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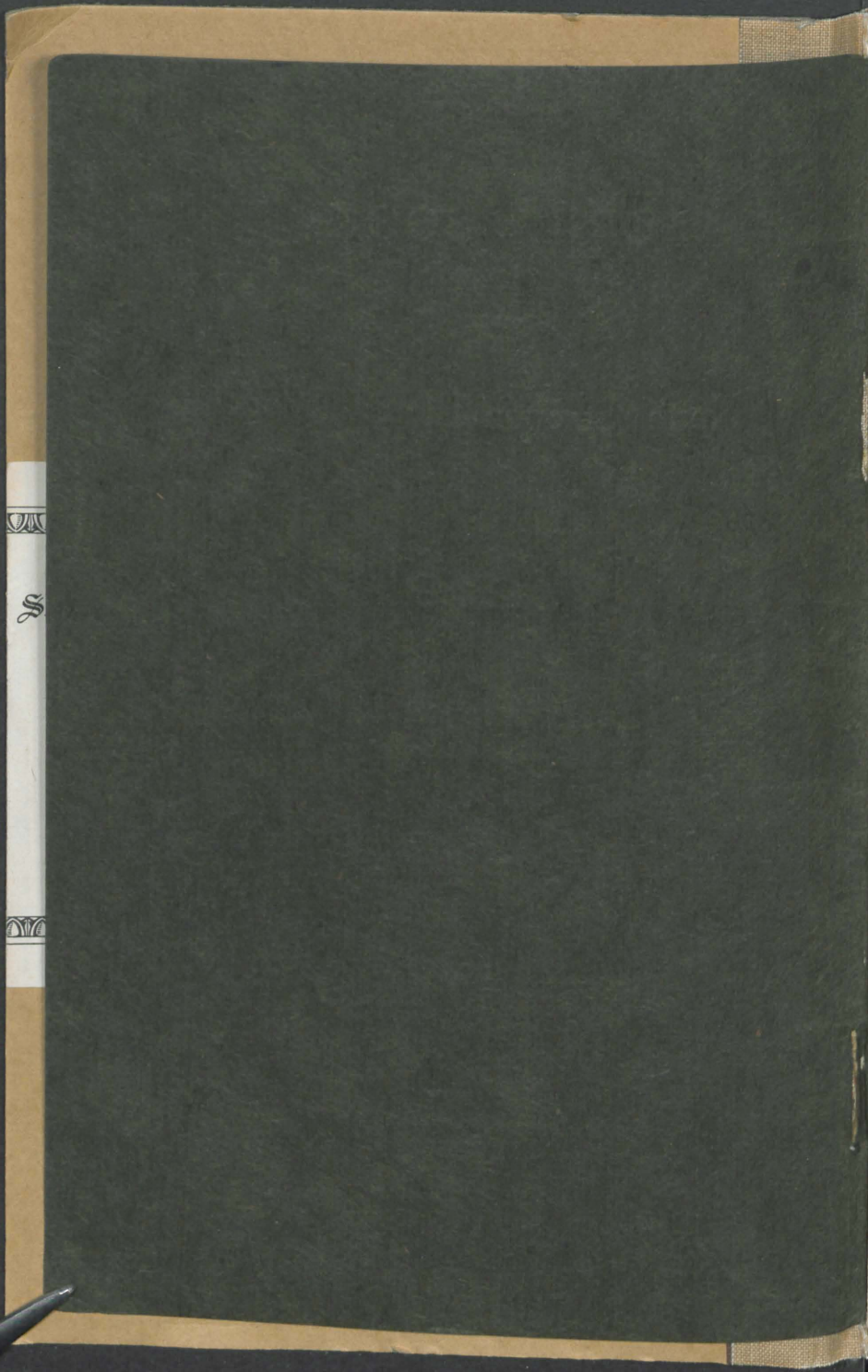
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## FOREWORD.

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This little book has been prepared to be used as a Drill Exercise in our Mobile Schools, and in the B. Y. P. U. and Sunday-schools of our churches when it may be of service.

There is at the front of it a Daily Drill to be used every day in the Mobile Schools; repeat it until it sticks in the heart and memory of the student. Besides this Daily Drill, there are eight Drills on the different phases of our N. C. Baptist work.

These Drills are made up largely out of facts and extracts from the reports of our work for last year.

It is our plan to issue a Drill Book each year, at least during the time we are using the Mobile Schools as a method of enlisting and training. We shall appreciate suggestions as to improvement of it for next year.

I am indebted to the Deans of the First Series of Mobile Schools for this year for help in preparing this booklet.

In the use of this little volume this year, may some real drilling for God's work be done in our Mobile Schools—out of the crowds of our Baptist people in North Carolina we must bring forth an army of workers.

WALTER N. JOHNSON.

Raleigh, N. C., March 10, 1919.

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DAILY DRILL  
IN THE  
MOBILE SCHOOLS  
OF  
NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF OUR WORK

A—SOCIAL SERVICE—The Leaves and Fruit.

Ministers' Relief.  
Temperance.  
Orphanage.  
Hospitals some day.

B—CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—The Stalk.

Fourteen Secondary Schools.  
Three Colleges.  
Ministerial Education.

C—MISSIONS—The Root.

1. Foreign Missions.  
2. Home Missions.  
3. State Missions.  
Evangelization.  
Church Buildings.  
Enlistment.  
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Summer Assemblies.  
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W. M. U.

OUR NEED—

*Our Supreme Need*—A sense of the great God in us.

*Our Vital Need*—Men and women of God to work and lead among us. Pray for workers and get them into training for service.

*Our Practical Need*—Money to support God's men and women in their work of love; stewardship vitalized and made the ruling principle in the business affairs of our church members; noth-

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ing else will give us the resources for supporting the work of the Kingdom of God.

#### REGULAR GIVING—

*Our Aim*—A worthy budget in each church for its own *regular* expenses and for the regular objects of our Convention and *regular* giving by all the members. An every member canvass for *regular* giving in every church every year for every *regular* expense of the church and for every *regular* object of the Convention.

*Regular offerings* for *regular* objects; and special collections for special objects.

#### SPECIAL CAMPAIGNS—

##### *Some Facts:*

A sign of disease: A special collection for a regular object, or a regular collection for a *special* object.

A sign of growth: A *special* campaign for a really *special* object.

What we do in our regular offerings marks what we have already attained; what we are making a special effort to do shows what we are striving to attain. We must hold one and reach for the other.

We often go to sleep doing the regular thing. God calls us to our best action in *special campaigns*—they bring us to prayer.

They wake us up to emergencies.

They enable us to meet them.

They get us into concert of action.

They open the way for us to provide for new objects that come to us in our growth and out of a changing world.

They emphasize *special phases of regular* work.

Incidentals should be absorbed into our regular work;

But there should be each year at least one *Special Campaign* for some *object, great enough* to grip the attention of our people and compel united intensive action.

A *special* campaign for a worthy cause repeated soon becomes a regular object in our work.



A CONVENTION CALENDAR—

This serves as a guide to us in thinking together and acting together all over our State.

*One thing at a time* for North Carolina Baptists and all of us at it!

