

97. The Committee on Public Relations was appointed:

Public Relations.—R. W. Weaver, District of Columbia, Chairman; Walter F. George, Georgia; J. W. Bailey, North Carolina; E. Hilton Jackson, District of Columbia; Perry L. Mitchell, Virginia; L. R. Scarborough, Texas; T. L. Holcomb, Tennessee; Chas. E. Maddy, Virginia; J. B. Lawrence, Georgia; T. J. Watts, Texas; A. J. Barton, North Carolina.

98. The report of the Committee on Centennial Session was presented by A. F. Crittendon, Oklahoma, and further discussed by R. Paul Caudill, pastor, First Baptist Church, Augusta, Georgia, and State Secretary J. W. Merritt, Georgia. On motion of Edgar Godbold, Missouri, it was referred to Executive Committee.

CENTENNIAL SESSION

Your Committee, appointed a year ago to consider the Memorial of the Baptists of Georgia, requesting that the Convention hold its Centennial Session in 1945 in the city of Augusta, was called to meet in Augusta on March 6, 1939, with all members but one being present.

Reasons for the Memorial were presented to the Committee together with the advantages of such meeting, and assurances from the city officials that ample provision would be made to care for the Convention. And after a day spent in carefully considering all the matters pertaining to the success of such meeting, we wish to report to the Convention as follows:

1. The city is in the process of constructing a new Auditorium conveniently located, which will seat 5,190 in full view of the speaker's stand, with an additional space for 2,790 more who may be accommodated by amplifiers though not in view of the speakers.
2. We find that the hotel and private homes will be ample to care for any reasonable attendance.
3. We find that the places serving meals are inadequate, but the Chamber of Commerce together with the churches have given us the assurance that this will be provided.

We, therefore, recommend to the Convention that the Centennial Meeting be held in the city of Augusta in 1945 on the condition that the city make the provisions necessary, the details to be worked out by the Executive Committee of the Convention.

This being unanimously adopted by the members present.

Respectfully,

T. F. CALLAWAY
W. W. MELTON, *Secretary*

ZENO WALL, *Chairman*
A. F. CRITTENDEN

99. The report of the Committee on Church Music was presented and discussed by E. O. Sellers, Louisiana, and adopted.

CHURCH MUSIC

The Committee on Church Music, appointed by the action of the Southern Baptist Convention at New Orleans and re-appointed at Richmond, would present the following report:

We would again call the attention of our churches to the added necessity for more serious and adequate concern relative to the place and standards of music and verse in the worship of our God.

With the increased emphasis being placed on better music by radio and in all our public and private schools, our young people must not find their churches either ignoring this vital subject or lagging behind the upward trend so favorably known to them during the week.

Although we consider it would be worthwhile, we are not primarily concerned with the improvement of the hymn text and tune solely for cultural purposes. We are definitely concerned about the following question: Do the hymns we use and the manner in which we use them contribute to the spiritual development of our people?

We need to realize that there must be more of a vertical note in church music, and less of a horizontal tendency; that the music which aids worship is that which finds the heart and not the feet. As we place our best endeavors in the task of soul winning, it will be well to recall that John Wesley found his greatest ally next to the Bible, in the hymns of his brother Charles.

What is the thought of Southern Baptists concerning the music used in their churches? Your Committee has sought to find out, and to this end with the gracious and invaluable assistance of Dr. E. P. Alldredge, through the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Sunday School Board, questionnaires were sent to the churches of 54 associations chosen so as to give us a cross section of our Convention. The wealth of information brought us from more than 1,350 churches which replied is amazing and fascinating. Manifestly there is not time here to even attempt a tabulation of the results. It is, however, the purpose of Dr. Alldredge to do this in the coming issue of the *Handbook*, the Mss. of which is to be given to the printers about June 10.

The five main lines of information sought (we do not attempt to give the sub-topics) were:

- I. How much money did your church spend in 1938 on the following items: choir leader, soloists or other choir members, hymnals, sheet music, vocal and instrumental, organist, orchestra leaders?
- II. What is the estimated value of all the musical instruments owned by your church?
- III. What type of song service or musical program does your church use?
- IV. What order of service is followed in your regular church services?
- V. Please name the 10 hymns most used in your church service and Sunday schools.

