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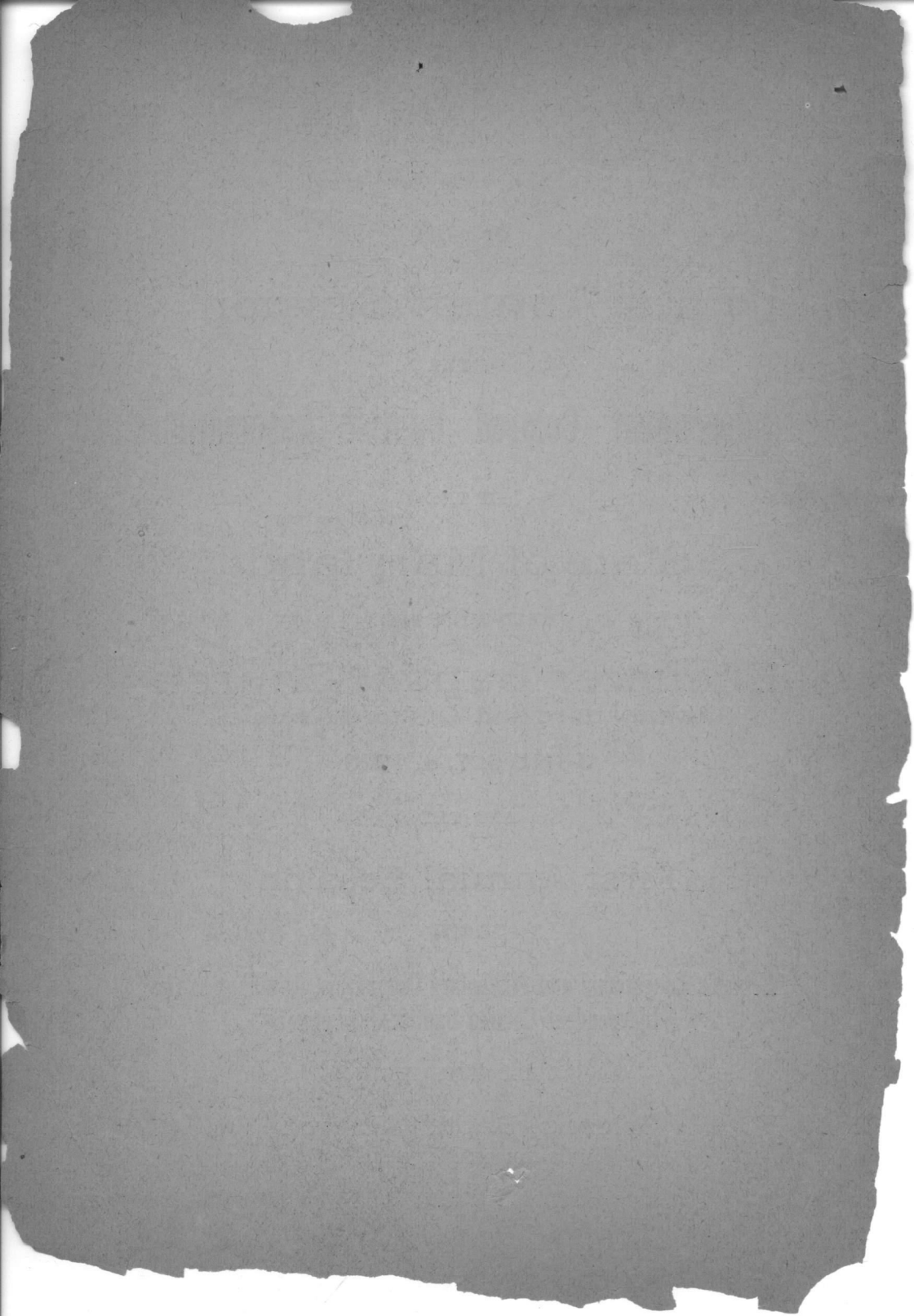
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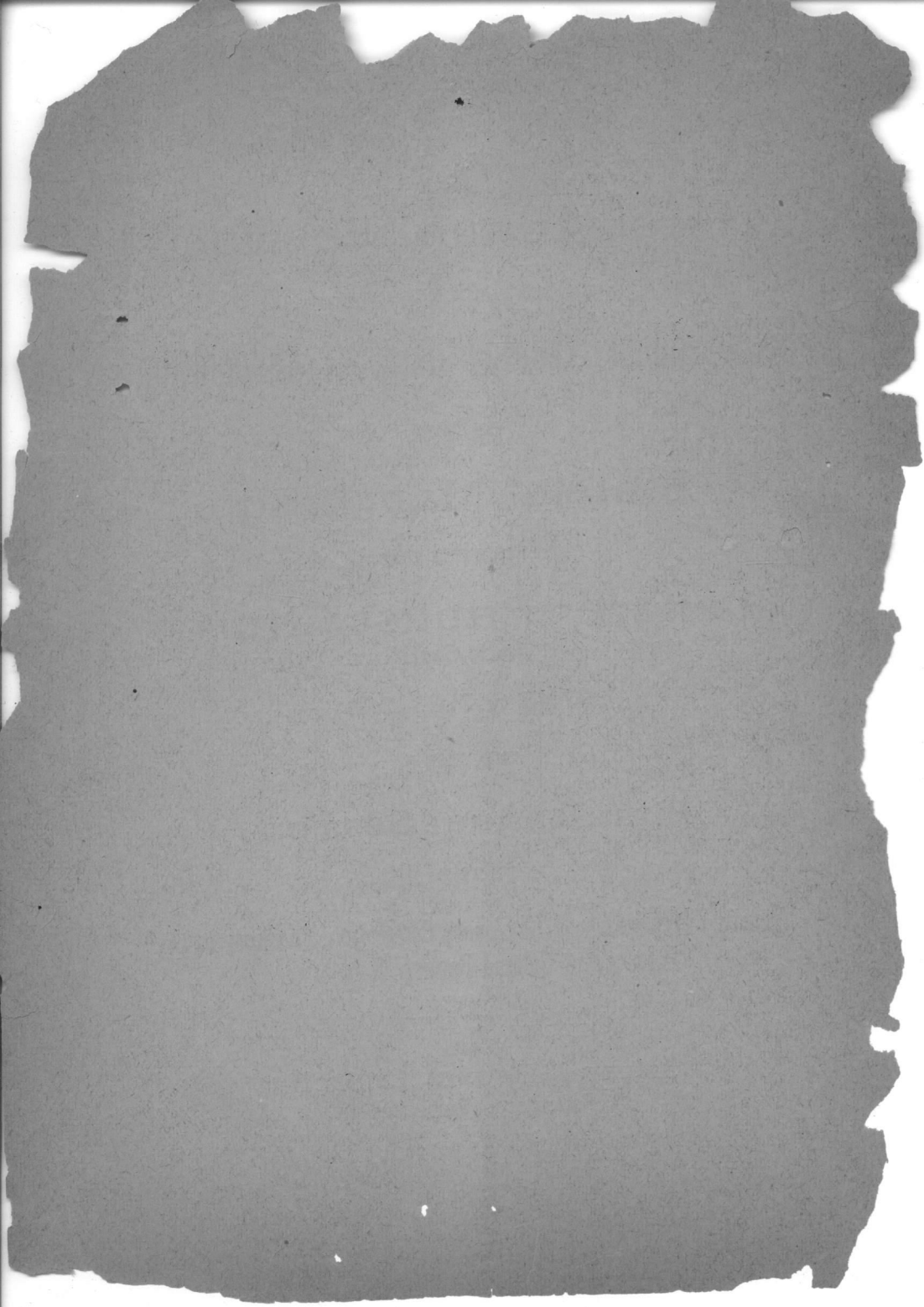
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CONSTITUTION

Article I.

This body shall be known as The Independent Colored Baptist Convention of the State of Maryland.

Article II.

The Officers shall be, President, First and Second Vice President, Secretary and treasurer; the general duties of whose offices shall be faithfully performed.

Article III.

The Object of this Convention shall be for the mutual intercourse with one another as colored Baptists in the State of Maryland, and throughout the United States of America by instituting and fostering such religious enterprises as may be established and carried on among us as a distinctive colored work, including our National Baptist Publishing Board, under the efficient management of Dr. Henry Allen Boyd, of Nashville, Tenn.

Article IV.

The primary duty of this Convention shall be the spread of Christianity in Maryland, and in such other fields as may, from time to time, be determined by the Board of Management.

Article V.

Only acceptable bodies and individuals shall hold membership in this Convention. Membership shall consist of churches, Sabbath schools, religious, and benevolent bodies and individuals.

Churches, Sabbath schools, Religious and Benevolent bodies may become members annually by the payment of five (\$5.00) dollars in advance, and individuals by the payment of one (\$1.00) dollar annually in advance.

A Church not recognized by a regular Council of Baptist Churches is not accepted.

Article VI.

The entire list of membership shall be read before the adjournment of each meeting, including new members, and if objection be made to receiving them, or to the continuance of any one of the bodies or individuals, by majority vote, the names of such bodies or

individuals shall be stricken from the list of membership. Notice shall be given at the session preceding the call of the list, that it shall be called at the next session.

Article VII.

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to get out the minutes and distribute them to the churches of the Convention; he shall be held for their proper and faithful execution, and the Board of Management shall determine what shall be paid for the publishing of the same.

Article VIII.

All officers (After June, 1930, because first officers June, 1928 are elected to office for 2 years), shall be elected annually and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

Article IX.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Convention, preserve order, state and put all questions and announce the vote of the body. He shall sign all orders on the treasurer and see that the objects of this Convention are faithfully executed. The Vice President shall perform the same in the absence, death, or resignation of the President.

Article X.

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a correct record of the proceedings of each annual meeting and a roll of the names of the Convention from its origin to the time being; noting deceased members with an asterisk and submitting the same at each meeting.

Article XI.

The Treasurer, shall for the faithful discharge of his duty, give such security as may be required by the Board. He shall receive and hold moneys, deeds, and bequeathments belonging to the Convention; pay all orders of the Board of Managers duly signed by the President of the Convention, and his books shall be opened for inspection by any member of the Board, and he shall make a quarterly report to the Board and an annual report to the Convention.

Article XII.

There shall be a Board of Manager's elected annually, which shall consist of seven judicious members, with full power to use all necessary means to secure the objects and interests of the Convention.

Four members shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

Article XIII.

The Board of Managers shall have power to appoint its own Chairman and Secretary of its own members; its time of meeting, to estab-

lish and superintend mission fields; appoint, instruct, and direct the missionaries of the Convention, and fix their salaries, and issue orders on the treasurer of the Convention, duly signed by the president of the Convention.

They shall by a two-thirds vote, for a sufficient reason, remove any of its members and fill any vacancies that may occur; and the Secretary of the Board shall conduct the correspondence of the Board and of the Convention, and the correspondence of the Board shall be the correspondence of the Convention, when the Convention is not holding a sitting.

Article XIV.

It shall be unconstitutional for this Convention to have any relationship to any, but bodies which have in view like principles as held by this body.

Article XV.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote, at annual meetings, provided that twelve month's notice be given.



THE FIRST SESSION OF THE CONVENTION
PROGRAM
—OF THE—
INDEPENDENT COLORED BAPTIST CONVENTION
Of The State Of Maryland
Held With
EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Twenty-Third and Guilford Avenue
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
June 6th, 7th and 8th, 1928.

The First Session of the Independent Colored Baptist Convention of the State of Maryland, held with Ebenezer Baptist Church, 23rd Street and Guilford Avenue, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 6th, 7th, and 8th. Rev. John W. Jones, Pastor.