This calendar, in the budget church, a scheme of *emphasis for the different objects* of the Convention; in the nonbudget church, a schedule of *appeals for each object* of the Convention. In this calendar, a time for a regular *free-will offering* for each object of the Convention from every regular giver; so as to provide a chance for the growth of his soul and to call him to remember God in his prosperity.

A *Tentative Calendar* to be repeated in concert every day in each Mobile School:

*Simultaneous Intercession*—First week of the year.

*Southern Baptist Convention*—Week after Second Sunday in May.

*Baptist State Convention*—Week after Second Sunday in November.

*Periods of Emphasis and Appeal for—*

*Missions*—Baptist State Convention to Southern Baptist Convention:

State Missions—November and December.

Home Missions—January and February.

Foreign Missions—March and April.

*Education and Social Service*—Southern Baptist Convention to Baptist State Convention:

Social Service—May, June and July.

Education—August, September and October.

*Mobile Schools for Pastors and Workers:*

Assembly of Faculties—Second week in December.

First Series of Schools—Third week in January.

Second Series of Schools—Second week in March.

Third Series of Schools—Third week of July.

## DRILL I

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS AND  
THEIR WORK

## WHAT NORTH CAROLINA IS

North Carolina is one of the original "Thirteen States." It is unique in its geographical shape, in the simplicity of its life, and the purity of the stock of its people.

It is the shape of a wide slipper string—90 miles wide and over 500 miles long. It is a State of simple life. It has no great river, nor harbor, nor city. Its railroads seem to run across the State the short way into cities of other states just to keep our towns small. It is not a wealthy State. It is a commonwealth of small towns and small farms.

There are about two millions and a half population in it. Its white people are a wonderful stock—almost pure Anglo-Saxon blood. Its simple living conditions, its good stock of people and its vital type of religion make it a man-producing State. It grows great men and great women.

It is a conservative State. It takes time in adopting new things. It is always loyal; never enthusiastic. Its people have an unusual love of freedom and equality.

It offers the world's best opportunity to work out a demonstration of democracy.

Its simple life, its fine type of citizenry, its conservatism and its freedom make it God's laboratory to show what the gospel of Christ will really do in a great human commonwealth. There is no reason why North Carolina should not be made the ideal Christian democracy of history.

## WHO NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS ARE

Baptists are a people that stand for the New Testament as the Book of God; they acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord as well as Savior in their use of the New Testament ordinances. In all ages they have sought to put into practice the democratic principles of primitive Christianity. They are peculiarly fitted to interpret Jesus Christ to the age of democracy just now born.

Counting whites and blacks, there are over a half a million Baptists in North Carolina.

There are in North Carolina 288,970 white Baptists. We have 2,191 churches and 65 district associations. These cooperate in our Baptist State Convention.

The Baptist State Convention works through several agencies: through three colleges and fourteen secondary schools; through a board of education; through a board of relief for aged and infirm ministers; through an orphanage; through a board of missions, through the *Biblical Recorder*, its official organ.

#### WHAT NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS ARE DOING

The one purpose of the Baptist State Convention is to serve the North Carolina Baptist churches and their members as a means of expression and cooperation in extending the reign of Christ on earth. So large and complex is this work that it develops in diverse lines. But there are three general directions of our endeavor in this great task:

1. SOCIAL SERVICE. Social service is not Christianity, it is the fruit of Christianity. Ministers' relief, temperance and orphanage are phases of our social service work so far developed. We should have some hospitals.

2. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. Education is not Christianity, it is a method of Christianity. Our churches, Sunday schools, colleges, secondary schools, etc., are institutions for training the life and fostering the growth of those who are already Christians.

3. MISSION. Missions is Christianity. Missions is a Father's loving thought of a whole lost world. God uses his people to save the world. Roughly speaking, State Missions is this work in our State, Home Missions is this work within the borders of our nation; Foreign Missions is this work in all the rest of the world.

God is Three in One. Man is also a trinity: body, mind, soul. So is God's work a trinity: Social service reaches for the whole man through his body; education leads the whole man through his mind; missions yearn to save the whole man by touching his soul.

Get the Great Commission compositely from the

Gospels: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Social service, education, missions, are all in this last order of our Lord:

"Go preach the gospel to every creature, baptizing them."—*Missions*.

"Teaching them to observe."—*Education*.

"Whatsoever I have commanded you" to do—read Matthew 25:34-46, and Luke 4:18-22. *Social service* is certainly included in what Jesus commanded us to do.

If the Great Commission is a tree,  
Social service is the *leaves and fruit* of it,  
Education is the *trunk* of it,  
Missions is the *root* of it.

#### Some Center Questions

Mention three peculiarities of North Carolina as a State.

Who are our Baptist people?

How many of them in North Carolina? How many churches?

Mention and describe the agencies through which North Carolina Baptists work.

What is the Supreme Baptist task in North Carolina?

Name and define the three departments of our Baptist work in this State.

In which of these departments is Dell School and Wake Forest College? Foreign Missions? The Thomasville Orphanage? The *Biblical Recorder*?

#### DRILL II

#### SOCIAL SERVICE

For a long time we shied around the term, "Social Service." We failed to see that the Christ seeks to save the whole man and the whole world.

Missions is the *source* of Christianity in the life of a people; Education a *process* of it; and Social Service a *fruit* of it.

OUR GREATEST NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST  
INSTITUTION

is a Social Service undertaking—the Orphanage at Thomasville. It now supports and trains 525 children. It takes \$80,000 per year to run it. It is, perhaps, the best school we have in the State—regarded purely from the educational viewpoint. It is entrenched more deeply in the affection and loyalty of our people than any interest we have.

The orphanage had a hard time to start among us. It was disowned by the Convention before it was born; it came to us an orphan itself. It has now become the darling of our household.

But our activity in orphanage work now threatens to ease our conscience and make us neglect other lines of Social Service.

It is Christian to care for a child; for a child cannot care for itself. But a sick person is just as helpless as a child. There is the same reason for our supporting hospitals for sick people as orphanages for children. Jesus healed as He taught and preached. Convalescence is a second childhood; the heart grows hungry and tender and teachable. The Catholics have known this for years. But North Carolina Baptists seem not to know it yet.

Besides orphanages and hospitals there are many other lines of Social Service that beckon to us. We should not force the State to do any charity work for our people, until we confess that it cannot and will not be done by voluntary contributions of Christian people. The next step in Social Service is to build some hospitals.

Our Baptist Social Service work in this State is in

PROCESS OF ORGANIZATION

Our Mission work is organized; our Board of Missions is charged with administering it. There are many departments and phases of it; but there is unity in all of it. Our Education is organized also; we have a Board of Education that looks after the interest of fourteen secondary schools, three colleges and ministerial education in four or five institutions of the South.

But our Social Service work is still scattered and

fragmentary. The Orphanage is the only phase of it that is really on the hearts of our people. It is fixed in our regular schedule of work. But the other phases of it are either unborn or still in the air.

We have each year of our Convention a formal report on Social Service by a committee. But Missions and Education each have a report from a group of men appointed by the Convention and charged with executive responsibility.

