

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

SEVENTH BIMONTHLY SESSION.

Brother Clark on behalf of African Missions, continued:

Sierra Leone was now a large city, and a center of considerable trade. People flocked there from many parts of the world. It was a center from which the gospel might be communicated. The African left their country as well as the continent; and no one knew their whereabouts from that time than they did, to the end of life. In the old houses and huts, home, Joseph, where the fruits of their labors were stored. But we must enter yet more fully upon the evangelization of this people. My brother has said he wanted ten men. I want men who are full of the love of Christ, and the power of God's spirit, to go with us. If he may get them, then shall I go alone! Oh, what a work is this—what a harvest of souls! One that none could come to labor with us from across the sea—from the broad land of America, so ill in regard to the languishing Africans from the power of human superstition. Oh, you men, will you not help us? We have given up our love for your love of Christ, our love of Christianity—your love of your own fallen men, to the last drop of the oil of the lamp. Shall not the promise remain still, yet to endure hardly? And sacrifice for the glory of Christ, the Church in this country is not safe to the shadowed heathen. Oh, brethren, how long—how long will you withhold your prayers, your labors, your gifts? I have had no minister to come to me and ask me, if I was strong back, as if they thought it was useless. Again, and again, he is in the very heat, and sends me to the borders of the cross, who ought to be the standard-bearers, and successors, and sent us to them that thus shew their lack of interest in missions. But in the meantime, do not disengage the self-sacrificing missionary; but rather help by your unanimous cooperation and earnest sympathy.

Brother Clark has truly said, "There must be great energy in our Churches, and place for the government of the world, before that work will be accomplished." We must believe God—our faith must lay fast hold on his eternal Word. Oh, let us cry up to God for help. From the East, the West, the North, the South—from the river to the ends of the earth—let the Church of the Living God send forth its prayers and its ministers. Let us all look forward to the day when we shall have our own, the kingdoms of the world, have become the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ." Brethren, is not this what we are striving for? Is not it true, that we are not right in the sight of God. Young men, come to the Church. God is kind to you. Where is your missionary? If I do not find you do not feel your—Some men are afraid of being called missionaries; but it is the power of Satan which moves the world. Awaken my brethren, the work is in a great measure, with you.

Bro. C. said he would not speak any longer, but before he closed, he wished to pray with us. The entire session was in the Yoruba dialect, and compromised the Lord's prayer.

Bro. Crawford's resolutions were adopted, and the meeting closed with singing, and the benediction from Dr. Howell.

TENNESSEE.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President. The meeting was opened by reading a chapter in the Bible. The 67th hymn, commanding, "From every stormy wind that blows, we fly; from every tempest, and prayer was made.

On motion of Mr. Crane, of Miss., the treasurer was instructed to pay the necessary bills for printing and stationery incurred by this Convention.

Mr. Mallory, of Ga., from the special committee to report resolutions relative to the interests of the Foreign Board, submitted an able and interesting report, concluding with the following resolutions, which they recommend for adoption:

"Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Convention, it is inadvisable to make any change in the existing plan of missionary operations.

"Resolved, That in certain Churches, Associations, or other bodies entitled to representation in this Convention, should prefer to appoint their own missionaries, and to use the responsibility of distributing their salaries, and other expenses, to the respective Boards; and, after consultation, to remunerate and fundamental rules, to become distributing agents of the bodies so appointing, missionaries and appropriating funds, whether such contributions be intended for the civilizations or the evangelization of the heathen."

Mr. Buck, of Ala., a member of the committee, made an explanation, setting forth his views in respect to the present system of missionary operation. He declined in presenting a minority report, as he would not then embarrass the business of the Convention.

The motion was carried, and the report was adopted.

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