PROCEEDINGS

10:00 A. M.—Wednesday, June 6th, 1928.

Devotion Exercise by Revs. F. Tillman and J. H. Mathews.

Appointment of the following Committee:

Committee on Finance and Enrollment.

Committee on Nomination; New Bodies.

Committee on Resolution.

Welcome Address—Dr. J. W. Jones, Pastor.

Response—Rev. Samuel Cephas.

Introductory Sermon—Rev. R. B. Jones.

Introduction of Strangers (3 minutes each)

Offering Lifted.

Benediction.

Afternoon Session—Wednesday, June 6th.

Devotional—Rev. J. E. Smith and Rev. Taylor.

Reading of Morning Journal.

Report of Nominating Committee.

Reading of Constitution.

Appointment of following Committees:

- (a) On Mission Fields. (b) Feeble Churches.
(c) Sabbath Schools. (d) Education, which shall be
Time, Place and Preachers.

Installation of Officers for the ensuing two years.

Introduction of Visitors, (3' minutes).

Offering. Benediction.

Evening Session—Wednesday, June 6, 1928.

Devotional—Brother Abernather and Rev. Pettus.

Reading of Afternoon Journal.

Doctrinal Sermon—Rev. N. H. Toyers, Alternate, Rev. J. S.
Taylor.

Introduction of Visitors, (3' minutes).

Offering Lifted.

Benediction.

Morning Session—Thursday, June 7th, 1928.

Devotional—Sister Norman and Sister Goins.

Reading and approving of Journal of Wednesday Evening.

Sermon—Rev. W. H. Pettus.

Introduction of Visitors, (3' minutes).

Offering.

Benediction.

Mr. M. F. Matthews, President Educational Program.

Thursday Afternoon, June 7th, 1928.

Devotionals—Mrs. Eliza White, Mrs. Ada Harcum, Mrs. J. W.
Jones and Mrs. Annie Wilson.

Paper—Mrs. L. Hitchens.

Solo—Mrs. Helen Patterson.

Address—Mrs. Bessie Matthews.

Duet—Miss Odesa Carroll and Company.

Recitation—Mrs. B. Autery.

Singing—Congregation.

Address—Mrs. Louisa Morten.

Solo—Mrs. Ruth Knox.

Remark—Mrs. M. F. Matthews.

Report—Mrs. A. Hawcum, Secretary.

Remarks by Dr. J. W. Jones.

Offering.

Benediction.

Mr. M. F. Matthews, President Educational Program (con-
tinued).

Thursday Evening, June 7th, 1928.

Devotional—Deacon Scott, and Rev. F. Tillman.
 Reading of Educational Journal, Sister M. F. Matthews.
 Sermon—Rev. Delmar Williams, Alternate Dr. S. S. Crockett.
 Offering Lifted.
 Benediction.

EDUCATIONAL AND MISSIONARY PROGRAM

Mrs. L. Morton and Mr. H. Russell, Presid^{ent}.

Friday Morning, June 8th, 1928.

Devotional—Rev. N. H. Toyer and Rev. E. W. Russell.
 Reading of Thursday night Journal.
 Sermon—Dr. S. S. Crockett. Alternate, Rev. F. Tillman.
 Report of Committee on Resolutions in part.
 Introduction of Visitors, (2 minutes).
 Offering Lifted.
 Benediction.

Friday Afternoon, June 8th, 1928.

Devotional.
 Reading of Journal.
 Missionary Program.
 Sermon—Rev. J. S. Taylor, (Unity Baptist Church).
 Alternate, Rev. J. Taylor.
 Singing—By Convention.
 Introduction of Visitors.
 Offering. Benediction.

Friday Evening, June 8th, 1928.

Devotional—Deacon Conway and J. Brown.
 Reading of Journal.
 Report of Educational Committee on Time, Place, Preachers
 and Boards.
 Resolutions on Entertainments of Convention.
 Closing Sermon—Rev. F. Tillman, Alternate, Rev. J. L. Taylor.
 Singing by the Convention.
 Offering Lifted.
 Benediction.

DR. J. H. WILLIAMS, President.
 JAMES A. FRY, Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—Morning Session

June 6, 1928.

The first session of the Independent Colored Baptist Convention of the State of Maryland opened Wednesday morning, June 6th, 1928, with the Ebenezer Baptist Church, at 23rd Street and Guilford Avenue, Dr. J. W. Jones, Pastor. The meeting held its session Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 6th, 7th, and 8th, 1928. The devotional services were led by Rev. G. W. West, Bro. J. H. Williams and Deacon Joseph Quickly. Rev. West lined Hymn No. 375: "O for a closer walk with God." Deacon Quickly read for a Scripture lesson Matt. 7:1—29 and prayer was offered by Bro. J. H. Williams.

The president, Dr. J. H. Williams, announced that the session was opened for business and appointed the following committees:—

On Finance and Enrollment:—Bro. Thos. Abernathy, Sisters Louise Winston, Ruth Lee.

On New Bodies and Individuals:—Sisters Ethel Holmes, Billops, W. Russell.

On Sunday Schools:—Sister Addie Doleman, Chairman, Bro. Joe Quickly, Bro. Thos. Abernathy.

On Nomination:—Revs. G. W. West, Samuel Cephas, W. H. Pettus, J. W. Jones, Simon Brown.

On Resolution:—Dr. J. H. Jones, Bro. Israel Brown, Dr. A. J. Fry, Rev. J. S. Taylor, Sister M. F. Matthews.

Dr. J. W. Jones was asked to come forward and deliver the welcome address to the Convention. This he did to the delight of all. Dr. Jones emphasized the fact that the "Heart of man is handled by God, only by Him. Doctors with all of their skill can do nothing with the heart, therefore, says God, Give your heart to me and I will give thee eternal life. When God has your heart he can then control you, and that too in the right direction. He then can accomplish what he wants through you." I welcome you to what we have because I want you to lay aside the white man's crutches, as did Dr. Harvey Johnson in his day, and rise up and walk of your own initiative, taking charge of your own people and your own affairs. Rev. Delmar Williams gave a very timely response to the welcome address,

pledging the honor of the Convention to deport themselves worthy of all that Ebenezer has in store.

The opening sermon was delivered by Rev. Samuel Cephas. The president, Dr. J. H. Williams, asked the Convention to sing, "Over there," after which he called for the opening sermon by Rev. Cephas. Rev. Cephas came forward and took for a text Psalm 1:1-3. He very effectively contrasted the Godly and the ungodly, saying:

I. "The Godly, what they do not do:"

- (1) They walk not in the counsel of the ungodly.
- (2) They stand not in the way of sinners.
- (3) And they sit not in the seats of the scornful.

Many wholesome and instructive thoughts were given. The following visitors were present and introduced: Revs. Doctors M. Pettus, Anderson, Lewistall and R. C. Williams.

The collection was lifted by Revs. J. H. Williams and Brown. This amounted to \$5.00.

Benediction by Rev. Simon Brown.

J. H. WILLIAMS, President.

JAS. A. FRY, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY—Afternoon Session

The devotionals were opened by the following brethren: Rev. Alex. Bryant, Dr. J. J. Frye, Rev. W. H. Pettus and Deacon Q. Brown. Dr. Frye lined Hymn No. 309, "On Christ the solid rock I stand" and read the 90th Division of the Psalms. Rev. W. H. Pettus led in prayer. Dr. J. H. Williams, the president, asked for the reading of the morning journal, which was read and adopted.

The report of the Nominating Committee was called for and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

We, your Committee on Nomination beg leave to make the following report:—

Rev. J. H. Williams.....	President
Rev. G. W. West	First Vice President
Rev. J. S. Taylor	Second Vice President
Dr. J. W. Jones	Treasurer
James A. Fry	Secretary

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Rev. Samuel Cephas, Chairman; Rev. J. W. Jones, Treasurer; Bros. Thos. Abernathy, Secretary; Israel Brown, J. H. Griffins, W. H. Pettus, and Rev. Edmond D. Mead.

TRUSTEE BOARD

Mr. Arthur Gitting, Rev. J. H. Grant, Rev. Delmar Williams, Rev. E. J. Smith.

Respectfully,
Your Committee:

G. W. WEST.
J. W. JONES.
SAMUEL CEPHAS.
W. H. PETTUS.
Q. BROWN.
THOS. ABERNATHY.

Other Committees were appointed as follows:

On Mission Fields—Rev. G. W. West, Rev. W. H. Pettus, Rev. Freddie Bond.

On Feeble Churches—Rev. Jordan, Rev. Thomas, Rev. Thos. Johnson.

On Sabbath Schools—Thos. Abernathy, John Aubry, Sister Sadie Doleman.

On Education—Dr. J. W. Jones, Sister Billips, Rev. Cephas, Sister M. F. Matthews.

On New Bodies Reported—Evening Starlight Baptist Church's application was received and adopted. Rev. Jas. Williams, pastor.

The president, Dr. J. H. Williams, asked that the officers be installed for the ensuing two years and that the honored visitor, Dr. W. H. Gray, of Philadelphia, Pa., kindly induct the officers into office. Dr. Gray readily responded.

The following visitors were introduced:—Rev. Richardson, of Relay; Dr. D. G. Kregler and Rev. Hendershock.

An offering amounting to \$2.00 was lifted.

Benediction by Rev. J. H. Williams.

J. H. WILLIAMS, President.
JAS. A. FRY, Secretary

WEDNESDAY—Evening Session

The devotionals were conducted by Dr. J. H. Williams, Rev. Eli Bryant and Rev. T. M. Hendershock. Rev. Hendershock lined Hymn No. 392, "Oh that I knew some secret place" and read the scripture lesson from Phil. 2:1-30. Rev. Bryant offered prayer. The journal of the afternoon session was read and adopted. New bodies and individuals were called for and the Ebenezer B. Y. P. U., and Bible Class reported with \$5.00 each, Dr. J. W. Jones, pastor.

Dr. W. H. Gray, of Philadelphia, Pa., was asked to the rostrum to preach the doctrinal sermon. His text was taken from Prov. 18:16. "A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great

men." He preached a very able sermon. Prayer was offered by Dr. Johnson. The president, Dr. J. H. Williams, thanked Dr. Gray for this splendid sermon. He then asked for churches, individuals and other bodies wishing to unite with us. There being none, the offering was lifted. The offering was lifted by Revs. S. S. Crockett and Rev. J. L. Taylor, which amounted to \$10.03. The name of Mr. A. Gitting was presented with \$1.00 and was received.

The Finance Committee reported for the day \$140.53.

Benediction by Dr. W. H. Gray.

J. H. WILLIAMS, President.

JAS. A. FRY, Secretary

THURSDAY—Morning Session

June 7, 1928.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. N. H. Toyer, Sister Goins and Sister Norman. Rev. N. Toyer read for the scripture lesson Matt. 5:1-7 and prayer was offered by Sister Norman.

The journal of the Wednesday evening session was read and adopted. The president then asked Rev. H. Minor to come to the stand. Dr. Minor selected his text from Gen. 3:9, "Where art thou?" He used for a subject, "God calling for men." He said, "God is calling for men not breeches and let me accommodate this subject to you." He preached a very able sermon to the delight of all.

An introduction of strangers was the next on the day's program. The following were introduced as visitors: Rev. Dr. L. L. Price, Rev. Dr. Green, Bro. L. H. Davenport and Dr. A. C. Gilbert, who joined and paid \$1.00, his fee for the year.

Dr. Gilbert said: "The school is not the object of discussion; of course we need a school, but we need money first of all."

