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## State Convention Finances

We have said almost nothing concerning our State Convention finances for the past four months, while the great drive was on to raise the Apportionments of the churches for the Societies whose year ended March 31st and while the over and above drive was on for the Victory campaign in April. We have not yet learned just what the result of these campaigns has been. We know that the Baptists of Illinois raised more than \$65,000 on the Ministers and Missionaries' Benefit Fund in reaching the \$750,000 to be raised for that purpose. We wanted to put all the strength of the State Convention back of these great drives, and as our year ends and our books close October 1st, we felt there would be time for this after the final effort had been made for the National Societies. But now is the time to begin to push for our State Convention Apportionment.

As time goes on, and the work of the denomination seems to develop, the State Convention occupies a more important place in all our work and this seems to be rapidly increasing. More and more every year the influence of the State Convention is increasing. It is expected to get behind almost every denominational activity in the State. The greatest detriment to all our work in any state is a weak and decrepit State Convention.

Some churches made up their entire apportionment including State Convention March 31st, but not many did that. Some aimed to make up one-half their State Convention contribution the end of March, but the great majority of our churches left the Convention off entirely or almost so until late in the year. That would be all right if these churches would rally to pay their full apportionments for the state before October 1st, but it is so difficult to get up a strong Mission enthusiasm twice a year. Many of the churches drift along and allow the year to close with all their Missionary offerings made up except for the State Convention. The apportionment in Illinois this year for the State Convention is \$25,000. This is only a reasonable sum compared with what the churches raise for other things. It would be very easy to raise it if all the pastors and churches would begin working for it now. Much of this money ought to come in in May and June. July and August is vacation time for many pastors and churches and September is the month for starting up the churches after the hot weather and October is likely to come with hundreds of our churches behind on State Convention apportionments.

We plead with the pastors and officers of the churches to give close attention to

the State Convention offerings now. The State Convention has for its mission: helping all the churches in Illinois it possibly can, in revival work, in locating pastors, helping to pay the salary, etc. It is back of much of the Educational work in the state, co-operates with and helps the charitable institutions, and stands back of the work of supporting Foreign, Home and Women's Missions in the State. It does all in its power to aid the B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School work in the State. Why should not every pastor and every member loyally support the State Convention? They almost all intend to do this, but many become careless about doing it. From now until October 1st we shall have much to say and write about State Convention Finances.

#### SHURTLEFF COLLEGE

The Illinois Baptist State Convention is now and has been for about eight years, back of Shurtleff College in its moral influence. The Convention is not responsible for any of the finances, but encourages and helps every onward movement. It was three members of the State Convention Board that found and nominated Prof. Geo. M. Potter as President of the institution. Since that time very rapid progress has been made at Alton. The real estate held by the college in St. Louis was not only a source of no income, but a very heavy expense to the college.

In 1912 this investment had increased in various ways to \$56,261.13. The trustees would have sold the lots for from \$20,000 to \$30,000 but could not find a buyer. After Potter was elected President, the Executive Committee expended \$10,000 in improving the property by paved streets, sidewalks and other things. Finally the amount invested was \$72,000. Now the college has sold lots in this St.

Louis property amounting to \$79,815.00 and the college still owns two lots valued at about \$12,000. This nearly \$80,000 is now invested in Illinois farm mortgages.

In the summer of 1914 the trustees purchased, according to the earnest wish of President Potter, the Leavett home and grounds. This gave the college possession of a ten-roomed home and almost an acre of ground adjoining the college grounds. President Potter's far-sightedness and good judgment led the trustees in 1916 to purchase the entire Justis Bulkley property which was sold for \$8,700. This property is across the corner from the campus and consists of two large dwellings and four cottages, with some ideal vacant ground for college purposes. This Bulkley property purchased added six acres to the college property.

The Mrs. Eunice Evans bequest added \$11,000 to the college two years ago and the Mrs. Mary Flagg Estate added \$12,732.80 to the college a few weeks ago. The income of the institution has increased from \$20,000 to \$30,000. The enrollment of actual college students is the largest in the history of the college.

Dr. Myron W. Haynes is now raising \$500,000 endowment for the institution. He began January 1st and has now secured about \$100,000 and has not yet finished three Associations. Let everybody say a good word for Shurtleff this year. Let every one who can, give something to help Shurtleff now.

The Baptists of Illinois have not been asked for any large thing for college work for the past forty or more years. During that time their wealth has increased greatly. Now is the time to give liberally to Shurtleff College.

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**T**HIS is the eleventh year in the history of The Bulletin. Can we not make this year the best in the history of the paper? The Superintendent of Missions is not an Editor, he just picks up a few scraps of time to write for this paper and to keep it going.

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**T**HE Editor cannot take time from the State Convention work to keep up and advance the subscription list. That must be done by the pastors and by everyone who desires to see The Bulletin go into the homes of the people.

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**M**ANY churches and pastors seem to be satisfied when they get a club of twenty names and in some of those churches there should be fifty or one hundred subscribers.

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**T**HE readers are invited to notice the financial column for the month of April. More than \$11,000 for one month. Of course much of this is for invested funds and the interest only can be used for missionary work, but every \$8,000 increase in our permanent funds means \$450 permanent increase in our current expense fund.