Orphanages, hospitals, ministers's relief, temperance, living conditions, remedial legislation, etc., form a vast field in which we are working only in patches. Our Orphanage shows us what we can do. Let's take it up in dead earnest.

#### *Some Center Questions*

Why did North Carolina Baptists so long avoid the term "Social Service"?

What is our greatest Social Service institution in this State?

What makes our Thomasville Orphanage a great institution?

Is there not the same reason that we should care for a helpless sick person as a helpless child? What is the difference between the Christian motive working in a hospital and in an orphanage?

Is there danger that our Orphanage work will ease our conscience about other lines of Social Service?

Why is our Education work, and our Mission work better organized than our Social Service work?

Is it time for us to begin to organize our Social Service work?

#### DRILL III

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Board of Education is regularly appointed by the Baptist State Convention. R. T. Vann, Raleigh, N. C., is its Corresponding Secretary.

In launching the Million Dollar Campaign last January, the Board of Education decided that its regular work should continue uninterrupted; at the same time, while contemplating that its Corre-

sponding Secretary should devote the most of his time to the larger campaign, they made no special provision for prosecuting the regular work. So this work during the year has been incidental, and what has been accomplished in that line has been due mainly to previous organization rather than to special efforts of the secretary. In spite of this neglect and the pressure occasioned by the larger campaign, the contributions to the regular work up to the 1st of October were more than 40 per cent above those at the corresponding date of the previous year; the loss in contributions during October and November was over \$3,000, due partly, no doubt, to the closing of nearly all of our churches for so long, and partly to the absorption of most of the amounts usually designated to local schools( amounting to \$2,100) into the million-dollar fund. Hence, the small debt which we must report this year, while somewhat annoying, is in no way discouraging. On the other hand, we have reason to be grateful that it is no larger.

The collections for the year amounted to \$9,789.38, and the disbursements to \$10,164.30. Taking into account the small balance from last year, this leaves a debt of \$153.60.

#### STATISTICS FOR 1917-1918

Our fourteen high schools employed during the year 97 teachers and enrolled 1,858 students. The three colleges, employed 81 teachers and enrolled 907 students.

This statement shows a net loss of 150 students in the colleges, which was accounted for in part, no doubt, by the unusual conditions during the past year.

On November 11th the Yancey Collegiate Institute suffered the loss by fire of its main building, valued at \$9,000. This loss was all the more serious at this time because of the excessively high cost of rebuilding, which must be done at once.

Through the generosity of Brethren George and Charlie Wall, the debt of the Liberty-Piedmont Institute, located at Wallburg, has been canceled and a deed in fee simple for the splendid plant, which

is valued at \$25,000, has been turned over to the Board of Education.

#### NEEDS OF THESE INSTITUTIONS

In the high schools the demand is constantly growing for adequate laboratory equipment, stronger forces, and better dormitory accommodations. We must recognize the patent fact that with the rapid improvement in the comforts and conveniences of so many of our homes, it will be impossible to hold our young men and women in schools which cannot, at least to a reasonable extent, duplicate those accommodations.

And the disparity between the salaries of our teachers and those offered by the institutions maintained by the State is steadily increasing every few years; so that what ought to be generous and mutually helpful rivalry between these two sets of institutions threatens to become ruinous competition. This fact does not argue that the State should pay less, but that we must pay more.

#### EDUCATION DAY

It is earnestly hoped that our pastors and Sunday School workers will take seriously to heart the annual observance of Education Day in our Sunday Schools on the fourth Sunday in June. This is the day which the Educational Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, its Sunday School Board, and the Convention itself, have asked our churches to make a permanent day in their annual calendars, and whose observance in some practical way they are striving to promote. They are doing this because it is their deep conviction that no other policy or agency of the Convention promises larger results for the Kingdom of God in no distant future. Dr. Gambrel says: "The Teacher-Training Course instituted by the Sunday School Board is the most important enterprise launched by Southern Baptists in many years." But whence are the teachers for the future to be secured if not from our schools? And what better means have we of turning our people for their educational groundwork to our own schools than some sort of plan that will put and



keep these schools on the minds and hearts of our young people? While our schools and colleges in no sense are factories for the manufacture of preachers and lay-workers, they are in a very real sense the cantonments in which the recruits for the King's army are drilled. This, and not the raising of money, is the main purpose of Education Day; the only money asked for is the regular collection of the Sunday Schools on that day. All necessary literature is furnished free of cost.

In the high schools are 55 young men preparing for the ministry, 62 in Wake Forest, of whom 45 are on our board, and 26 in the Seminary, of whom 25 are receiving aid; six young women in our two colleges last year were preparing for service on the mission field.

#### A WORTHY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

At the session of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1918, the Educational Commission recommended, and the Convention resolved, that "we Southern Baptists undertake a five-year program for the raising of \$15,000,000 for our Baptist educational institutions in the South, to be distributed among our colleges and high schools, and our theological seminaries and training schools at Louisville and Fort Worth."

At a special session of the commission in Atlanta, September 11th, the committee appointed to confer with the officials of the Woman's Missionary Union reported that a conference had been held with the president of that organization, at which a most satisfactory program was agreed on. At this same session the committee appointed to recommend an equitable distribution of the \$15,000,000 recommended that \$3,000,000 of the proposed \$15,000,000 be given to those objects which have a south-wide appeal, and that the Woman's Missionary Union be requested to raise one-half of this sum, or \$1,500,000. The committee also recommended that the Baptist Bible Institute recently established in New Orleans be added to the list of beneficiaries mentioned above.

At this same session of the Commission it was resolved that "the commission is thoroughly com-

mitted to the general policy that junior colleges and preparatory schools are of vital importance to the success of our denomination as a Kingdom force, and we express the opinion that they should share adequately in the distribution of funds to be raised in our general campaign."

By way of preparation for this great movement, the commission recommended that steps be taken to liquidate in all the states all existing debts against the schools and colleges.

It may interest and stimulate us to remember that in such an enterprise we are but trying to keep step with other great religious bodies. Our own Baptist brethren of the North are now prosecuting a campaign for six million dollars for their education institutions outside of the amounts given to Chicago University, and have already raised four million. The Methodists of the South are endeavoring to raise for their institutions, in a campaign beginning the coming May, \$32,000,000 in the South and \$20,000,000 more in the North. And the Presbyterians of the South are at work on a \$3,000,000 program.

#### OUR MILLION-DOLLAR CAMPAIGN

In obedience to instructions by this Convention at its last session, your Board of Education promptly set about forming plans for launching and conducting a campaign to raise one million dollars for our Baptist schools and colleges in North Carolina, to be divided among our institutions as follows:

\$300,000 for Wake Forest;  
 \$300,000 for Meredith;  
 \$150,000 for Chowan;  
 \$250,000 to be invested for the benefit of our high schools.

It may be well to state here that the Board has adopted the policy that when necessary to invest money for permanent improvements in any of our high schools, the trustees of the institutions concerned shall give the Board a mortgage on the property for the amount loaned it, to be closed only if and when such schools shall cease to function as Baptist schools.