Rev. Bro. Tyler and Rev. Bro. Frazier lifted the offering, which amounted to \$3.25.

Benediction by Rev. G. W. Gilbert.

J. H. WILLIAMS, President.

JAS. A. FRY, Secretary

THURSDAY—Afternoon Session

On Thursday afternoon the Women's Educational Program was conducted by Sister Mary Frances Matthews, president, and the following was carried out:

Devotional .....	.....
Sisters Eliza White, Ada Harcum, J. W. Jones, Annie Wilson	
Paper .....	.....Mrs. Lucy Hitchens
Solo .....	.....Mrs. Helen Patterson
Address .....	.....Mrs. Bessie Matthews
Duet .....	.....Miss Odessa Carroll and Company

Recitation	Miss B. Autry
Song	Convention
Address	Sister Louise Morton
Solo	Sister Knox
Remarks	M. F. Matthews
Report of the secretary	Mrs. A. Harcum
Remarks	Pastor
Benediction	

MRS. M. F. MATTHEWS, President.
MRS. A. HARCUM, Secretary.

THURSDAY—Evening Session

June 7, 1928.

The devotional services were conducted by Deacon Scott and Rev. F. Tillman. The morning journal was read and adopted. An address was delivered by Sister M. F. Matthews, President of the Women's Educational Convention. Rev. Delmar Williams, the preacher of the evening, was asked to the rostrum. He preached a very able sermon to the delight of all present. An offering was lifted.

Benediction

MRS. M. F. WILLIAMS, President.
MRS. A. HARCUM, Secretary.

FRIDAY—Morning Session

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. F. Williams, who lined Hymn No. 164, "Oh for a thousand tongues to sing." Rev. R. C. Williams read for the scripture lesson the 102nd Division of the Psalms. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. M. Walker, of Philadelphia, Pa. Singing, "It's Jesus Christ I want to find." Dr. S. S. Crockett was asked to the rostrum. He took his text from Matt. 7:1-12. "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye also to them." He used for a subject, "Be faithful where you are." Dr. Crockett preached a very able sermon to the delight of all present.

President Williams then asked for new churches and the Mt. Olive Church, of Towson, reported.

The following visitors were introduced:—Dr. Walker, Pa.; Dr. Junious Gray, Baltimore; and Dr. G. W. West.

Rev. McBride and Rev. Pettus lifted the offering, which amounted to \$2.00.

Doxology and benediction.

J. H. WILLIAMS, President.
JAS. A. FRY, Secretary

FRIDAY—Afternoon Session

An educational and missionary program was conducted by Sister H. Russell, President and Sister L. Morton, the retiring President. Praise services were led by Sisters L. Morton, Goins and Stewart. Sister Morton opened with singing, "A charge to keep I have." Prayer was offered by Sister Goins. After the devotional service Sister Russell announced that the meeting was open. She asked Sister J. W. Jones, who was programmed to deliver the welcome address, to come forward. The response was delivered by Sister Eva Moss, of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Music	Sister R. C. Williams
Paper	Sister Ella Mangle
Solo	Miss Helen Jenkins
Paper	Miss Ethel Lewis
Duet	Miss Odessa Carroll and Company
Paper	Miss Julia Dayers
Recitation	Miss Mary Collins
Remarks	Sister Spriggs

Mrs. E. E. Whitfield, of Lincoln Heights, was introduced. She gave an excellent description of her travels and of the work being done by Miss Nannie H. Burroughs' school at Washington, D. C. Talks were also made by the following persons:—Dr. A. M. Molock, Dr. Jas. Garfield, Dr. Kregle, Dr. Crockett and Dr. Gilbert.

The following report was made:

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

June 8, 1928

The following was paid out on the above date:

To Secretary Fry	\$18.00
To President Williams	15.00
To pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church	10.00
To Ledger	2.00
To Printing	8.00

Total amount paid out	\$45.00
Receipts of the Convention	\$316.88

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Revs. Simon Brown, A. J. Frye, Edward Jordan, Arthur Gitting, Dr. A. C. Gilbert, G. W. West, Delma, Williams, Martha Daniels, W. H. Pettus, M. Pettus, R. C. Williams, Sisters Gin, Pendell, Anna Lee, Revs. S. S. Crockett, C. McRee, Lewistall, Deacon Quickley, Sister Annie Norman, Rev. J. S. Taylor, Israel Brown, Vernon Laws, W. H. Toyer.

Reports of Committees

ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to offer the following on intoxicating drinks:—

Resolved, That the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating drinks

(a) Makes the drunkard a slave to an unnatural thirst.

(b) Intoxicating drinks give excitement and exhilaration with unnatural and pleasing results for a while. What follows re-action? This excessive pleasure of drink is followed by a corresponding re-action that leaves its victim much worse than usual during the hour and days that follow the drunkard's exciting hours of pleasures.

(c) Total abstinence is our defense. Protect the individual from the formation of every bad and sinful habit; society from a public nuisance, federal constitution from the dishonor of its 18th amendment. That in the opinion of this Independent Colored Baptist Convention is what will happen. The manufacture and sale and use of such drinks are contrary to Baptist principles and the doctrine of Jesus Christ, our Head; that it is the curse to morals, injurious to the personal piety and a positive hindrance to the Gospel.

Therefore, persons manufacturing, selling or using it are thereby disqualified for membership in this (I. C. B. Con.) Convention.

Respectfully, your committee

ON CHURCH AND MEMBERS' RELATIONS

Resolved, That we discountenance and refuse to fellowship knowingly church or organization that has not been recognized and set apart by a Baptist Council and found to be in harmony with Baptist Polity.

Resolved, That, we emphatically discountenance and condemn the practice of church members belonging to one Baptist church, but attend and support some other church, whereby they give to the world an inconsistent example of Christianity, which is not alone detrimental to personal piety, but is an awful and pernicious influence among the Baptists in general. Be it further

Resolved, That, we take no subsequent obligations in church or conventions that have for thier objectives the violation of obligations already taken in our respective churches and the Independent Colored Baptist Convention of the State of Maryland; for by so doing we grieve and drive away the Holy Spirit, the Comforter of our souls. (First Baptist principles).

Respectfully your committee

ON MISSION FIELDS AND FEEBLE CHURCHES

We, your committee on Mission Fields and Feeble Churches, beg leave to make the following report:

We recommend that a state missionary be appointed by this Convention to attend to this work and to make reports regularly as requested by the Board and annually to the Convention.

Respectfully your committee

REV. G. W. WEST.

REV. PETTUS.

REV. CROCKETT.

REV. H. MINOR.

A. J. FRYE.

ON TIME AND PLACE AND PREACHERS

We, your Committee on Time and Place, and Preachers beg leave to make the following report:

That the time and the place and the preachers be deferred and that we meet later in conventional quarterly meeting to decide on the time, place and the preachers.

Respectfully your committee

ON NOMINATION

We, your Committee on Nomination, beg leave to make the following report:

For PresidentRev. J. H. Williams
 For First Vice PresidentRev. G. W. West
 For Second Vice PresidentRev. J. S. Taylor
 For SecretaryJames A. Frye
 For TreasurerRev. J. W. Jones

Board of Managers—Rev. J. W. Jones, Chairman; Thomas Abernathy, Revs. Israel Brown, R. Tillman, W. H. Pettus, Jas. Griffin, S. Cephas, S. S. Crockett.

Trustee Board—Two Year Terms:—Revs. H. Minor, Chairman; A. J. Frye, Delmar Williams, Brother Henry Hightower, Arthur Gitting, G. W. West, Chairman; J. W. Jones, D. D., S. Cephas, M. Pettus, S. Brown, Thos. Abernathy, Secretary.

ANNUAL MEMBERS

Rev. A. J. Frye	\$ 1.00
Rev. G. W. West	1.00
Rev. Simon Brown	1.00
Rev. Delmar Williams	1.00
Sister Martha Daniels	1.00
Rev. W. H. Pettus	1.00

INDEPENDENT COLORED BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Rev. M. Pettus, D. D.	1.00
Rev. R. C. Williams	1.00
Sister Goin Pendell	1.00
Sister Anna Lee	1.00
Rev. S. S. Crockett	1.00
Rev. C. McRaelewistall	1.00
Deacon Quickley	1.00
Sister Annie Norman	1.00
Rev. J. L. Taylor	1.00
Bro. Arthur Gittings	1.00
Rev. Jordan	1.00

Total\$17.00

Table Collections for Wednesday, June 6, 1928

Morning session	\$ 5.00
Afternoon session	2.00
Evening session	10.03

Total\$17.03

CHURCH REPORTS

Israel Baptist Church, Rev. James A. Williams, Pastor....	\$5.00
Missionary	5.00
Usher Board	5.00
Sunday School	5.00
Pastors' Aid	5.00
B. Y. P. U.	5.00
Auxiliary No. 2	5.00
Flower Circle	5.00
Bible Class	5.00

Total\$45.00

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Mt. Olive Baptist Church	\$5.00
Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rev. J. Jones, Pastor.....	5.00
Missionary	5.00
B. Y. P. U.	5.00
Bible Class	5.00

Total\$20.00

\$20.00

First Baptist Church, Pimlico, Rev. S. Cephas, Pastor....	\$5.00
Missionary	1.50

18 INDEPENDENT COLORED BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Pastor's Aid	1.50	
Total	\$8.00	\$8.00
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Rev. A. J. Frye, Pastor.....	\$5.00	\$5.00
Beulah Land Baptist Church, Rev. Tillman, Pastor.....	5.00	\$5.00
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Rev. H. Minor, Pastor.....	5.00	
Missionary	5.00	
Total	\$10.00	\$10.00
Evening Star Baptist Church, (New body) Rev. J. H. Williams Pastor	\$3.50	\$3.50
Balance due \$1.50 to be paid in the Board Meeting		
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Bro. Israel W. Brown.....	1.00	\$1.00
Brother Vernon Laws, Mt. Zion Baptist Church	1.00	\$1.00
N. H. Toyer	1.00	
White Rock Baptist Church, Rev. R. L. Vernon, Pastor.... (New Body)	5.00	\$5.00
Providence Baptist Church, Rev. D. E. Over, Pastor.....	\$5.00	\$5.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Rev. Thomas, Pastor.....	5.00	\$5.00
Total from churches	\$112.50	\$112.50

RECAPITULATION OF CHURCHES

Independent Baptist Church	\$ 5.00
Mt. Olive Baptist Church	5.00
Elizabeth Baptist Church	5.00
Israel Baptist Church	45.00
Mt. Moriah Baptist Church	10.00
First Baptist Church	6.50
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church	5.00
Beulah Baptist Church	5.00
Mt. Junious Baptist Church	5.00
State Mission	5.00
Total amount from churches	\$96.50

LETTERS OF GREETINGS FROM CHURCHES

Baltimore, Md., June 6, 1928—To the Independent Colored Baptist Convention of the State of Maryland, Greetings:—

We, the Missionaries of the Colored Baptist Convention of the State of Maryland, greet you and ask God's blessings on your first annual session; may God smile upon you all with showers of blessings.

We send to sit with you in your deliberations the following: Mrs. H. Russell, President; Mrs. E. Autry and Mrs. M. Morton, Vice President.

You will find enclosed our annual fee \$5.00.

MRS. R. B. _____ Secretary.

Baltimore, Md., June 6, 1928—To the Independent Colored Baptist Convention of the State of Maryland, Greetings:—

We, the Ebenezer Baptist Church, send greetings to you in this your first annual sitting. We are wishing you abundant success.

We send to represent us in your grand and noble body as delegates the following: Bro. James Griffin, Rev. William H. Pettus, Sister Bettie Wyatt, Sister Georgia West, Sister M. J. Jones, Sister Martha Smith.