**S**HORTLY after this issue of The Bulletin reaches the readers, the denomination of thirty-three states will be assembled in Convention at Denver. This meeting of the Convention will probably be the most important in the history of the Convention. We expect a large attendance from Illinois. Many desire to go who cannot. We hope the people at home will earnestly pray for the work of the Convention.

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**T**HE indications are that it will be necessary for the Editor of The Bulletin and Superintendent of the Illinois State Convention to be present in Denver a few days before the Convention and possibly a few days after the Convention closes. It is not yet known what work the Report of the Committee of Five will involve. Possibly the state members of the Planning Board will be called for a meeting after the Convention.

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**W**HILE the Editor will be out of the office for two full weeks, the office will be open. All correspondence will be attended to. The office stenographer will keep the Superintendent posted each day with regard to the mail received, and important items will be answered from Denver. All Bulletin affairs will be attended to by the office stenographer.

One of our very successful pastors writes, "The monthly visitor, the Bulletin, with its spicy news from all over the state of Baptist doings and with its pointed editorials, is one which we all look forward to with great interest. This little paper should be in every Baptist home in the state."



**TEN YEARS OLD**

The April issue of The Bulletin completed the tenth volume. This May issue starts on the eleventh year. When the Board voted to start this paper the Superintendent said, "I know its issue will increase my work very much, but if we can get it into 1000 homes I am willing to do the work." Before the paper was two years old it had reached nearly 5000 subscribers and still retains nearly that number. It has averaged about 4750 the past year. We could greatly increase its circulation if we would give time and expense to it, but we cannot do that. We never send a copy after the time expires and depend upon the pastors and people to show their appreciation of the paper by sending in subscriptions. We ought to increase the number of readers this next year by several thousand. This Bulletin should not interfere with any other paper. We do not believe it does. Every Baptist family in Illinois ought to have the Standard, a weekly Baptist paper, and Missions, a monthly mission magazine, and beside these they ought to take The Bulletin, which is a breezy little message from State Convention headquarters once a month.

The Northern Baptist Convention meets in Denver, Colorado, May 21-27 inclusive. The indications are that there will be a large attendance. No doubt a large number will attend from Illinois. It is expected that this will be an unusually interesting meeting. As full a report as our space will allow will be given in the June issue.

People who live on the plains and prairies of the Central States will be delighted to spend a few days in the mountains of Colorado, and the great inspiration of the meetings will be helpful for all who attend.

**SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD**

The semi-annual meeting of the State Convention Board was held in Peoria, April 10th. Several of the departments of the Convention and two special committees held meetings at the same time. The pastor, Rev. Joseph C. Hazen and the church entertained the meeting splendidly. It was one of our best semi-annual meetings.

Several missionaries were appointed and the Superintendent authorized to be on the outlook for two other general workers. Much time was given to a discussion of the report of the Committee of Five which was published in all the denominational weeklies some weeks ago. The Board finally voted as follows:

(1) We express ourselves as in harmony with the general proposition as presented in the report of the Committee of Five, on the relation of the Boards of the Societies of the Northern Baptist Convention.

(2) We appoint as a representative to represent the State Convention on the General Planning Board of the Northern Baptist Convention, if such Board is created, Dr. Samuel J. Skevington.

(3) That Dr. E. P. Brand be considered as an administrative officer of the State Convention and as such our representative on the General Planning Board of the Northern Baptist Convention.

The Board was in session about six hours. The young ladies of the Peoria church provided an excellent supper and Dr. S. J. Skevington and Rev. Louis H. Koehler gave addresses at night.

**CHURCHES**

Rev. H. T. Abbott, pastor of the First Baptist church of Murphysboro recently closed a very interesting meeting. He secured Rev. J. M. Smith of Ohio, to lead

the singing. The pastor himself did the preaching. There was very great interest manifested and more than 100 members were added to the church during the twelve days' meetings. The Sunday School averages more than 400 and the continued overflow of crowds in all the services has lead the church to desire to build a new meeting house or enlarge the old building.

Dr. W. E. Mundell who recently became pastor of the First Baptist church of Belvidere, expresses himself as well pleased with that field and delighted with the kindness and appreciation which the people have shown him and his family. He says, "They promise to send me to the Northern Baptist Convention and also to the State Convention meetings. You know that sounds good to me."

Rev. J. H. Bagwill held a two weeks' meeting in his church at Taylorville, which resulted in twenty-five additions to the church. The congregations were large. The church gave \$525 on the Victory Drive, \$150 to Hudelson Home, \$3,625 to Shurtleff College, in addition to paying \$650 back debts. The pastor will deliver the Odd Fellows' 100th Anniversary address on the 24th of April and the annual sermon to the soldiers in May.

Rev. B. E. Allen, pastor of the church at Osceola, writes: "Our new building plan is coming along fine. We have the contracts let and surrender the old building the 28th of this month. The new plant is to be completed by September 1st."

Rev. Herbert W. Hines, who has been at El Paso, a little more than four years is having a fine revival spirit in that church. On April 6th he baptized five persons, three of them men who are heads of families.