The first act of the Board was the appointment of a Central Campaign Committee, consisting of

T. W. O'Kelly, W. N. Jones, Carey J. Hunter, Weston Bruner, R. N. Simms, Livingston Johnson, W. N. Johnson, and C. E. Brewer, with the power to take all necessary steps for the successful prosecution of the campaign. This committee selected Bro. C. J. Thompson as Financial Secretary for the campaign, and R. T. Vann as Gneral Manager and Treasurer. Brother Thompson served with wisdom and energy until June, when, on account of weakening health and other considerations, he resigned to accept service in another state. The committee then laid hands on W. R. Cullom for this work; and in view of its tremendous significance to our denomination, he expressed his willingness to undertake it. From the same consideration the Wake Forest Board of Trustees granted him leave of absence for two years, that he might devote his whole time to the great task. Meanwhile, it had become apparent that the Financial Secretary ought to be the actual director of the campaign, so that Dr. Cullom was elected manager and R. T. Vann retained as treasurer, with the understanding that he should coöperate with Dr. Cullom as far as practicable in connection with his regular work for your board.

When we met in Greensboro after an intensive campaign of an hundred days, \$900,000 were in sight in cash, government securities, pledges and promises.

#### *Some Center Questions*

What effect did the Million-Dollar Campaign have on the regular offerings for Christian Education last year?

How much was given to Education last year in the regular offerings of the churches?

How many Secondary Schools in our North Carolina Baptist System? How many teachers in them? How many students?

How many Colleges have we? How many teachers in them? How many students?

What are the present pressing needs of our Schools and Colleges?

When is Education Day in our Sunday Schools? What is it? Was it observed in your Sunday school?

Outline the Educational Program of Southern

Baptists. What are Northern Baptists doing for Christian Education? What are the Methodists doing?

How is the million dollars which we started to collect for Education last year to be divided among our schools and colleges?

Was the campaign a success?

Is there not a brighter day for our Baptist Educational work?

#### DRILL IV

### MISSIONS

There is one God, one gospel and one world to be saved. So God's people have just one mission: that is to carry God's gospel to the world.

Wherever we are at work in giving people the gospel it is God's work; it is one mission everywhere, but for convenience we divide this *Mission into Missions*—

1. Foreign Missions.
2. Home Missions.
3. State Missions.

But these are departments of one work; not different works, not even are they different appeals to our people for one work. We tear the mission principle to the blood when we divide missions into three separate appeals; a fatal vivisection now practiced by many Southern Baptists. The distinctions between foreign, home and state missions are geographical: it is state missions in our State, home missions in our homeland, and foreign missions in foreign countries.

These distinctions also mark different stages in the process of mission work. Foreign missions is the starting of the work. State missions is the finishing of the work. Foreign missions is the gospel working outward. State missions is the gospel working inward. Home missions is intermediate between foreign and state missions.

Foreign missions plants the gospel in all countries—it did so even in our own—but no country will ever be won to Christ till it has developed home and state missions of its own. State and home missions must ultimately do the work even in China;

the day will come when Chinese Christians will spend more men and money in state and home missions in China than all Christendom will ever spend for foreign missions in China.

In America we support state and home missions for the sake of foreign missions in the heathen world, but in heathen lands we carry on foreign mission work for the sake of getting home and state missions started among the heathen. The further on the mission process goes the more it costs in men and means to keep it going. Intensiveness always means expensiveness.

In line with these principles and facts North Carolina Baptists are following the one-mission plan of work. We, therefore, have a State Board of Missions, but not a Board of State Missions. We do not now, as formerly, have three campaigns for missions—one for home, one for foreign, and one for state missions.

We just have a

#### ONE-MISSION DRIVE

each year and seek to do it all at the same time. This one campaign for all missions emphasizes the oneness of missions and will eventually make it a habit of thought with our people. It enlarges the total figures aimed at in the campaign and tones the thought of our people to larger things. It makes a place in the calendar of our State Convention and of our churches for social service and Christian education. It enables us to close the year for all missions on April 30th. Two years we have worked on this plan. The third year we are going over the top for all missions in one effort. If we do what the Southern Baptist Convention asks us to do, we shall have to raise by April, this year, \$250,000.

That is the largest thing we have ever tried to do, but we can do it. Let's give God a chance this year to smash all our past little, low, petty standards of giving. Missions must be kept consonant, at least, with the Red Cross; for one would nurse a sick world, the other seeks to save a lost world.

One Million Dollars for Education in *four* years;  
one quarter of a million dollars in cash for Missions

in one year. We called the Million-Dollar Campaign a big thing. Well, the One-Mission Drive is just the same size. We must make it.

#### *Some Center Questions*

What is the ground of the unity of all missions? Name the three phases of mission work as organized in the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Describe Foreign Missions. Describe Home Missions. Describe State Missions.

State how each of these missions marks a stage in the missionary process.

What is the underlying principle of the One-Mission Drive?

What grounds are there for expecting it to succeed this year?

#### DRILL V

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Mission Board in its seventy-third annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs, Arkansas, last Spring, sounded the most cheering note in the history of our Foreign Mission work. The receipts in cash to current support were \$852,923.73; a gain of \$294,362.26 in support of current work over any former year. For the first time in ten years there was no debt on our Foreign Mission Board, and contributions to all departments of our Foreign Mission work mounted beyond the million dollar mark.

The Foreign Mission Board was instructed to plan its work for this year on a basis of one million and a half dollars.

Two states this year for the first time in the history of our work passed the one hundred thousand dollar mark in contributions to Foreign Missions, Virginia and Texas. We want to see North Carolina come into the hundred thousand dollar column the first moment possible.

The situation on our Foreign Mission Fields is appalling and appealing. The stroke of war has crushed the shells of the past. Mankind is aware of new anxieties and new possibilities. The world

is looking for a new Master; Jesus Christ is the Lord of Democracy. We have suffered to accumulate a very large aggregate of necessities on the Mission Fields which we occupy. Our past successes are our present embarrassments, if we fail to enlarge our resources and our working force.

Sympathetic individuals among us made directly aware of the trying situations on the Foreign Field show inclination to divert their contributions to designated points. This will tend to disintegrate our Foreign Mission work if it should develop too far. The only sane cure for this tendency is to give our Foreign Mission Board the means and the men to equip and man the needy situation of our entire field.

The success of the Judson Centennial Campaign increases our need of resources. The Judson Centennial was not an effort to get "rid of the work but to get ready for it."

The Foreign Mission Board has an Educational Department that is doing splendid work in multiplying Mission Study Classes throughout the Southland. This Class Study work is becoming more intensive each year. Seven thousand six hundred and eighty-one copies of the text-book, "Romance of Missions in Nigeria," were sold and used last year.

There were 6,290 baptisms; we have now 464 churches, of which 141 are self-supporting, with a membership reaching a total of 53,629. We have 715 Sunday schools, with 34,428 scholars; 482 literary schools of all grades with 13,866 scholars. In our eleven Theological Training Schools were 302 students. The Theological Training School in Italy has been closed on account of the war. Our missionary physicians gave the amazing number of 104,271 treatments during the year. Such are the figures, but how far short do they come of telling the real story!