You will find enclosed our annual fee \$5.00.

Yours for Christ,

REV. J. W. JONES, Pastor.

MRS. LULA CARLIE, Church Clerk.

Govans, Md., June 6, 1928—To the Independent Colored Baptist Convention of the State of Maryland, Greetings:—

Dear Brethren, we greet you happily in this your first annual sitting and pray that the blessings of God may abundantly be with you and that the Holy Spirit will be in all of your deliberations.

We send to sit with you and represent us the following: Bro. I. Brown, Bro. Chas. Wilson, Bro. James Garrett, Sisters Annie Wilson, Bessie Brown and our beloved Pastor, Rev. J. A. Frye.

You will find enclosed our annual fee \$5.00.

Done by order of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

REV. J. A. FRYE, Pastor.

Baltimore, Md., June 6, 1928.—To the Independent Colored Baptist Convention, Greetings:—

We, the members of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, are glad to meet with you in this, your first annual session and pray God's blessings upon you in your deliberations.

We send to sit with you to represent us the following: Sisters

Louise Randall, Eva Moss, Helen Russell, Rida Billups, Eliza White.

You will find enclosed our annual fee \$5.00.

Done by order of the church.

REV. H. MINOR, Pastor.

EDNA KENNEY, Secretary.

Baltimore, Md., June 6, 1928.—To the Independent Colored Baptist Conention, Greetings:—

We, the Usher Board of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, send greetings to you in your first annual session. May God bless you all with happy success.

We send to sit with you in your first annual session the following: Mrs. R. Billups, President; E. Dennis, Vice President; M. Stewart, Mrs. Rena Page, Treasurer.

Enclosed you will find our annual fee \$5.00.

Baltimore, Md., June 6, 1928—To the Independent Colored Baptist Convention, Greetings:—

We the Women's Missionary Society of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, send greetings to you in your first annual session. We pray the blessings of God upon this Convention and that peace and love and the spirit of God may exist in every meeting.

We send to sit with you the following: Sisters Fannie Shakespeare, Mary Hinson, Maggie Colman, Annie Norman.

Please find enclosed our annual fee \$5.00.

Your for Christ,

MRS. MARY VINSON, President.

MATTIE E. JOHNSON, Recorder.

Baltimore, Md., June 6, 1928—To the Independent Baptist Convention of Maryland, Greetings:—

We, the members and pastor of the Unity Baptist Church, take great pleasure in saying to you that we are getting along very well and ask the prayers of the Convention.

We send to sit with you in your deliberations the following: B. Taylor, M. Taylor, C. Fields, S. Lewis, E. Palmer, A. Palmer.

You will find enclosed our annual fee \$5.00.

Done by order of the church

REV. J. S. TAYLOR, Pastor.

SISTER R. JONES, Secretary.

Baltimore, Md., June 6, 1928.—We, the Evening Star Baptist Church, greet you with Christian salutation. We pray God's blessings upon all of your deliberations and wish you all a happy sitting.

We send as messengers the following: Sisters Alice Cooper, Jennie Booth.

Please find enclosed on our annual fee \$3.50. Will pay the balance in the Board meeting.

REV. JAMES H. WILLIAMS, Pastor.
SISTER SARAH F. SMITH, Church Clerk

Baltimore, Md., June 6, 1928—To the Independent Colored Baptist Convention of the State of Maryland, Greetings:—

We, the members of the Bible Class of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, are pleased with the undertaking of this Convention and we wish you much success and also God's blessings.

We send to sit with you in your deliberations the following: Mrs. A. vieve Gholston, Mrs. Merrell Henly, Mrs. Hannah Crockett, Bro. Leverett, Mrs. Harriett Hill.

Enclosed you will find our joining fee \$5.00.

Thanking you and praying to God for your success we are

FREDDIE BARNES, President.
MISS H. HOLMES, Secretary.
LOUISE MOORE, Treasurer.

Baltimore, Md., June 7, 1928—To the Independent Colored Baptist Convention of the State of Maryland, Greetings:—

We, the members of the Beulah Land Baptist Church, greet you in your first annual convention, hoping that you may have abundant success.

We send to sit with you in your deliberations the following: Mrs. A. Harcum, Miss Bettie Mason, Mr. Shepherd Pierce, Mr. S. Harcum, Mrs. Martha Tillman.

Enclosed you will find our annual fee \$5.00.

REV. F. TILLMAN, Pastor.

Baltimore, Md., June 7, 1928—To the Independent Colored Baptist Convention of the State of Maryland, Greetings:—

We, the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, of East Baltimore, beg to greet you brethren in this your first annual sitting. We pray that the blessings of the Holy Spirit may rest with you all.

We send to sit with you in your deliberations the following: Mrs. M. Patterson, Mrs. Henrietta Sanders, Deacon G. E. Holt, our beloved Pastor, Rev. J. H. Williams, Mrs. E. Holmes, Secretary; Miss Amanda Cassell, Mrs. Allen Palmer, superintendent.

You will find enclosed our annual fee \$5.00.

Arlington, Md., June 7, 1928,—To the Independent Colored Baptist Convention of the State of Maryland, Greeting:—

We, the members of the First Baptist Church, beg to greet you in this your first annual sitting.

You will find enclosed our fee of \$5.00 for the church.

\$1.50 for the Missionary Society, total \$6.50. Wishing you God's speed in your grand and noble work, and may the peace of God ever remain with us all.

SISTER BESSIE CAMPBELL, Secretary.
REV. S. CEPHAS, Pastor.

Towson, Md., June 8, 1928—To the Independent Colored Baptist Convention of the State of Maryland, Greetings:—

We, the members of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church are glad to greet you with Christian salutation by letter.

We send to sit with you in your deliberations the following: Sister L. Morton, Bro. James Reed, S. Hinton, in whom we have confined our interest in your meeting.

Please find enclosed our annual fee \$5.00.

Praying for your success and done by order of the church, we are Mt. Olive Baptist Church,

REV. W. A. I. HANCOCK, Pastor.
L. MORTON, Secretary.

Baltimore, Md., June 8, 1928—To the Independent Colored Baptist Convention of the State of Maryland, Greetings:—

We, the members of the Elizabeth Baptist Church, desire to become members of this Convention, with the intention of being of some benefit to the Convention, and we hope that the Convention will be of the same benefit to us.

We send as delegates to your deliberations the following: Deacon Hays Johnson, Deacon Hardy, Rev. S. B. Logan, Sister Mattie Henley.

Enclosed you will find our joining fee \$5.00.

REV. W. D. LEIGHTON, Pastor.
SISTER MATTIE SMITH, Church Clerk.

Baltimore, Md., June 7th, 1928.

To the Independent Colored Baptist Convention of the State of Maryland

Dear Convention:—

The Ebenezer Baptist Sunday School, do hereby take great pleasure in making application for membership in your honorable Convention.

If our application is favorably considered, we promise prompt and faithful support of the principles set forth by your honorable body.

Kindly record on your records the following named as representatives or delegates: Louise Winston, Bernice West, Rev. Freddie Bond, Arthur Gittings, Jr., and Winifred Holmes.

Trusting and praying that your Convention will be crowned with abundance of success in every way from a convention standpoint.

We are very respectfully yours in Christ, and hoping our application will meet with your approbation.

Respectfully, Ebenezer Baptist Sunday School,
GEORGE H. CARTER, Superintendent.
BERNICE WEST, Secretary.
REV. J. W. JONES, D. D., Pastor.

Accompanied you will please find Five Dollars, to be applied as our Annual Membership Fee.

Baltimore, Md., June 8, 1928—To the Independent Colored Baptist Convention of the State of Maryland, Greetings:—

We, the Auxiliaries of the Israel Baptist Church, greet you in this your first annual sitting. We pray the blessing of our heavenly Father on you in your deliberations.

We send to sit with you in your sessions the following from our Auxiliaries: Church—Thomas Abernathy, Joseph Fauntleroy, Joseph Quickley, Rev. Jas Williams, Pastor.

Missionary Society—Mesdames Carrie Fauntleroy, Martha Quickley, Lillian Horsey, Inez Graves, Mr. Nance Johnson, Mrs. Julia Douglass. Usher Board—Arthur Crawley, Laura Smith, Blanche Travers, Hattie Flemmings, Hattie Blunt.

Sunday School—Clarence Weaver, Thomas Blunt, Irving Stanley, Martha Daniels,, Louise Evans.

Flower Circle—Fannie Andrews, Susie Norris, Maddie Cephas, Margaret Brady, Elizabeth Kess.

Pastor's Aid—Lillian Dickerson, Cora Ellis, Anna Lee, Edward Ellis, Pearl Quickley.

B. Y. P. U.—Thomas Abernathy, McGee Taylor, Bessie Galloway, Helen Jenkins, Mamie Miller.

Bible Class—Ruth Lee, Eliza Scott, Thomas H. Johnson, Carrie C. Lewis, Cora Scott, William Wilkerson, John W. McClain.

Auxiliary No. 2—Odessa Carroll, Thelma Campbell, Maggie Herri-son, Velma Lee.

Enclosed you will find our representation fee \$5.00 for each organization, total \$45.00.

AUGUST MEETING OF THE TRUSTEE BOARD

August 20, 1928, The Trustees of the Williams and Jones University held their meeting on the above date. The meeting was presided over by the chairman, Bro. A. Gitting, who stated that the purpose of the meeting was to find the way and means to open the school. Bro. E. J. Smith offered prayer. The following topics were offered for discussion:

(1) "What do you teachers want to open the school?"

Dr. Montague gave the following in answer to the above: Pay definite salaries and hold them to service.

(2) Dr. J. H. Williams: The Educational Society has about \$20.00 and the Missionary has nearly as much, but find out how much.

Have a man give an estimate of Boards.

Give publicity to the school from now until it starts in October.

Matriculation fee \$2.00; tuition \$4.00 per year.

Brother Cephas motioned that the name of our school be changed from Williams and Jones Institute to Williams and Jones University.

This motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned with benediction.

A. GITTING, Chairman.

MEETING OF BOARD OF MANAGERS AND TRUSTEES

Baltimore, Md., February 11, 1929. The Trustee Board and the Board of Managers met on the above date to pay off the teachers as far as means would permit.

Rev. Samuel Cephas, acting moderator in the absence of Chairman Gittings, opened the meeting. Prayer was offered by Dr. G. A. West. The meeting was announced open for business. The Rev. F. M. Story put forth his plan for the missionary work in the state for the Independent Colored Baptist Convention and asked that the brethren give some thought to it before adopting the plan.

Rev. West motioned that the Board take the recommendation under consideration. His motion prevailed.

Rev. Pettus turned over 50 cents more coming from an entertainment given at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church by Sister L. Hitchen.

Dr. J. H. Williams asked the Board to make the reports, and he suggested that a meeting be held Monday evening, February 18th, at which time all members and churches report some money for the paying off of the teachers.

The following financial reports were made:

Rev. Pettus, from entertainment at Mt. Pleasant Church	....\$	.50
Rev. J. A. Frye, for School	.....	9.00
Sister M. F. Matthews for Educational	.....	20.00
Convention	.....	.50
Collection	.....

Total receipts\$30.00

Rev. Cephas suggested that the salary of Rev. Frye for December, 1928 be paid and that the rest be divided between the sexton and the teachers as far as it will go. Carried.

The following were paid:

Rev. J. A. Frye	\$20.00
Sister M. F. Matthews	10.00

Total paid out\$30.00

Dr. F. M. Story moved that all of the brethren present bring as much as one (\$1.00) dollar or more next Monday, February 18, 1929.