Rev. J. S. Oranger, pastor First Baptist church, Rock Island, writes: "Our work is progressing with great interest and the attendance is very good. The Sunday School attendance is the largest in the history of the church. Six have been baptized recently and a number received by letter."

Rev. Joseph C. Dent of Chicago, held a meeting at Utica from March 17th to March 28th. The congregation was increased from fifty to two hundred fifty. The church is greatly revived. Eighty four came forward and publicly professed Jesus Christ as their Saviour. About fifty of them are members of the Sunday School. Several signified their desire to be baptized and unite with the church. Rev. J. R. Spickerman who had been supplying the church for the past six months assisted in the meetings.

The Virden church, of which Rev. H. A. Belton is pastor, is doing well. A communication from that church says, "Our church is getting along fine. We have gone over the top with our apportionments. The church has sold its parsonage and bought a better one at a cost of \$3,500. The pastor is well pleased with the change of properties."

The Chatsworth church, of which Rev. E. C. Shute is pastor, seems to be progressing quite well. They succeeded in raising the entire apportionment and something over. The pastor says, "The power of Rome in this community makes our work 'hard pulling,' but God is blessing truth. Several have united with the church recently. Our Sunday School has nearly one hundred per cent increase in attendance over last year."

The Normal church, of which Dr. D. O. Hopkins is pastor, is doing fine work. The congregations and prayer meetings have greatly increased. He preached

each night during the week preceding Easter and on Easter morning he baptized thirty-seven boys and girls from the Soldiers' Orphans' Home, and he baptized thirteen on the Sunday following. The church will send the pastor to the Northern Convention in Denver.

Rev. Orlo Breeze, who was pastor at Hillsboro, went into the Y. M. C. A. work of the army last year. He is now back on the field and supplying the Hillsboro church. Last year that church paid a \$1,100 debt, and it is now preparing to decorate the building. The B. Y. P. U. is fine and the Sunday School is in a prosperous condition with an attendance from about eighty to one hundred.

The Austin Baptist church in Chicago had a "Red Letter Day" Easter Sunday, April 20, 1919. At that time the mortgage of indebtedness was burned by Deacon E. S. Osgood, who was a charter member of the church. The church was organized in 1871 with fifteen members. The first meeting house was dedicated in 1872. The present house of worship was dedicated November 23, 1902. The present membership of the church is 892.

The Toulon church, which has been pastorless since the first of last September, has called Rev. J. H. Pierce, who has been for several years pastor at Princeton. Brother Pierce has accepted the call and located on the Toulon field. Toulon is a good field and Pastor Pierce and his wife are excellent workers. We shall expect a successful work there.

John D. Rockefeller gave \$250,000 on the Ministers' and Missionaries' Benefit fund, bringing the invested funds for that organization now up to \$2,000,000. He has also offered \$500,000 on the \$6,000,000 drive in case the full \$6,000,000 is secured. The following letter comes from Dr. Haggard, "Answering

inquiry, Rockefeller's pledge holds to December. Would be unfortunate if this delays early completion Victory Fund." From this we infer that if the full \$6,000,000 is not reached by April 30th the denomination will have until December first to reach enough to secure the Rockefeller \$500,000.

#### MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR APRIL

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

*Alton, Cherry St. Church.....	\$ 93.00
Aurora, Marion Ave. Church.....	6.20
Arthur Church .....	27.34
Atlanta Church .....	21.50
Aurora, First Church .....	39.00
Aurora Church .....	9.00
Aurora, Claim St. Church.....	4.12
American Baptist Home Mission Society Hungarian Mission....	\$2.50
American Baptist Home Mission Society, Evangelism .....	9.23
American Baptist Publication Society—Advertisement .....	10.00
Alton, Mrs. Mary Flagg Bequest. Advertising in Bulletin—Shurtleff College .....	6,366.40
Belvidere, South Church .....	7.00
*Benson Church .....	38.25
*Bunker Hill Church .....	19.60
Big Rock Church .....	35.00
Barry Church .....	13.63
Belleville Church, Edw. A. Keil (S. E. F.) .....	2.60
Bulletin Subscriptions .....	9.00
*Bradford Church .....	62.35
Canton Church .....	2.25
Chicago Epiphany Church .....	4.40
Chicago First Church .....	10.00
Chicago, Hyde Park Church.....	11.33
Chicago, Maplewood Church.....	225.00
Chicago, Immanuel Bohemian Church .....	16.60
Chicago, Second Church .....	3.68
Chicago, Auburn Park Church.....	27.15
*Chicago, Roseland, First Ch....	15.00
Chicago, Swedish Finnish Ch....	26.45
Chicago, Garfield Park Church....	3.00
Chicago, Morgan Park Church....	73.00
*Chicago, Western Ave., Church	17.01
Chicago, Englewood Church.....	14.37
Chicago, Irving Park Church.....	238.00
Chicago, Normal Park Church.....	23.43
Chicago, Immanuel Church .....	33.65
Chicago, Woodlawn Church.....	50.00
Chicago, Second Church .....	73.87
Centralia Church .....	240.43
	27.40