CHILD CARE: O. A. Taylor, First Church of Spring Branch, Houston.

CHECK ROOM: Jack Pierce, Port Houston Church, Houston.

INFORMATION: Frank Newton, Richmond Plaza Church, Bellaire, Texas.

POST OFFICE: Ed Stewart, First Church, Galena Park, Texas.

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING: Chief Carl Shruptrine, Houston.

PASTOR'S CONFERENCE: K. O. White, First Church, Houston.

PAGES: Thurston Miller, Bellaire, Texas.

TAPE RECORDERS: H. D. Pack, Baptist Book Store, Houston.

SPECIAL MEETINGS: Brooks Wester, Park Place Church, Houston.

SPECIAL GROUPS: Travis Key, First Church, Houston.

Appreciation of the devoted and helpful service of these chairmen and their committees was expressed.

231. Walter Pope Biens (Mo.), chairman, reported for the Committee on Public Affairs. He presented C. Emanuel Carlson (D.C.), executive director, who introduced W. Barry Garrett (D.C.), associate director, both of whom spoke briefly. The report was adopted.

232. The Massed Choirs (Port Arthur, Beaumont, Port Neches, Nederland, and Houston), directed by Wm. J. Reynolds and accompanied by the Cowboy Band, sang "God of Our Fathers."

233. In presenting President Hays for an address on the special program on the present World Crisis, Vice-president Hudgins called

attention to a gavel made of Arkansas rosewood presented to the President of the Convention by the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce.

234. President Hays announced the Committee on World Peace provided for in the resolution adopted by the Convention. (By special action the Convention requested the President to serve on this committee also.)

235. The choirs, directed by Wm. J. Reynolds, sang "Beloved, if God So Loved Us."

236. Following the presentation of Dr. and Mrs. Theodore F. Adams (Va.), president of the Baptist World Alliance, Dr. Adams brought the closing message of this session of the Convention.

237. After prayer led by Chester L. Quarles, the one-hundred and first annual session of the Convention was adjourned finally.

JAMES W. MERRITT, *Secretary*

BROOKS HAYS, *President*

REGISTRATION

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

HOUSTON, TEXAS

1958

Alabama	660
Arizona	83
Arkansas	349
California	214
Colorado	95
District of Columbia	39
Florida	411
Georgia	710
Illinois	143
Kentucky	501
Kansas	78
Louisiana	771
Maryland	51
Michigan	18
Mississippi	556
Missouri	462
New Mexico	149
North Carolina	808
Ohio	42
Oklahoma	513
Oregon-Washington	41
South Carolina	595
Tennessee	623
Texas	3,711
Virginia	325
Miscellaneous	18
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