The motion prevailed.

The meeting adjourned to meet Monday night, February 18, 1929. Dr. Cephas dismissed the meeting.

DR. S. CEPHAS, Acting Moderator.

J. A. FRYE, Acting Secretary.

BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 1929

February 18, 1929—The Boards met jointly on the above date, with Rev. Cephas Acting Moderator. Prayer was offered by Dr. J. W. Jones. Dr. Cephas then announced that the boards had deemed it wise to continue its meeting to this date from their last meeting on Monday, February 11th, 1929, in order to raise as much money as possible to pay up some back expenses, and asked that the brethren report what they have. The following reported:

Rev. J. H. Williams	\$1.00
Rev. J. A. Jones, D. D.	5.00
Rev. J. A. Frye, Govans	1.00
Rev. Samuel Cephas	1.00
Rev. J. Smith .....	.50
Dr. Hendershock .....	.25
Bro. James Griffith	1.00
The State Missionary Board	7.00

Total\$16.75

SISTER QUICKLY, Treasurer.

To sexton of school	\$5.00
To Dr. Fry (Back salary)	11.00

Total paid out\$16.75

It was unanimously agreed that on March 14th, 1929, we have the quarterly meeting at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rev. J. S. Smith, Pastor. The following brethren were present: Dr. J. W. Jones Dr. J. H. Williams, Dr. Hendershock, Dr. F. M. Story, Rev. J. S. Smith Rev. S. Cephas, Bro. Griffith, Rev. J. A. Frye, Sister Quickly.

Benediction by Dr. Hendershock.

REV. S. CEPHAS, Moderator.

J. A. FRYE, Acting Secretary

The following salient points were given at the Convention:

May 8, 1928,—To the Independent Colored Baptist Convention of the State of Maryland:—

Emergency Points—Salient—

This Convention must defend itself against vilifying statements, such as the following:

“Making jobs for itself.” “Some men are making offices for themselves,” “for their children,” for such statements may be applied to any one through conspiracy; to any Convention or Association for ulterior purposes.

If you would keep yourselves from jungles and destruction you must not allow such statements to be in your minds.

You have no right to form anything among yourselves, and that too for good reasons, if you are going to allow your enemies, or those, who don't like some of you, to put you against yourselves with such statements. These statements serve only to divide you if you do not put “your enemies” in your offices.

If you are coming together by complaining about some one of your Convention holding office, you had just as well quit now, for some of you must fill office, for there must be offices to be filled. Some of you must be presidents, secretaries and treasurers. If you are coming in with an evil eye against some one of your group, whom your enemy does not like and against whom they have some personal grievance, then you should not be in this Convention.

Misleading statements are being made about you by those, who cannot use you, and they will fill your mind with their thoughts, that you have men, who are seeking plums, because they are doing it. You should not make misleading statements about others, but you should correct misleading statements they make about you.

There is a spirit in Maryland to break up everything that it cannot control.

May 9, 1928,—To the Independent Colored Baptist Convention—
Logic for intelligent men. They will not join anything, which did not ask their presence in its formative period. What about church lodges and societies? Many of us and perhaps most of them organized years before you were born. Poor logic. Maybe you were not in the forming of the State of Maryland, then your logic will not allow you to join the state. Pay no attention to these villifiers for they will wreck our organization.

Yours for the good of our organization.

PROCEEDINGS

of the

First Annual Session

of the

**Women's Educational and Missionary
Convention**

Auxiliary

TO THE

**Independent Colored Baptist State Convention
Of Maryland**

AT THE

Israel Baptist Church
Orleans Street, near Broadway

Thursday, May 24, 1928

REV. JAMES H. WILLIAMS, Pastor

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

WOMEN'S INDEPENDENT BAPTIST EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION OF MARYLAND

PREAMBLE

As the Women of all ages of the world have been active in forming society, moulding character, and shaping the destinies of mankind, especially along educational lines, we thought it well as Colored Baptist Women of Maryland to begin to bestir ourselves in the interest of our race and denomination.

We therefore organize ourselves into a body to be known as the Women's Independent Baptist Educational Convention of Maryland.

CONSTITUTION

Article I.

The object shall be to look after and foster the educational interests of Colored Baptists and to form Educational Department to the Colored Baptist Convention of Maryland.

Article II.

The Officers shall be a president, vice president, 2nd vice present, s cretary, assistant secretary, corresponding secretary and treasurer.

The common duties of such officers shall be theirs. They shall hold their office until their successors are elected.

Article III.

The General State Body shall consist of Auxiliary bodies which may become annual members by the payment of three (\$3.00) dollars annually in advance.

Article IV.

Persons may become members of all auxiliary body by paying into the treasury of said body as follows: Adults, fifty cents annually in advance and children twenty-five cents; and the funds in the treasuries of auxiliary bodies, shall be turned over to the treasury of the General Body, whenever called for, and the money in the general treasury shall be at the disposal of the Board of the body to which this body is auxiliary.

Article V.

Five persons may form an auxiliary body by meeting and naming the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer.

Article VI.

The officers of the Convention shall constitute a Board of Managers, for the General Body, and shall have power to manage all the affairs of the Convention where it is not holding a sitting. The President and officers of the Convention shall be the officers of the Board.

Article VII.

Meetings of the Board may be held at the call of the President, or by the request of a majority of the officers, or at the call of the Chairman of the Board.

Article VIII.

The officers of this Convention shall be delegates to the annual meetings of the Independent Baptist Colored Convention of the State of Maryland by the virtue of their office.

Article IX.

The Convention shall hold its meetings annually and such other meetings as the Board of this body shall deem advisable.

Article X.

It shall not be lawful for this body nor its auxiliaries to use the money raised for any purposes other than provided by the Convention.

Article XI.

Auxiliary bodies shall set their own time for holding meetings.

Article XII.

The officers of the General Body shall by virtue of their office, be members of all auxiliary bodies.

Article XIII.

Auxiliary bodies shall report quarterly to the Board of this body, and the Board of this Body shall make a quarterly report to the Board of the State Convention.

Article XIV.

The Board may, for sufficient cause, remove any of its members, and fill all vacancies, whether caused by removal, resignation, or death.

Article XV.

This Constitution is to take the form and have the force of a charter from the Board of the Independent Colored Baptist Convention of the State of Maryland, and the Board may for sufficient cause revoke the same.

Article XVI.

Alterations or amendments, may be made to this Constitution and Charter, after having been submitted and receiving the endorsement of the Independent Colored Baptist Convention of the State of Maryland.

Committee

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S EDUCATIONAL AND MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Auxiliary to The Independent Colored Baptist State Convention of Maryland.

AT ISRAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Orleans St., near Broadway

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1928

REV. JAS. H. WILLIAMS, Pastor

PROGRAM

MORNING SESSION 10 A. M.

Devotional Service led by Sister Annie C. Smith, M. Daniels, E. Holmes, H. Chase, M. Patterson, L. Smith.

Expression Meeting.....led by Mrs. L. Morton

Appointing of following Committees

Finance and Enrollment

New Bodies

Time and Place

Nomination of Officers

Resolutions

Singing

Welcome AddressMrs. A. C. West

ResponseMrs. Mary Henderson

Singing

Introduction of Visitors

Singing

Annual AddressPres. M. F. Matthews

Collection

Benediction

Dinner 1 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION 2 P. M.

Devotionals led by Sisters M. Stewart, M. Hinson, E. White, H. Reed, L. Hitchens, A. Wilson

Welcome AddressH. Reed

ResponseB. Matthews

Report of Committees

Singing	Congregation
Selection	Andrew Hawkins
Annual Address	Pres. of Missionary Conention
Solo	Miss M. E. Hinton
Paper	Miss L. Morton
Solo	Miss M. Minor
Paper	Mrs. F. Basil
Solo	L. Ham
Paper	L. Winston
Solo	B. Batty
Paper	A. Jennings
Solo	E. Moss
Paper	N. Mangles
Duet	A. Williams and Co.
Recitation	E. Autry
Reading of Letters	
Introduction of Visitors	
Collection	Benediction
Supper 6. P. M.	

EVENING SESSION 7 P. M.

Devotional Service led by Sisters N. Byrd, M. Cann, M. Cornish, L. M. Cornish, L. Winston, M. Gragerson, M. Jones.	
Solo	Miss L. Scott
Paper	Miss B. Campbell
Solo	I. Roles
Duet	Pimlico
Solo	A. Campbell
Annual Sermon	Rev. D. Williams
Alternate Rev. J. H. Williams, Pres., of Convention.	
Prayer	
Solo	Mr. Cann
Singing	Choir
Collection	Benediction

OFFICERS OF EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION

Mrs. M. F. Matthews, Pres.	Mrs. E. White, 1st V.
Mrs. B. Matthews, 2nd V.	Mrs. A. C. West, 3rd V.
A. Harcum, Sec.	B. Campbell, A. Sec.
R. Knock, Cor. Sec.	M. Cephas, Treas.

OFFICERS OF MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Mrs. H. L. Russell, Pres.	Mrs. L. Morton, 1st V.
L. Hitchens, 2nd V.	A. Wilson 3rd V.
Mrs. B. Wyatt, R. Sec.	A. Autry, A. Sec.
B. R. Billups, Cor. Sec.	H. Reed, Treas.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session

Baltimore, Md., May 24, 1928—The first annual session of the Women's Educational and Missionary Convention, Auxiliary to the Independent Colored Baptist Convention of the State of Maryland, was held with the Israel Baptist Church, on Orleans Street, near Broadway, Rev. James H. Williams, Pastor.

At ten o'clock devotions were conducted by Sisters A. C. Smith, M. Daniels and E. Holmes, H. Chase, M. Patterson, L. Smith. An expression meeting was led by Mrs. L. Morton. The following committees were appointed: On Finance and Enrollment, New Bodies, Time and Place, Nomination of officers, Resolutions. After singing the welcome address was delivered by Mrs. A. C. West and was responded to by Mrs. Mary Henderson. After singing another song the visitors present were introduced. The President, Mrs. M. F. Matthews, then delivered her annual address, which was replete with thought and many ideas for the advancement of the Convention. After collection and benediction the Convention adjourned for dinner at 1 o'clock.

SISTER M. F. MATTHEWS, President.
A. HARCUM, Secretary.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session of the Women's Educational and Missionary Convention was opened at 2 o'clock with the President, Mrs. M. F. Matthews in the chair. Devotions were conducted by Sisters M. Stewart, E. White, H. Reed, L. Hitchens, and A. Wilson. After carrying out the literary program that had been prepared for the afternoon the Finance Committee reported the receipts for the evening \$5.00.

The Committee on Letters read letters from sister churches, all of which were received and made a part of the minutes.

Several visitors were present and were introduced at this point. All made remarks in which they prayed the blessings of God on the meeting. Benediction was pronounced and the meeting adjourned for supper at six o'clock.

MRS. M. E. MATTHEWS, President.
A. HARCUM, Secretary.

EVENING SESSION

Promptly at seven o'clock the evening session was opened with devotionals led by Sisters N. Byrd, M. Cann, M. Cornish, L. Winston, M. Graherson and M. Jones. Miss L. Scott rendered a beautiful solo. Miss B. Campbell read a very instructive paper, solo by I. Roles; a duet was also sung. After a solo by Mr. A. Campbell, Rev. Delmar Williams delivered the annual sermon. Dr. Williams was at his best and delivered a sermon that will live long in the hearts of those who

heard him. Rev. J. H. Williams was alternate. Prayer was offered.