The progress of the survey has abundantly demonstrated the wisdom of the Convention in appointing such a committee, and it has shown the urgent and compelling needs of our churches in this vital phase of their worship activities and life. Perhaps quite as much to the point, it has shown how great and tragic have been the losses which have already come upon great sections of our Convention because of long delayed action in this important field.

Your Committee, with the approval of the Sunday School Board, wrote to each of the State Sunday School and B.T.U. Secretaries, asking them to arrange on their various programs for their training schools, an hour for the study of church music. The response was unanimous, heartily approving the suggestion.

We are also asking the chairman of each State Pastors' Conference, held preceding the Annual Convention, to give a place on their programs for a proper consideration and presentation of church music and worship.

We would urge all pastors carefully to prepare orders of service, with the selection of hymns, so as to have them in the hands of music leaders and organists, well in advance of every service.

We would call the attention of the pastors, the Sunday school superintendents, the Baptist Training Union directors and others interested, to the fact that tracts and other publications relative to worship and to the use of music in worship can be secured from the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

We would, in order to promote the best spiritual ideals of worship, call the attention of the denomination to, and urge the necessity and the desirability of putting in charge of the music departments and as teachers of music in the denominational schools and colleges, only persons of tested and approved Christian character.

Your Committee would recommend:

- I. That the Southern Baptist Convention appoint a Committee on Church Music, same to continue the work now started and to report next year.
- II. That the Southern Baptist Convention urge each state to appoint a State Convention Committee on Church Music to work within that state, and as much as possible in co-operation with the work of the Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We wish to express our sincerest and most appreciative thanks to Dr. Alldredge for his efficient and extra hours of labor in connection with the question-

naire; to the State Secretaries for their cordial and helpful assistance; to Dr. Holcomb and the Sunday School Board for making possible the work of the Committee and for the sympathetic responses of hundreds of pastors.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STORER, Tulsa, Okla.;	INMAN JOHNSON, Louisville, Ky.;
RYLAND KNIGHT, Atlanta, Ga.;	D. I. PURSER, Birmingham, Ala.;
I. E. REYNOLDS, Ft. Worth, Texas;	ROY ANGELL, Miami, Fla.;
B. B. MCKINNEY, Nashville, Tenn.;	E. A. CONVERSE, Louisville, Ky.
E. O. SELLERS, New Orleans, La.;	

100. The report on the Southwide Baptist Revival of 1939 was presented and discussed by Roland Q. Leavell, Georgia, and adopted after further remarks by W. D. Upshaw, Georgia, and after a season of devotion with prayers led by R. C. Campbell, Texas; J. B. Lawrence, Georgia; Chas. E. Maddry, Virginia, and George W. Truett, Texas.

THE SOUTHWIDE BAPTIST REVIVAL OF 1939

Lee R. Scarborough and Roland Q. Leavell

In response to the action of the Southern Baptist Convention on May 13, 1938, designating the undersigned as co-leaders of an "extensive and intensive campaign of soul-winning during 1939 with intensive and organized effort to reach all of the South," we beg leave to make the following report:

First—

A preliminary meeting of some of the state and Southwide leaders was called on Saturday, May 14th, at the Southern Baptist Convention during which they planned for a meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, on June 16th. The meeting in Nashville was attended by representatives of all of the Southwide agencies, by some state secretaries, and by representatives of the seminaries, the Baptist press, and others. Dr. L. R. Scarborough presided. The day was spent in prayer and planning. Enthusiastic prayerful co-operation was promised by all representatives of all agencies. The presence of the Holy Spirit was there beyond question.

The Superintendent of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board presented his suggestions for plans for the organization and promotion of the Southwide Baptist Revival for 1939. The suggestions were weighed, sifted, changed, added to, and adjusted according to the leadership of the Spirit and the wisdom of the brethren. The following items were adopted that day:

1. The Name: "Southwide Baptist Revival of 1939."
2. The Scripture Texts:
 - (a) "If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."—2 Chronicles 7: 14.
 - (b) "Come ye after me, and I will make you fishers of men."—Matthew 4: 19.
3. The Ideal:

"An evangelistic meeting in every community, looking to a revival in every church, for the enlistment of every member in winning the lost to Christ and enlisting them in church membership, for the promotion of the whole program of Christ, for the winning of the world to him in order to crown him Lord of all."
4. The office of the Superintendent of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, 315 Red Rock Building, Atlanta, will be the general office of the "Southwide Baptist Revival," through which the correspondence should come and go.