READY FOR ITS WORK.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGREES ON A PLAN OF PROCEDURE AT LAST.

JOINT COMMITTEES TO ACT.

Work of Conforming Statutes to Constitution to Be Thus Divided Among Standing Committees—The Day's Procedure in Detail.

The action of the Senate in concurring in the House substitute for the Senate joint resolution for the appointment of a commission to map out the work for the General Assembly, will, it is believed, have the effect of getting the two bodies down to hard work without delay.

The substitute provides for the holding of joint sessions of the committees. The Senate concurred after a short debate, and an expression of opinion by some of the members that it was a waste of time and would really not have the effect of a joint committee, but in order to expedite business as far as possible, and to show a disposition to do something, the Senate yielded. But it will be a different thing when it comes to the consideration of recommendations of the committees.

There was a disposition on the part of some of the senators to proceed with the business before the body and to enact legislation that might best meet the conditions and to have the measures transmitted to the House of Delegates and let that body assume the responsibility of its acts.

Senator Barksdale, of Halifax, made good his promise to present a bill looking to the fair administration of the election laws of the State. His bill yesterday was in that direction seeking to have the two leading political parties of the State recognized in the naming of election judges, the chairmen of the two leading parties to furnish the names from which the selections are to be made. This is intended as a companion bill to the one which he has prepared looking to preventing the use of money in elections.

The Senate held a short executive session—one minute—in which the nomination of James Ashby, as Superintendent of Schools of Stafford was confirmed.

SENATE.

The Senate convened at noon, Lieutenant-Governor Willard presiding. Prayer was offered by the Rev. James E. Cook, of Hoge-Memorial church.

There was an increase in attendance of members, while the number of visitors was smaller than on Wednesday. The Senate got down to work without any loss of time.

Senator Barksdale, of Halifax, offered the following:

Each electoral board of each county and city in this commonwealth shall, on or before the first Monday in June next preceding every general election, appoint the judges who are to conduct the said election; and in order to give representation as far as possible to each of the two political parties which, at the general election next preceding the one for which judges are appointed cast the highest and the next highest votes, the said electoral board shall appoint one of said judges at each precinct from a list furnished by the chairman of the party organization receiving the highest number of votes at such election, and another judge from a list furnished by the chairman of the party organization receiving the next highest number of votes in said election.

The bill further provides for open meetings of the boards for the appointment of judges, which are to be held after thirty days' notice.

The bill was referred to the committee on privileges and elections.

CLERICAL ERROR REMEDIES.

Senator Shackelford, of Orange, presented the following joint resolution, which was referred:

Whereas, in the joint resolution appointing electoral boards for the several counties and cities of the State, adopted by the senate and house of delegates on March 28, 1902, W. L. Yancey, J. J. Miller and Warren H. Haddox were, by a clerical error, named as the electoral board for the county of Rappahannock, when no such persons live in said county, and by reason of said error the general assembly has failed to appoint an electoral board for said county; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the senate of Virginia, the house of Delegates concurring, That W. T. Yancey, J. J. Miller and Warren A. Haddox be, and are hereby, appointed an electoral board for the county of Rappahannock.

SPECIAL AND PRIVATE BILLS.

Senator Claytor, of Bedford, offered a joint resolution providing for the appointment of a standing committee to consider all special and private legislation, as provided under the new constitution. The committee is to consist of eight members—five on the part of the house and three on the part of the senate. The resolution was agreed to and was communicated to the house. The resolution is as follows:

Resolved, by the senate (the house of delegates concurring), That a joint committee of seven members be appointed by the house of delegates and five by the senate, which committee shall be a standing committee on special, private and local legislation, and any special, private or local bill introduced in either house shall be referred to and considered by such joint committee and returned to the house in which it originated, with a statement in writing whether the object of the bill can be accomplished under general law or by court proceedings, as provided by section 51, of the constitution. Such special, private and local bills to be referred without reading and without debate.

WILL PAY PENSIONS.

Senator Barksdale called up and moved to discharge the committee from further consideration of the bill which he offered yesterday providing "for the payment of pensioners under pension act of March 7, 1900, whose claims were not approved under provisions of act of April 2, 1902, and filed in the office of the auditor of public accounts prior to Sept. 1, 1902."