The Finance Committee reported \$10.00; from annual meeting \$30.00. Total \$50.00 and after singing, the benediction was pronounced and the Women's Educational and Missionary Convention came to a close.

SISTER M. F. MATTHEWS, President.
A. HARCUM, Secretary.

THE MISSIONARY CONVENTION MADE THE FOLLOWING FINANCIAL REPORT:

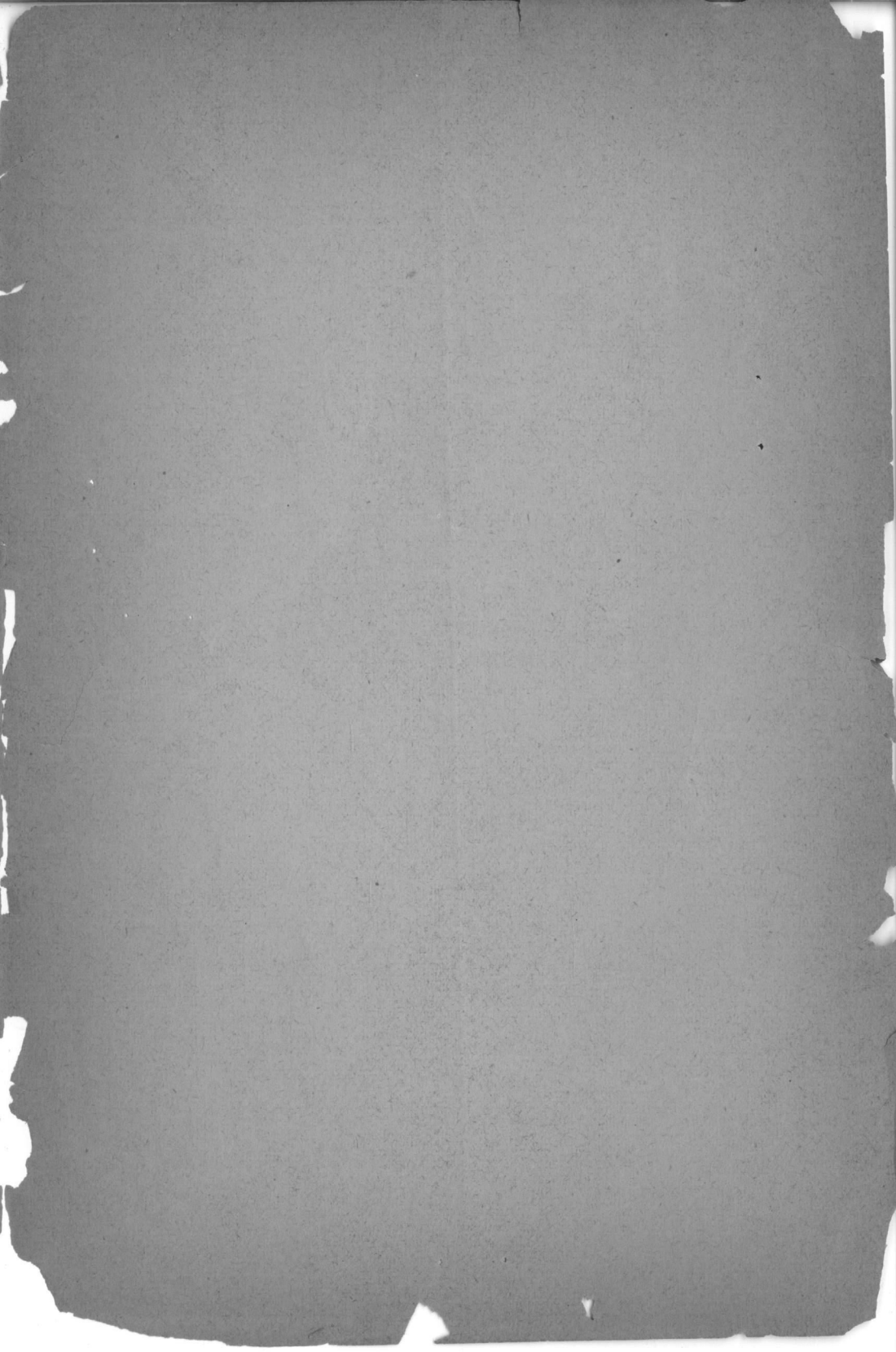
Report For June Friday, 8, 1928.

Women Missionary Convention Morning Collection.....	\$ 1.50
Afternoon Collection	1.61
Sister Whitfield (Pd. Out)	12.25
Night Collection	23.00
Grand Total	61.42
From Treasure	24.56
Annual Fees	5.00

Report on May 24, 1928

Women Missionary Convention Morning Collection	\$ 3.31
Afternoon Collection	2.71
Night Collection	5.00
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Total Collection.....	\$11.02
Report of Missionary	\$18.00
Education	\$19.01
Annual Members	1.01
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Grand Total	\$45.50

HELEN RUSSELL, Pres.
LOUISE MORTON, V. P.
B. BILLUPS, Cor Sec.





...THE...
SECOND ANNUAL
SESSION

—OF THE—

Independent Colored Baptist
Convention

OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

—HELD WITH THE—

Israel Baptist Church

Orleans and Bethel Streets

Baltimore, Maryland

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
June 5th, 6th and 7th, 1929

REV. J. H. WILLIAMS, Pastor and President of the Convention

REV. JAMES A. FRY, Secretary of Convention

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

PHYSICS DEPARTMENT

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REV. J. H. WILLIAMS, Pastor and President of the Convention
REV. JAMES A. FRY, Secretary of Convention

CONSTITUTION

Article I.

This body shall be known as the Independent Colored Baptist Convention of the State of Maryland.

Article II.

The Officers shall be President, First and Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer; the general duties of whose offices shall be faithfully performed.

Article III.

The object of this convention shall be for the mutual intercourses with one another as colored Baptists in the State of Maryland, and throughout the United States of America by insituting and fostering such religious enterprises as may be established and carried on among us as a distinctive colored work, including our National Baptist Publishing Board, under the efficient management of Dr. Henry Allen Boyd of Nashville, Tenn.

Article IV.

The primary duty of this Convention shall be the spread of Christianity in Maryland, and in such other fields as may, from time to time, be determined by the Board of Management.

Article V.

Only acceptable bodies and individuals shall hold membership in this Convention. Membership shall consist of churches, Sabbath schools,, religious and benevolent bodies and individuals.

Churches, Sabbath schools Religious and Benevolent bodies may become members annually by the payment of five (\$5.00) dollars in advance, and individuals by the payment of one (\$1.00) annually in advance.

A Chuch not recognized by a regular Council of Baptist Churches is not accepted.

Article VI.

The entire list of membership shall be read before adjournment of each meeting, including new members, and if objection be made to receive them, or to the continuance of any one of the bodies or individuals, by majority vote, the names of such bodies or individuals shall be stricken from the list of membership. Notice shall be given at the session preceding the call of the list, that it shall be called at the next meeting.

Article VII.

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to get out the minutes and distribute them to the churches of the Convention; he shall be held for their proper and faithful execution, and the Board of Management shall determine what shall be paid for the publishing of the same.

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Article VIII.

All officers (After June 1930, because first officers, June 1928 are elected to office for 2 years), shall be elected annually and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

Article IX.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Convention, preserve order, state and put all questions and announce the vote of the body. He shall sign all orders on the treasurer and see that the objects of this Convention are faithfully executed. The Vice President shall perform the same in the absence, death, or resignation of the President.

Article X.

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a correct record of the proceedings of each annual meeting and a roll of the names of the Convention from its origin to the time being; noting deceased members with an asterisk and submitting the same at each meeting.

Article XI.

The Treasurer, shall for the faithful discharge of his duty, give such security as may be required by the Board. He shall receive and hold moneys, deeds, and bequeathments belonging to the Convention; pay all orders of the Board of Managers duly signed by the President of the Convention, and his books shall be opened for inspection by any member of the Board, and shall make a quarterly report to the Board and an annual report to the Convention.

Article XII.

There shall be a Board of Managers elected annually, which shall consist of seven judicious members, with full power to use all necessary means to secure the objects and interests of the Convention.

Four members shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

Article XIII.

The Board of Managers shall have power to appoint its own Chairman and Secretary of its own members; its time of meeting, to establish and superintend mission fields; appoint, instruct, and direct the missionaries of the Convention, and fix their salaries, and issue orders on the treasurer of the Convention, duly signed by the president of the Convention.

They shall by a two thirds vote, for a sufficient reason, remove any of its members and fill any vacancies that may occur; and the Secretary of the Board shall conduct the correspondence of the Board

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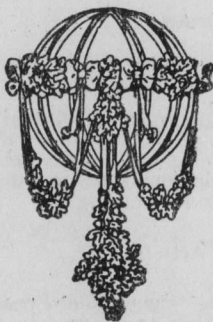
and of the Convention, and the correspondence of the Board shall be the correspondence of the Convention, when the Convention is not holding a sitting.

Article XIV.

It shall be unconstitutional for this Convention to have any relationship to any, but bodies which have in view like principles as held by this body.

Article XV.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote, at annual meetings, provided that twelve month's notice be given.



PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5th, 1929.—MORNING SESSION

The Second Annual Session of the Independent Colored Baptist Convention of the State of Maryland, held with the Israel Baptist Church. Rev. J. H. Williams, D.D., Pastor.

Dr. Williams asked Revs. W. D. Leighton, S. J. Winder and Deacon Morton to conduct the devotional exercises. Rev. Leighton lined Hymn No. 661, "That Awful Day Will Surely Come." Rev. Winder read Rom. 12: and Prayer was offered by Deacon Moore of Pleasant Zion Baptist Church. After the devotionals, Dr. G. W. West, Vice President, introduced Dr. J. H. Williams, who extended a hearty welcome to the Convention. The address of response by Dr. Hayward followed. Dr. Hayward said: (1) "We accept the welcome, in the spirit in which it is given; and (2) because we mean to go forward doing things; and do not intend accept the Theory of inferiority complex. We accept it, (3) because we do not believe in lip and jaw business which accounts for nothing, and (4) because you have said: "We mean to go forward."

After the response, the President appointed the following committees:

1. Committee on Delegates.
2. Committee on Resolutions—(see resolutions)—J. A. Hayward, E. D. Meads and Mrs. Lucy Hitchens.
3. Committee on Temperance—A. J. Fry, Hattie Reed, H. Holmes, (Reported).
4. Committee on Condolence—Lewis Moore, Chas. Wilson and Clarence Weaver.
5. Committee on State of Country—T. A. Date, S. J. Winder, and W. D. Leighton.
6. Committee on Time, Place and Preachers—Rev. Sam Cephas, W. H. Pittus and Mrs. Mary Anderson.
7. Committee on Courtesy—Rev. J. W. Holmes, Mrs. F. Anderson and Mrs. Annie Wilson.
- Committee on Education—Sis. J. G. Williams, Sis. M. F. Matthews and Rev. J. A. Hayward. (Reported—see report).
9. Committee on Missions—Rev. G. W. West, Sis. Mary Miller, Bro. Holmes.

The offering was lifted by Rev. Cephas and Rev. Winder, which amounted to \$2.33.

The Doxology was sung.

Benediction by Rev. Sam Cephas.

Rev. J. H. Williams, President; James. A. Fry, Secretary.

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AFTERNOON SESSION

Following the appointment of committees, Rev. A. J. Frye was asked to the rostrum to preach the Introductory Sermon. He selected Mark 10:45, subject—"True Greatness," and preached a splendid sermon. and Sis. H. Russell.