*Africa.*—Some of the darkest places have begun to respond to the missionaries in this backward continent. The city of Oyo is a notable example of this. Boys in considerable numbers are begging Missionaries to help them get an education. The troublesome question of polygamy is being settled

in the churches. Self-support is growing as rapidly in the African churches as anywhere else on our Mission Field. There is great opportunity for Baptists in Nigeria. In this country they are building good graded roads. A form of civilization is coming—it ought to be Christian.

*Argentina* has come sympathetically much closer to our country. During the year four of our battleships and four thousand of our sailors and marines were welcomed in the streets of Buenos Aires. The purchase of Once Church in this capital city through the help of the Judson Centennial puts work there in much better shape; the Argentine Baptist work has already developed three agencies for Mission work: The Local Mission Board, the Publication Board and the Theological Training School.

*Brazil* is the China of the new world. Our Brazilian churches are growing in self-support. In the North Brazil Mission we have three times as many self-supporting churches as one year ago, and the number of church houses has been increased one-third during the year. The Rio Baptist College and Seminary enrolled 288 students. 35 of whom are students for the ministry.

*China* is still a standing challenge to Missionary faith and conquest. Our Mission work in China is divided into Central China Mission, Interior China, North China, Puckhoi and South China. Christian education is making a beautiful start in old China. Mr. Kwok at Hong Kong gave \$22,000 to the Boys' Academy, and the Chinese have undertaken to raise \$150,000 (Mexican) for the improvement of the school. The China Baptist Publication Society, the home Mission Board in South China and the growing number of self-supporting churches all about over the Mission Field of China gives us assurance that Christianity is getting rooted in this great slow country.

*Italy* has felt the stroke of the world war more than any of our Mission Fields. Three of its most beautiful and valuable provinces were invaded by the Austro-Germans. Our Baptist people have done a good work among the Italian soldiers. They had twelve soldiers halls where special work was done



for the benefit of the Italian warriors for freedom. Some of our Italian Baptist pastors were called to arms. One became a captain, another an official on a war-ship while still another did his work in the aviation corps.

*Japan.*—Japanese and Americans have been a little suspicious of one another during the last decade. The Ishii-Lansing agreement has done much to clear up this suspicion. The Japanese feel themselves to be thoroughly allied with the other nations in fighting for the safety of Democracy. Our Baptist paper, *The Christian Church Record*, has probably a larger circulation than any denominational organ in Japan.

*Mexico* is still topsy-turvy. It will take her some time to right herself up from her series of revolutions, but Roman Catholicism has been dealt a blow from the Mexican Government from which it can never recover. Sad to say, many of its people have been shaken from their religious moorings. Now they are more willing than ever to hear the true pure gospel of Jesus. The Theological Training School at Saltillo is open. Twenty-one students are in attendance.

The Womans' Missionary Union contributed last year to Foreign Missions, \$232,966.68.

The Judson Centennial fund is nearing completion. Last year there was given to the fund \$153,205.69.

#### *Some Center Questions*

How much did Southern Baptists give to Foreign Missions last year?

What is the financial basis of this year's work in Foreign Missions?

What two states gave over \$100,000 to this cause last year? Can North Carolina give that much this year?

Describe in outline the situation throughout the world just now.

Name the countries in which we are doing Foreign Mission work—just a short description of the situation and the work in each country?

What arrangement have you in your church for

keeping Foreign Missions before your people and for gathering funds for this work?

#### DRILL VI

### HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board presented this year its seventy-third annual report at Hot Springs. The current contributions to this object this year were nearly two hundred thousand dollars beyond those of last year. Total receipts, \$785,598.45.

The changes incident to our participation in the World war are stupendous and staggering. For the time immigration has well-nigh ceased, but conditions are being created that call for masterful treatment. Thousands upon thousands of workers in the shipbuilding plants from Baltimore to Galveston constitute a new field, where our social and religious problems are going to be acute. A nitrate plant at Mussel Shoals, Alabama, has been built by the Government, and thousands of employees have moved in there. The town of Florence, adjacent, has more than doubled in population in the last few months. A similar condition exists around Nashville, Tennessee, where the great munitions plant, costing sixty or a hundred million dollars, is being erected by the Government. These are but samples of mighty changes that are calling for immediate and heroic treatment by our Mission Boards.

The Home Mission Board is cognizant of the strategic importance of taking care of our educational centers. The following is a demonstration of the statesman-like view that enters into the Home Board's conception of its great task in our Southern states:

Our educational institutions must be strengthened and millions in endowment furnished. That is is a specific field for education boards. But there is an equally great need for efficient church plants to rightly discharge our obligations to the students in our educational institutions. Ten million dollars in the next five years ought to be spent by Baptists in church building at these educational centers. If the denomination would place in the hands of the

Home Mission Board \$500,000 a year for this work during the five years, we could stimulate the expenditure of \$2,000,000 a year in addition by the local forces. In this way we would be prepared to put our religious convictions and life into our schools and especially into our State schools, where sectarian religious instruction is forbidden. At this point our mission boards and our educational boards must have a sympathetic and coöperative program worth while, or the progress of our cause will be irretrievably impaired.

Here is a summary of the year's work by the Home Board.

SUMMARY OF YEAR'S WORK

Number of workers.....	209	20	*20	1,154	43	57	1,498
Weeks of labor.....		576	748	45,859	1,563		48,746
Churches and stations supplied.....				5,074		32	5,106
Sermons and addresses.....		2,494	6,299	129,296	8,334	1,875	148,298
Number of mountain schools.....	36						36
Number of pupils.....	5,190						5,190
Ministerial students.....	110						110
Religious visits.....				280,501	9,843	12,076	302,420
Pastoral fields developed.....		92					92
Auxiliaries organized.....		35					35
Associational campaigns.....		28					28
Personal workers conferences.....			537				537
Baptisms.....	399	6	9,011	18,988	1,320	†1,258	30,982
Received by letter and otherwise.....		6	2,275	16,867	1,419		20,567
Total additions to churches.....	377	12	11,286	35,853	2,739		51,949
Volunteers for ministry and missions.....			1,095				1,095
Churches constituted.....				213			213
Houses of worship built and improved.....				505			505
Sunday schools organized.....				634			634
Bible conferences held.....					2,182		2,182
Bibles and Testaments distributed.....				15,710		34,670	50,380

\*Seven additional workers, for limited periods, did a total of sixty weeks services.

†At least as many more have been baptized in their home churches.

DEPARTMENTAL WORK

Our work under the various departments without exception has made most gratifying progress during the year.

*Coöperative Missions.*—This continues to be the sympathetic, binding and great coöperative feature of our work with the State Boards. We are keeping in close touch and fellowship with the work in the various states, and no one feature of our endeavors has contributed quite so much towards cementing our Baptist people into one great sympathetic, coöperative body, thus making for the solidarity and mighty power of Southern Baptists as a great religious entity and force for the advancement of Christian civilization at home and abroad.

The utmost cordiality and harmony prevail between our Home Board and the State Agencies with which we are doing this coöperative work.