12. Committee on New Bodies—Sis. Ethel Holmes, Sis. R. Billups
The devotional was led by Dr. Kregler with Hymn—"Remember Me." Rev. S. J. Brown read Psalm 37:1-11; and prayer was offered by Rev. Kregler. The President asked for the reading of the Journal which was read and approved.

Report of new bodies were asked for, and the Morning Star of Catonsville, with delegates, responded, and the hand of fellowship given by Dr. J. W. Jones. Following the reception of the new body, was the President's Annual Address. Dr. William began his splendid cheerfully greeting the Convention assembled.

He said among other things:

(1) "Our people are wandering from God." Yet they try to call up the dead."

(2) "What we need to do is to lift up the standard of Education." He closed the splendid address by urging the convention to stand together.

Many more comments followed, among those who spoke were: Rev. R. C. Williams, S. J. Windor, J. A. Hayward and J. W. Jones.

11. Committee on Finance—Rev. R. C. Williams, Sis. M. F. Matthews and Sis. Hinson.

10. Committee on Digest of Letter—Rev. E. D. Meads, Bro. Thompson, Sis. G. Derricott.

A motion prevailed that the president's address be placed in the hands of a committee. Committee on president's address: Rev. E. D. Meads, Rev. J. A. Hayward, Rev. A. J. Frye. (See report).

The following Visitors were introduced: Rev. G. L. Harris and Rev. A. Rhone.

The offering was lifted by Sister J. G. Williams and Sister Brooks, which amounted to \$2.00 Doxology was sung. Benediction by Rev. J. A. Frye.

Rev. J. H. Williams, President; James Fry, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. E. D. Mead, with Hymn, "O God Our Help in Ages Past." He read Psalm 130, and offered prayer. The minutes of the afternoon session were read and

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approved.

Rev. E. C. Williams was asked to the rostrum to preach the Doctrinal Sermon. He selected Jer. 10:23, "O Lord I Know That The Way of Man is Not in Himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct (himself) his steps."

He showed that man cannot direct his steps because, (1) Of his short-sightedness; (2) because of his inability to control himself.

After the sermon, prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Grant. Rev. Cephas and Rev. J. S. Taylor were asked to take the offering which amounted to \$4.20.

An after-collection was asked for, which amounted to \$2.48; which amount was given the Rev. R. R. Browning—Grand total, \$6.68.

Doxology was sung. Benediction by Dr. Grant.

Rev. J. H. Williams, President; J. A. Fry, Secretary.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6th, 1929—MORNING SESSION

The devotional was conducted by Deacon Thornton, who opened with hymn No. 293, "Father I Stretch My Hand to Thee" etc. Dr. J. B. Balding read Psalm 37:1-30, and prayer was offered by Rev. Swinton.

The Journal of Wednesday evening was read and approved. The President asked for the reading of letters, by the Committee on Digest of Letters. A motion prevailed to give receipts for all moneys received by the Committee on Finance, to Churches, Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U.'s and individual members. The collection was lifted by Rev. Matthews and Rev. Lysles, which amounted to \$2.40.

Doxology was sung. Benediction by Rev. Matthews.

Rev. J. H. Williams, President; J. A. Fry, Secretary.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

State B. Y. P. U. Day—Bro. Gitting, President

Rev. Matthews lead devotion with hymn No. 392. Rev. S. Cephas read the 40th Psalm, and prayer was offered by Rev. Fitzhugh.

(1) "Whole Hearted, True Hearted" was sung by the B. Y. P. U. Convention.

(2) Recitation—Miss Alice Brooks, of Pleasant Zion Baptist Church

(3) Remarks—Mrs. Gregerson, of Ebenezer.

(4) Recitation—Mrs. Genevie Golden, of Ebenezer.

(5) Piano Selection—Mrs. Amilla Briggs.

(6) Paper—Miss Sarah Wright.

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- (7) Solo—Miss Vernel Goldfield, of Israel.
- (8) Duett—Miss Odessa Carroll and Company.
- (9) Solo—Rev. R. C. Williams, Morning Star.
- (10) Paper—Miss Genette Chappel, Ebenezer.
- (11) The Ancient Story of An Etheopian Girl—Rev. A. C. Gilbert.
- (12) Song—"I'll Live On"—Rev. C. R. Williams.

Report on Resolutions was made by Dr. J. A. Hayward, and approved. (See Resolutions).

The Committee on Resolutions are: Dr. J. A. Hayward, Mr. A. Gitting, Rev. E. D. Mead, Rev. R. C. Williams and Rev. Leighton.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—State B. Y. P. U.

The offering was lifted by Sis. J. W. Jones and Sis. Dennis, which amounted to \$1.11.

The following visitors were introduced: Dr. J. W. Davis and Dr. G. A. Crawley.

Dr. Crawley spoke of the Missionary Convention's plan of having and running a school as it "ought to be done—Like Johns Hopkins University."

Dr. Davis expressed his delight in being present and seeing so many familiar faces with whom he has long since been acquainted.

The Doxology was sung. Benediction by Rev. R. C. Williams.

Rev. J. H. Williams, President; J. A. Fry, Secretary.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

The devotionals were conducted by Revs. Smith and Rhone. Rev. Smith line Hymn No. 378. Rev. Rhone read Prov. 3:1-22, and prayer was offered by Dr. Dupree. "Past Me Not O Gentle Saviour," was sung. The Afternoon Journal was read and approved. The report of the Trustee Board was read and approved. (See report of Trustees).

Dr. J. A. Hayward was called forward to deliver the Educational sermon. He selected Prov. 22:6, "Train up the Child in the way he should go, and when it is old, it will not depart from it." From this text he preached a wonderful sermon. Rev. J. L. Taylor offered prayer.

The offering was lifted by Rev. Kennard and Rev. R. C. Williams which amounted to \$10.00. Rev. R. C. Williams turned over for the Alliance, \$10.00, making a grand total offering of \$20.00.

The following visitors were introduced: Dr. Dupree, Rev. Dawson, Rev. Brown, Rev. J. T. Green, Rev. L. L. Moore and Sister A. Norman. Sister Norman joined and was given the hand of fellowship.

Doxology was sung. Benediction by Dr. G. W. West.

Rev. J. H. Williams, President; J. A. Fry, Secretary.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 7th—MORNING SESSION

Rev. E. D. Mead was called upon to conduct the devotionals. He opened with Hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers." Dr. J. B. Balding read 1 John 3: and prayer was offered by Rev. W. H. Pettis. The Journal was read and approved. The committee on Temperance reported. (See committees report), and approved. Dr. Junius Gray was introduced. In his remarks he complimented the brethren as "standing for something." "Your group has always stood for something. I am not saying this to join you, for I am not. However, I am going to leave you \$5.00 for the work of Education." He then placed five dollars on the table and started to leave, but was insisted on to remain for dinner, which he did.

The offering was lifted, which amounted to \$6.85.

Doxology was sung. Benediction by Dr. J. Gray.

Rev. J. H. Williams, President; J. A. Fry, Secretary.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Sunday School Department was in the hands of its heads, Sis. Mary E. Over, President.

Dr. J. H. Williams promised to get the same from her and give it to the secretary.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Rev. J. W. Davis opened the devotional service with Hymn No. 344. Rev. A. Rhone read John 1:1-14, and prayer was offered by Rev. Davis.

The Morning Journal was read and approved. The following committees were called for and reported:

- (1) Committee on Missions (see Com.) (approved).
- (2) Committee on President's Address. (See Report). (Approved)
- (3) Committee on Time, Place and Preachers. (See report). (approved).

Rev. Delmar Williams was called forward to preach the Missionary Sermon. He selected Nehemiah 2:20, "The God of Heaven, will prosper us; therefore we His servants will rise and build." From this scripture he preached a splendid sermon. Dr. Dupree led in fervent prayer. The offering was lifted, which amounted to \$11.14. An after-offering for Rev. D. Williams amounted to \$5.30, making a grand total of \$16.44.

Dr. J. H. Robinson lifted the offering. Doxology. Benediction by Rev. E. D. Meads.

by REV. E. D. MEAD

Rev. J. H. Williams, President; J. A. Fry, Secretary.

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QUARTERLY MEETING

BALTIMORE, MD., MARCH 27th, 1930

The First Quarterly Meeting of the Independent Colored Baptist Convention was held with the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Guilford Avenue and 23rd Street, March 27th, 1930, Rev. J. A. Jones, Pastor.

The object of this meeting was to raise money for the School building; Rev. J. H. Williams, Chairman of the Trustee Board, presiding.

Rev Taylor lined hymn No. 454, "A charge to keep I Have., Rev. J. W. Davis read Gal. 6: and prayer was offered by Rev. J. A. Hayward. Rev. J. H. Taylor immediately announced the purpose of the meeting; saying, that while this is an effort on the part of the Trustee Board to raise money for the school building, the Convention combined with us to augment the finances.

Dr. J. W. Jones made a splendid address of welcome, assuring those present that they are always welcomed at Ebenezer. Rev. J. W. Davis responded very ably.

The following brethren made short addresses:—Revs. J. A. Hayward, Rev. Johnson, of Israel. Sister Bettie Holmes, sang a solo; Rev. J. A. Fry spoke of present day forms of selfishness: (1) Labor selfishness, (2) Individual selfishness, (3) Family selfishness, (4) Fraternal selfishness, (5) Educational selfishness, (6) Religious selfishness.

Rev. J. H. Taylor asked the President of the Convention, Rev. J. H. Williams, to speak, but Dr. Williams asked that the time be give to Rev. E. W. White, the newly elected pastor of Providence Baptist Church; Dr. White made a splendid address in the interest of the State and National work.

The Churches responded as follows:

Israel Baptist Church	13.25
Ebenezer Baptist Church	15.35
Little Ebenezer Baptist Church .....	.50
Mt. Baptist Church	1.91
Mt. Olive, Towson	5.00
Star of Light Baptist Church	1.00
Dr. J. H. Taylor, (pastor Mt. Sinia)	10.00
Rev. J. W. Davis	1.00
Rev. S. J. Brown	1.25
Rev. Edward Jordan	10.00
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church	7.00
Mrs. Priscilla Davenport .....	.75

Total receipts68.01

Dr. J. H. Williams and J. H. Taylor, Presiding.

J.A. Fry and J. A. Hayward, Secretaries.