*Enlistment.*—In the very closest relations with our Coöperative Mission work is our Enlistment Department, which gives peculiar emphasis to the matter of enlistment and development as contrasted with evangelism. It is the development of the implanted life and has for its aim the systematic and symmetrical training of our people in all Christian life and activity.

*Church Extension.*—No subject merits more serious considerations of Southern Baptists than that of proper and ample facilities in church building for the prosecution of our Christian task. In no year has this department received such favor and coöperation from our people. While we have had only one worker, the superintendent, in the canvass for the completion of our Million-Dollar Church Building Loan Fund, the results of the year's work show a splendid advance in cash and a large increase in pledges made for this work.

We have one more year in which to conclude the great task of raising the Million-Dollar Loan Fund. Our good women are to complete the work of raising their \$325,000 of this amount. With the united coöperation of the brotherhood we are confident that at the next Convention we can report the work completed.

*Mountain Schools.*—A heavy draft has been made by the World War on the man-power of all the schools and in large measure this has been the case with our Mountain Schools. The superintendent, however, reports steady and encouraging progress with a well recognized increase in the finer elements of Christian development throughout the whole region where our schools are located. As a missionary evangelizing and developing agency our Mountain School System has been conspicuous.

*Cuba and Panama.*—Never before has there been so hearty and sympathetic and so close relationship existing between the United States and the Latin Republics from the Rio Grande to Cape Horn. This friendly and closer relationship opens to us in many respects the most inviting field out of our borders to be found anywhere under the sun. Immediately near us is Cuba and just beyond Panama, where our work has been peculiarly blessed during this conventional year, as will be found in the reports from this Department.

*Publicity.*—We have followed the instructions of the Convention in giving greater attention to publicity than ever before. Our denominational weeklies have been very cordial and considerate in giving large space for the presentation of our work in addition to their editorial support and championship.

We have made use this year of advertising which has richly justified the new venture.

We have never made so wise and effective use of our books and tracts and other literature as we have done during the year. The new book, "The Call of the South," by the Superintendent of Publicity, is just out and is meeting with high and deserved favor. It treats in splendid fashion various phases of our work and its extensive circulation will result in great good.

For fuller information we refer to the detailed statements under the departmental head.

*Foreigners, Indians and Negroes.*—Immigration has largely ceased, but our work among the foreigners already in our midst needs far greater accentuation and the measure of success attending our work among the aliens is high warrant for prose-

cuting it with all diligence. The year's work has been solid and will abide. We are making true American citizens of these foreigners in proportion as we make faithful and God-fearing Christians of them.

We have begun new work among the Cherokee Indians of Western North Carolina and the remnant of Choctaws in Mississippi with gratifying outlook for the future. Our work among the Pawnees, Otoes, and Osages has been remarkably encouraging during the year. Many conversions and baptisms are reported, as well as a higher standard of Christian life and ideals. The Lord is honoring the faithful labors of our missionaries in a striking manner.

*Negroes.*—We continue our work for the Negroes in coöperative missions with the Home Mission Board of their National Baptist Convention, with special evangelists, and a number of theological teachers. These last mentioned are also giving large attention to conferences and institutes for the development and training of preachers and deacons and also for the uplift of the church membership in general among our colored brethren. We have hearty attestation from many sources of the value of this work. We must increase it, for the field is needy and inviting.

Besides these regular departments the Home Board for the last year or two has been charged with some special obligations. It is fostering the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans, which recently came into possession of the splendid property of Sophie Newcomb College. The Home Board is also looking after our interest and our duty in a Negro Theological Seminary. The Home Board is doing a splendid work among the soldiers of our country and was entrusted with the responsibility of assisting our Government in finding and selecting chaplains out of our Southern Baptist ministry. A Tuberculosis Sanatorium has also been established at El Paso in the maintenance of which the Home Board has been given some definite obligations.

The women of the Woman's Missionary Union gave to Home Missions last year \$182,425.45. The Home Mission Board was instructed by the

Southern Baptist Convention to lay out its work on a basis of one million dollars and North Carolina is asked to contribute \$75,000 of this amount.

*Some Center Questions*

What was total receipts for Home Missions last year?

State some of the changes in our country that accentuate the present importance of Home Missions.

Should the Home Board and the State Board of Missions be concerned about the church buildings in educational centers of the South? Why?

What, to you, is the most significant item in the summary of the year's work of the Home Mission Board?

Name the different departments of the work of the Home Mission Board. Discuss each. Besides these regular departments, what other work is entrusted to the Home Mission Board at present?

DRILL VII

STATE MISSIONS

HOW ORGANIZED

Our State Mission work is under the direction of a Board of Missions, composed of 21 members appointed each year by the Baptist State Convention and 65 associational members appointed by the Baptist Associations of the State. This Board is domiciled in Raleigh and has its office in the *Biblical Recorder* building. Walter N. Johnson is its Corresponding Secretary. In order to define and do its work it has on duty this year the following committees: Executive Committee, Sunday Schools, B. P. P. U., Country Work, City Work, Colportage, Evangelism, Negro Work, Schools for Pastors and Workers, Work with Soldiers, Student Work, Church Building, Factory Work, Summer Assemblies, and Prisoners.



STATE MISSIONS

*Tabulation of the Year's Work*

Churches served -----	261
Number Missionaries -----	159
Conversions -----	1,627
Baptisms -----	1,004
Received by letter -----	1,469
Total Sunday School enrollment -----	14,159
Average Sunday School attendance -----	2,592
Mission Study Classes -----	28
Men in Mission Study Classes -----	66
Houses of worship building -----	41
Houses of worship built -----	4
Churches organized -----	8
Delegates attending denominational meet- ings -----	1,126
Number business meetings this year -----	1,611
Pastorate Conferences -----	121
Every-member Canvass -----	159
Sermons -----	8,707
For State Missions from Mission Field -----	\$ 4,054.03
For Foreign Missions from Mission Field -----	3,102.53
For Home Missions from Mission Field -----	2,551.85
For Education from Mission Field -----	1,180.52
For Sunday School Missions from Mission Field -----	406.63
For Ministers' Relief from Mission Field -----	619.16
For Orphanage from Mission Field -----	7,095.66
Other objects from Mission Field -----	21,708.29
Amount raised for all church expenses ex- cept pastors' salaries on Mission Field -----	31,772.18
Amount paid on pastors' salaries on Mis- sion Field -----	40,522.22

There is a decrease in many items of this tabulation, due to the fact that many fields of the Board have been vacant whose pastors have been serving in the Great War. Besides, our churches have been closed several weeks on account of the influenza epidemic.

## I.—THE BOARD OF MISSIONS HAS SEVEN

## DEPARTMENTS OF WORK

1. *Evangelism*

This will always be our first work. We have had working in this Department 159 men this year. There were 1,621 conversions and 1,004 baptisms. A sad fact—the number of baptisms drops again in this report. Why this decrease in conversions? Is it a cooling off of our evangelistic fervor, or is it due to the partial evangelization which we have been doing in the past; baptizing believers and then neglecting the culture of our converts so that the claims of the Lord do not stand out in compelling demonstration in the life of our churches?

We have part of the year coöperated with the Home Mission Board and the War Council of the North Baptist Convention in the support of Camp Pastor work in Camp Green and Fort Caswell. We appropriated to this worthy cause \$823.24, and there were reported from it 497 conversions, and 29 baptisms.

2. *Church Building*

Where the gospel draws the people together for fellowship and worship and work in any community a house becomes necessary. Our Board of Missions in a limited way, is helping weak mission churches to erect houses of worship. Last year we spent in this Department of our work \$7,500. This year we shall not be able spend over \$10,000 in this work.

3. *Colportage*

This is a department of our work started this year. We have done \$1,512.64 amount of business. Seven men have worked in this Department a part of the year. We are slowly building up a mail order system so as to supply at market price any book that any of our people might wish to secure. Price-list may be had by application. It is the aim of the Board to employ men who will work in the capacity of both Missionary and Colporteur. For the work as Missionary a salary is paid; for the

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work as Colporteur a commission is allowed and all Colporteurs are bonded.

There are three lines along which we are going to work

(1) Selling Good Books. We do this through Colporteurs, or through mail-orders. If you want any book on the market, write the Colportage Department, Board of Missions, Raleigh, N. C.

(2) Distributing Free Tracts and Literature. It is easy to print free tracts, but the problem is to get them handed out to the readers.

We think we have solved the problem. The Board of Missions prints a Bulletin each month. This is sent to the churches in clubs by Parcel Post at the rate of only \$1 per dozen per year. Each copy of the Bulletin serves as a wrapper for a good free tract each month, and these are to be distributed in the churches.

(3) Enlarging the Circulation of the *Biblical Recorder*. This is at present the most vital thing in our Baptist work in North Carolina. Our Baptist State Convention can never outgrow the circulation of its medium of communication.

The Board of Missions is undertaking to aid the *Biblical Recorder* in getting 12,000 new subscribers.

#### 4. Mobile Schools

We had nine schools with 54 teachers and 545 student. Our plans for this year are much larger. We purpose to have about 60 of these schools: Two series of them, one March 31 to April 4, and the other July 21 to 25. The work of these schools is laid out on a five-year plan.

We Baptists have made the expensive error of depending on large mass meetings and strong men to carry on the Lord's work. We need to follow the line of intensive work in small groups, this was the method of Jesus. Our country has recently shown that raw democracy can go into training and become efficient. Our Baptist churches must do likewise. We mean to push these schools until at least one Baptist in three is in touch with them. This means a large task is to be done. It will take hun-

dreds of these schools and thousands of teachers. This work is barely begun.

#### 5. Woman's Missionary Union.

##### *Some Extracts from W. M. U. Report*

It has been thirty-two years since the Woman's Missionary Union presented to the State Convention its first report. Year by year our interest in mission work has increased and has shown itself by greater activity and larger gifts, so that instead of the thousand dollars given in 1886, we report this year a total of \$63,101.76.

We have 1,557 societies, 193 having been added to our roll the past year. Our work is organized in fifty associations. Forty-seven associational meetings were held during the year, at which nearly 800 societies were represented. Thirty-three of these meetings were attended by officers of the Union or members of the Executive Committee.

Receipts last year:

Total Foreign Missions -----	\$21,426.37
Total to Home Missions -----	19,901.37
To State Missions -----	20,612.97
Grand total for all objects -----	\$63,101.76

There are 145,000 women in our churches. Twenty-five thousand of these are already at work in our societies. If these 25,000 workers contribute \$63,000 a year to mission objects, what may we not expect when we reach, with the aid of our pastors, our unenlisted women!

Miss Bertha Carroll, Raleigh, N. C., is Corresponding Secretary of this work.

#### 6. B. Y. P. U.

Its aim is that of "a more excellent way" in the Lord's work; Baptist churches are its field; practice is its method; the development of all is its scope; unselfishness is its spirit—it lives to give; it drains itself into other departments of church work as it trains its members; it serves itself as it

serves others. J. D. Moore is Corresponding Secretary.

### 7. *Sunday Schools*

Sunday school missions stands for more Sunday schools. The work is conducted by the State Mission Board through Secretary E. L. Middleton and committee. Training schools and institutes are held, associations and churches visited, new Sunday schools are organized, thousands of letters are written and a campaign of education through free tracts is conducted.

## II—INSTRUCTIONS OF BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THIS YEAR

1. *Emphasize Volunteer Work.* Field work in our Baptist churches is always expensive and is sometimes confusing. We have made a fundamental discovery in our Baptist work this year: One hundred men who have volunteered for a specific work can meet together for two or three days and go over the work to be done at less cost to denomination than the salary and expenses of one traveling representative. Volunteer service is of the essence of New Testament Christianity and modern democracy. We shall depend more and more on volunteer services to get our State Convention work presented in our associations and churches. In this way we widen and deepen the sense of participation in our work on the part of our men and women. Every section of our State is brought into self-sufficiency for its tasks in the larger coöperative work of North Carolina Baptists.

2. *Increase Pastoral Support.* The inadequate support of our pastors is the sorest spot in our Baptist life. It is working out two paralyzing results in our work. First, it is forcing ministers to divide their time and thought between the ministry of the gospel and some secular make-shift to get a living. In the second place, it is forcing these one-half time pastors to scatter out their services as pastor into four, six and even eight churches.

The hour has come for our Board of Missions to throw all the weight it can into this deplorable sit-

uation. Our Board can approach this task in two ways. First, it supplements by appropriation the salaries of the pastors in some of our weaker churches. In the second place, it needs to work through some of the stronger pastors as volunteer enlistment workers, to get indifferent strong churches to increase the support of their pastors. A very small amount spent to pay the expense of this volunteer service will increase pastoral support thousands of dollars.

3. *Accommodate Between Convention Work and Budget Churches.* We concur with the Foreign Mission Board in the following advice to budget churches: "We would recommend that, in putting on the Budget System in any church, no pledge be given the church membership that special collections will not, under any circumstances, be taken. Here are some reasons for this suggestion: (1) There are some members in all churches who will not do their work by any common system, and those will not give systematically through the budget are excused from all financial responsibility, if no supplemental method is used for reaching them and inducing them to do their duty. (2) Very few Christian men and women will subscribe at the beginning of the year the maximum of their ability and duty. (3) Increased prosperity or unanticipated income from one source or another is likely to be enjoyed by some members of every church during the year, and this additional income increases the financial obligations of those who enjoy it. (4) The Christian life of many people is helped by thank-offerings, and every Christian should be given the opportunity by his church of thus expressing his grateful love to God and expanding his own religious nature. (5) Emergencies arise in the care of the church property or church poor and in our mission enterprises. No man can anticipate these, and yet such emergencies create most solemn obligations. The wisdom of this position has been recognized by the State secretaries who have had large experience and observation concerning church and denominational finances, and they have unanimously offered their opinion to the denomination in resolutions which embody suggestions similar to the above.