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Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 5th. 6th and 7th 1929

DELEGATES

- MT. ZION:—Rev. E. J. Smith, Sister H. Russell, Rev. H. Minor, Rev. H. Minor, Pastor Mrs. Edna Kennedy, Secretary.
- MORNING STAR, CATONSVILLE:—Mrs. J. G. Williams, Mrs. B. Kane Rev. R. C. Williams, Pastor,
- MT. OLIVE, TOWSON:—Sister Louise Morton, Rev. R. A. Dias, pastor.
- SOLID ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH:—Bro. E. Onawden, Rev. S. J. Winder, Bro. J. E. Butler.
- MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH:—Bro. Geo. Holt, Bro. Nelson Stake, Rev. J. H. Williams, Pastor
- MT. MORIAH SUNDAY SCHOOL:—Mrs. Gussie Duricott and Mrs. Ethel Holmes.
- STAR LIGHT BAPTIST:—Sister J. Booth, Rev. J. H. Williams.
- PLEASANT ZION CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL:—Sister Brooks, Sister Allen, Bro. Wilkinson, Bro Johnson, Bro Holmes Rev. Holmes, Pastor.
- PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH:—Dea. T. A. Date and Sister M. L. Anderson.
- ISRAEL BAPTIST:—Rev. J. H. Williams, Preston Hill Joseph Quickly McKinley Sorrell S.S.—Clarence Weaver, Rev. E. Mead, Superintendent, Thomas Blunt, Assistant Superintendent. Willing Workers:—E. Scott, S. Brissit, Mrs. Manning. Missionary Society:—H. Reed, L. Ham, Mrs. Holsey, Mrs. Mornnigg. Morning. B. Y. P. U.—M. Taylor, Bessie Gallaway, Ruth Lee. Auriliary No. 2—Odessa Carroll, Mary Cornish Pastor's Aid:—L. Deckerson, Sarah Mills, Mary Miller, Mary Carter. Flower Circle:—Fanny Andrews, Susie Norris, Bessie Swakner Usher Board:—Annie Mack Blanche Travers, Lena Lucas.
- EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH (\$10.00)—Dr. J. W. Jones, Pastor W. E. Taylor, Sister D. Rucker, George Thornton, Sister L. Garlic, Sam Rucker. Sunday School (\$5.00)—George H. Carter, Esq., Superintendent Miss Melie Briggs, Miss L. Taylor, Mrs. A. Howard.
- EBENEZER BAPTIST S. S.—Mr. A. Gittings, J. Taylor, Clerk. Bible Class:—(\$5.00)—Bro L. Moore, Bro. O. Tucker, Bro. F. H. Levenston, Sister Alice Johnson, Sister Hazel Johnson, Bro. F. Bond, President, Sister M. Hinson, Secretary. Ebenezer Missionary Society:—(\$5.00)—Mr. M. Henson, Mrs H. Crockett, Mrs. Mary Lee, Mrs. L. Winston, Mrs. Bettie Wyatt, President.

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"Help the Junior Missionary Workers," to be worn across the shoulder of each boy or girl when they are on duty serving.

The money that is taken by these workers will be reserved for Conventional work to be kept in a separate treasury and reported to the Convention while in session to be credited to the Church sending it.

Each member of the local church will be requested to pledge himself at least one cent per week for Conventional work.

4. In order to avoid any misunderstanding in proper authority, and contradiction of terms that the word Convention as applied to the Women Education and Missionary Societies shall be stricken out and the word Society inserted.

5. Junior Missionary Union. Twelve boys and twelve girls, ranging in ages from six to twelve years of age. One to act as chairlady and one assistant chairlady for the girls. One boy to act as chairman and one as vice chairman. One secretary and one assistant.

These junior workers will be permitted to pass special baskets through the audience asking those present to give at least one penny for missionary and Educational work, during the hymn before the sermon, or some other convenient period of each service.

The boys work one Sunday and the girls the next Sunday alternately, only a sufficient number to serve at anytime time. The respective heads of these groups of boys and girls will be furnished with twelve bands. Straps of ribbon at least two inches bearing these words.

7. That the Colored Baptist State Convention of Maryland shall convene each year on Monday after the first Sunday of the Month of June continuing in session, five successive days, three session a day, morning, afternoon and evening. The first and fifth days will be reserved for the Convention proper. Second day, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress. third day Educational Convention, fourth day, Missionary Convention.

Monday afternoon, President's annual address.

Monday night, Introductory sermon.

Tuesday afternoon and evening, Congress Address.

Wednesday night, Missionary Sermon.

Thursday night, Educational Sermon.

Friday 4:30 P. M., Popular Address.

Friday night, Doctrinal Sermon. Finance Committee.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

In view of the fact that experience has taught us some few things, we make the following recommendations:

1. That Secretary of the Convention shall notify the several speakers on the program so as to be able to know whether said speakers expect to fulfill their places on the program by May 1st; and in the event that need's warrant, that the President, Secretary and Treasurer will be empowered to provide substitutes to meet such needs to carry out the program.

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2. That the Secretary of the convention will send letters to the churches of the convention, notifying them to get ready for the coming Convention, and to instruct them to send the names of their delegates to reach the Secretary not later than June 1st to enable the President to have his list of committee to appoint on the opening of the Convention.

3. That the Secretary of the convention shall compile the minutes in time to have them printed and back in his hand by May 25th, to make sure there will be no disappointment in having the minutes for the setting of each Convention.

4. Whereas in the venture to maneuver a gigantic organization like the Colored Baptist State Convention, an organ through which to propagate its interests and its ideals is indispensable, and where as said organ must be within the jurisdiction of the Convention, and where as: the owner of the E. P. Co., and publishers of the Christian Evangel, a monthly magazine has offered to turn over to the Convention, said corporation and said publication free of cost and free of debt, be it resolved finally that the Colored Baptist Convention of Maryland, do hereby accept the offer and become owner of a newspaper through which we may better foster our work in the City and State.

Time and Place of Convention and Speakers.

1.—That the time of the Convention shall be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 4th, 5th and 6th, 1930.

2.—The Place—at the Providence Baptist Church, Edmondson and Fremont Avenues, Rev. E. W. White, D. D., Pastor.

3.—Preachers:

(a)—Introductory Sermon Rev. E. D. Meads, Alternate, Rev. W. D. Leighton.

(b)—Doctrinal Sermon. Rev. J. A. Hayward, Alternate, Rev. S. J. Winder.

(c)—Address, Dr. Francis M. Wood, Director of Colored Schools of Baltimore City.

Respectfully submitted:

Rev. Samuel Cephas, Rev. W. H. Pettis, Mrs. Mary L. Anderson.
The Missionary Convention will be held Thursday, May 29th and The Educational Convention May 30th, both at Israel Baptist Church, Orleans Street, Dr. J. H. Williams, Pastor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

We, your committee on the President's Annual Address, beg leave to submit the following, notwithstanding the fact that the President chooses not to publish his entire address, in order to save money in the printing of the minutes; We, having familiarized ourselves with it, in its entirety, and having been led into the unstanding of its vast importance. We, therefore, recommend that the following synopsis of the President's address will be adopted and go on record to his credit.

1. That the Convention should stamp it disapproval against Pagan-

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sim in present day uses.

The fact that many people have more faith in hoodoism, fetishism, and in the practice of familiar spirits is alarming and painful to every true hearted Christian. It is the job of the convention to help the world see that God is not found in these things, but to the contrary God is to be found only when the sincere heart is in fervent prayer, as Our Lord prayed in the lonely hills of Gallilee and in the solitary hour in the Garden of Gethsemane.

2. Let us liftup the standard of education not a part from, but as it relates to religion.

We must place a premium on trained ministry so that the preacher who isn't prepared will be inspired to prepare himself. God has commissioned preachers to make disciples of nations by teaching them to observe all things what—so—ever he had commanded, but the people do not appreciate the man that quietly but plainly explain the word of God unless he does it to suit their fancy or fits into their popular notions.

Third and last, lift up the standard of Religion.

Lift up the standard of religion by denouncing the custom of pulling members into the church without a demonstration of a regenerated heart and such evidence must be actuated upon an impulse of willingness.

Lift up the standard by placing value on a preacher's message, and not so much on the manner of delivery; real preaching is simply making plain the word of God unto the people, but most of our folk will not appreciate a message unless it is accompanied with excitement.

Education when rightly understood is a phase of religion and not something apart from it or oppose to it, because no man can be educated unless he has the proper recurrence and respect for God. The people can do much on this point to demand a educated ministry so far as possible and support them so much so the preacher who is already in the ministry or inspired to enter it, finds himself unprepared, he will be moved to efforts to better preparation; because in an age of educated pew, an educated ministry is demanded.

The truth of the matter is that God is not always found in storms, earthquakes, thunder and lightning, but is often found in the still small vice.

Lift up the standard of religion by letting go the immoral preacher, by placing value on a consistent Christ—life, instead on emotionalism. A preacher may live ever so good and rightly divide the word of God but if he will not preach to suit the popular notion of the people they will slave him out. He cannot even get a chance in the pulpit of the pastor who doesn't live a consistent Christian life. On the other hand, if a preacher drinks liquor, live in adultery and what not, just so he creates a lot of excitement, people support and honor him, so—much—so until there is no incentive for a preacher to live decent.

Friends we are the blame for so much immorality in the church and ministry; we have allowed the banner to trail in the dust, we have allowed virtue to fall to the vanishing point. God is holding us accountable for it inso far as that portion of it that we control. What are we going to do about it? God isn't satisfied neither should

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we be satisfied. Therefore let us raise the standard. God wills it. Humanity demands it.

Respectively submitted,

Reverends J. Abram Haywood, James A. Fry, E. D. Meads, Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas, our success in every field depends in no small degree upon the success of our educational institutions. Let our schools fail and have no prepared men for our home or foreign pulpits. The salvation of the world depends upon the churches. The salvation of the churches depends upon the pulpit. The salvation of the pulpit depends upon our schools and systems of theology; and the salvation of all these rests upon God's Word, the Holy Spirit, and our consecrated endeavor, and

Whereas, The Williams and Jones University, situated in Israel Hall, Orleans and Bethel Streets, Baltimore, Md., is the only school of its kind in the State owned and controlled by the denomination, we recommend it as one of the best in the State to give our people a good and higher education, and to cultivate in them the spirit of independence, freedom of thought; to set up the proper standards of manhood to best serve the purpose of the race. It offers inviting opportunities to ministerial aspirants and the laity as well, and

Whereas, God has prospered the work of our school this year, which was answer to your prayers and contributions,

Therefore, be it resolved. (1) that we recommend to all persons under our influence, who are seeking to secure a higher education, the Williams and Jones University. (2) This institution brings us obligations, as well as opportunities—

Therefore, be it further recommended that each church constituting this body will organize Educational Auxiliaries, the said Auxiliaries to affiliate or join the W. E. C., which will meet in session with this Convention next year, and to report something quarterly at the quarterly meetings, all of which will help to operate the University.

(3) Be it further recommended that the appointment of teachers will be made only when needs demand, and that the operating expenses be kept within the bounds of the approximate income of the Convention. (4) In view of the fact that religious education is so much needed, and realizing the importance of Bible Truths being properly understood and interpreted by those that teach children, we hereby recommend that each church represented in this Convention will strive to secure the best prepared teachers in heart and head to teach our Sunday School lessons.

We finally recommend that the said churches will help to promote religious education and Williams and Jones University by sending some worthy Sunday School teacher, or boy or girl, which is inspired for the ministerial or missionary work, to be tutored at said institution.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean J. A. Haywood

Mrs. M. F. Matthews

Mrs. J. G. Williams

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FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 5, 6, 7, 1929

Mt. Zion Baptist Church	\$5.00
Morning Star, Catonsville	5.00
Mt. Olive, Towson	5.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	5.00
Mt. Moriah Baptist Church	5.00
Mt. Moriah Sunday School	5.00
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church	5.00
Starlight Baptist Church	5.00
Pleasant Zion Church	5.00
Pleasant Zion Sunday School	5.00
Providence Baptist Church	25.00
Israel Baptist Church	45.00
Ebenezer Baptist Church	25.00
Elizabeth Baptist Church	1.50
TOTAL	\$146.50

MISSIONARY CONVENTION PROGRAM

- Opening Hymn lined by Sister R. Billups, (No. 422)
- Scripture Reading by Sister Eliza White
- Prayer by Sister Ethel Holmes.
- Address by Bro. George Carter.
- Solo, Sister A. Cornish.
- Recitation, Sister M. Hinson.
- Solo, Bro. Samuel Ruckett
- Recitation, Sister Alice Brooks
- Solo, Rev. R. C. Williams.
- Piano Solo, Miss M. Briggs.
- Remarks, Sister M. Robinson.
- Collection lifted by Bros. Geo. Carter and S. Ruckett,
which amounted to \$3.10.
- Benediction by Dr. J. H. Williams.

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