"We would, therefore, recommend the church budget but with three conditions: (1) That, in putting it into operation, a most thorough canvass of the church be made with the endeavor to get every member of the church enlisted, and that this canvass be repeated annually; (2) that in making up the budget the unique and unequalled necessities of the church be taken into consideration and a due proportion of the budget be requested of every member for this greatest of all Christian enterprises; (3) that the pastor be left free and unembarrassed to ask for special offerings and thank-offerings at such times only as either local or general denominational enterprises imperatively require. In this way the Budget System can be made a useful method in any church, but otherwise it may stand in the way of full Christian development and the best care of a great enterprise like missions at times when it is imperiled.

"A word of admonition is offered to pastors whose churches have adopted the Budget System, namely, keep up the habit of preaching missionary sermons and provide missionary addresses for your people. Education must not be neglected. If the Budget System causes the pastor to dispense with missions in the pulpit, the mission spirit will gradually die out of his church. The older people need to have the fires of missionary enthusiasm rekindled month by month, and successive companies of young people must be instructed in this important phase of Christian service, need and opportunity."

We need to get our churches developed into the sense of stewardship and the habit of regular giving that the regular offerings of our people will automatically care for all the regular work of the Convention. Besides the regular offerings for regular objects of the Convention, we should have at least one heavy drive every year for a special object—and two would be better than one. The special drives keep the budget churches from getting into hard grooves; they pull people up to their maximum efforts; they develop concert of action throughout the whole State; new objects inevitable in the growth of our work are thus taken care of: repeated a few times, they become regular objects

of the Convention if it is necessary to make them so.

We have two classes of churches: budget churches and nonbudget churches. Both of these must have a calendar for the regular objects of the Convention. In the budget churches it is a calendar of emphasis for each object; in the nonbudget churches it is a schedule of appeals for the different objects.

3. *Make Our Board Smaller and More Effective.* It now has 135 members—70 Convention members. We have found out by experience that this is entirely too large. If they all attended it would be a small session of the Convention itself. But only a few attend the board meetings and the attendance is largely confined among those members living near the domicile of the board. This tends to localize the representation of our Baptist State Convention in the administration of our mission work.

It is our conviction that an improvement of this embarrassing situation could be made by the appointment by the Convention of only 21 members of the Board of Missions, so scattered over our territory as to represent all sections of the State; that the Convention authorize the board to pay the expenses of these 21 Convention members of the board at regular and emergency meetings of the board, and that the Convention ask the association to pay the expenses of their members of the Board; that the committees of the board may be selected by the board among any members of the Baptist State Convention, with a view to convenient meeting places, provided a Convention member of the board is chairman of the committee.

4. *Begin Work with Our Negro Baptists.* We believe that a spirit of Christian interest and helpfulness manifested through a wise and discreet worker would yield most gratifying results, and we recommend that the board shall appropriate a sum for use from month to month during the next calendar year in paying a portion of the salary of a well-trained and consecrated colored preacher and teacher who could give a portion of his time to teaching in the Theological Department in Shaw University and the remaining portion to work among the negro Baptist churches throughout the



State; such worker to be chosen by, report to, and be under the joint control of our State Mission Board and the colored board contributing to his salary.

5. *Put More Business Method Into Our Mission Work.* It would be well to make the Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention also Office Secretary of the board and furnish him a book-keeper. By these means we can open an account with each Baptist church in North Carolina and with other parties where desirable. We can send a receipt to the remitter of each contribution to the work of our Convention and publish total receipts of each object each week in the *Biblical Recorder*. This will also open the way for us to publish the Treasurer's report as part of the statistics of the Convention if we should deem it advisable to do so.

6. *See North Carolina Mission Field as a Whole.* The work of your Board of Missions is now being administered in such a way that we cannot treat our State as a whole in planning its work. Instead of one field, we are supplying about forty different fields; for most of our resources are consumed in mission work within about forty of our more active associations.

We need to make a careful Baptist map of North Carolina by counties and plan our State Mission work each year more in the light of the facts of the life of our whole State. It is acutely necessary for us to get into shape to concentrate more of our force on the destitute sections and the strategic points in our State.

7. *Set a Worthy Mark.* If we come up in North Carolina to what the Southern Baptist Convention is asking us to do for Home and Foreign Missions our figures for next year will be, Foreign Missions \$100,000, Home Missions \$75,000, State Missions \$75,000, total \$250,000.

A Mission Drive this spring for a quarter of million dollars should be put on. This undertaking will put our Baptist work into tune with the big things of our time. This is our ideal; let us strike for it.

Our minimum figures must not fall below the following: Foreign Missions, \$90,000; Home Missions.

\$65,000; State Missions, \$65,000; total, \$220,000. With less than this our work will suffer painfully. We must not fall below it.

But better than this, let us strike for a quarter of a million for missions this year. We can raise it, if we love Christ one-half as strongly as we have hated the Kaiser. Now is the time to get our Lord's work out from under a chronic debt. A heavy stroke of this kind now will lift it to the cash basis.

#### *Some Center Questions*

How is our State Mission work organized?

Name the seven regular departments of our State Mission work. Define the work of each department.

Give the seven Instructions of the Baptist State Convention to its Board of Missions for this year. Discuss each of these Instructions.

How do you account for the falling off in the number of baptisms last year?

Can we raise a quarter of a million dollars for Missions this year?

What plans have you in your church to do your part in the great One-Mission Drive?

#### DRILL VIII

### OUR OUTLOOK

#### A GOOD START

We have been laboring a long time. Now we have come to some fruitage of our labors.

Soon there will be in this State three hundred thousand white Baptists and twenty-five hundred Baptist churches.

Every Sunday the gospel, as we believe it, is proclaimed in North Carolina from a thousand pulpits.

One great State Convention, sixty-five district associations, colleges and schools, a Board of Missions intrenched in the confidence of its constituency, a Board of Education growing on the souls of our people, a great orphanage tying the heartstrings of our people about the child, the *Biblical Recorder* and *Charity and Children* going every week to tens

of thousands of our homes, we are just getting ready for a larger work.

The fruit of the past is the seed of the future.

*North Carolina Baptists are soon to be doing more than all Southern Baptists are now doing.*

When most of our churches are represented in our State meetings, our Baptist State Convention will be larger than the Southern Baptist Convention now is.

This is a reasonable mark to set for ourselves. Our State Convention does not represent our churches until we reach that. We are already going toward it. Volunteer enlistment is started among us. Great things are on the way.

We call these Mobile Schools because they are movable, but more because they are to mobilize our people for God's work. When one hundred thousand have got into touch with them North Carolina Baptists will stand up and step forward a great army.

The compactness, the fellowship, the efficiency of a developed State Convention will be thrilling and compelling. When ten of our State Baptist bodies in the South come to their own, there will be some Baptist momentum felt throughout the world.

North Carolina Baptists will soon be raising three million dollars a year for the work of the Kingdom. Let us keep our eyes turned toward the larger things just ahead.

#### *Some Center Questions*

How much start have we in North Carolina?

What is a reasonable mark for North Carolina Baptists to set for themselves?

How large a body would the Baptist State Convention be if in its session two-thirds of our churches were represented?

Give two reasons why we have Mobile Schools now?

How many North Carolina Baptists should we get into attendance at them?



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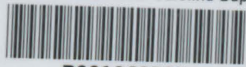
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