The motion was agreed to, the committee was discharged and the bill passed by the constitutional recorded vote.

Senator Shackelford, of Orange, presented a bill, which was finally passed, extending the time for the filing of pension claims by persons in all counties of the State to Jan. 1, 1903, and for the payment of same when approved by the auditor.

THAT STEERING COMMITTEE.

A communication from the House, notifiying the Senate of the pasage of a substitute for the senate joint resolution, providing for the appointment of a steering committee, was taken up and concurred in.

EXTEND CITY LIMITS.

Senator Anderson, of Richmond, offered a bill providing for the extension of corporate limits of cities. The bill provides for advertising of ordinances after adoption by councils of cities, and parties adverse interests are to be allowed to employ counsel, and the judge of the corporation courts shall determine the matters and decide if the city desiring new territory can provide police and fire protection to the new territory, together with gas and water and other conveniences. The bill was referred to the committee on counties, cities and towns.

Senator Anderson presented the following companion bills:

To provide for changing the boundaries of wards of cities and for increasing or diminishing the number thereof. The bill provides that when one ward shall contain as much as 3,000 more population than another ward, the ward boundaries shall be so changed as to make them as nearly equal as possible.

To provide for the representation of the several wards of cities in the councils thereof and for the reapportionment of such representation.

The senate went into executive session and took up the matter of confirmation of James Ashby as superintendent of schools for Stafford county. Mr. Ashby succeeds George M. Weedon, deceased. The senate was in executive session one minute and the nomination was confirmed.

On motion of Senator Ople, of Augusta, the senate, at 1:05 P. M., adjourned.

THE HOUSE

There was a very good attendance of members when Speaker Ryan called the house of delegates to order at noon.

Rev. Russell Cecil, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, offered the opening prayer, a simple, fervent petition for divine guidance in the deliberations of the body.

The reading of the journal was dispensed with. Thereupon the speaker announced the new standing committee on special, local and private legislation—Messrs. Davis, of Petersburg; Clarke, of Prince George and Surry; Wallace, of Richmond city; Gardner of Henrico; Armstrong, of Buckingham; Fulton, of Wise, and Waddey, of Rockbridge.

THE EDWARDS RESOLUTION.

Mr. Edwards, of King William, offered a substitute for the senate joint resolution of Mr. Mann's. It reads thus:

Be it resolved by the house of delegates, the senate concurring, that articles I, III, VI and XIV, entitled, the bill of rights, division of powers, judiciary department and miscellaneous provisions of the sub-division of the constitution, promulgated by the convention which assembled in Richmond on June 12, 1901, be, and the same are hereby, referred to the committee of the house, and the like committee of the senate, on courts of justice; and,

(2) That article II, entitled elective franchise and qualification for office, of the sub-division of the said constitution, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the like committees of the house and senate on privileges and elections; and,

(3) That articles IV. and V., entitled legislative and executive department of the sub-division of the said constitution be, and the same are hereby, referred to the like committees of the house and senate on general laws; and

(4) That articles XII., entitled corporations, be referred to the like committees of the house and senate on roads and internal navigation, to be considered jointly with the committee on general laws; and

(5) That article VII., entitled organization and government of counties, be referred to the committees on counties, cities and towns; and that article VIII., entitled organization and government of cities and towns be, and the same is hereby, referred to the like committee of the house and senate on counties, cities and towns, to be considered jointly with courts of justice; and

(6) That article IX, entitled education and public instruction, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the committee of the house on schools and colleges, and like committees of the senate on public institutions and education; and,

(7) That article X, entitled agriculture and immigration, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the like committees of the house and senate on agriculture and mining; and,

(8) That article XI, entitled public institutions and prisons, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the committee of the house on asylums and prisons, and the like committee of the senate on public institutions; and,

(9) That article XIII, entitled taxation and finance, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the like committee of the house and senate on finance, which said committees are hereby authorized and directed to revise the statute laws under the article or articles referred to them and report by bill or otherwise such necessary changes and amendments as will conform the existing statutes to the said new constitution and to suggest such laws under the article or articles referred to them as they may deem proper, including such as may be necessary to put the new constitution into complete operation, such bills to be appropriately referred under the rules of the two houses. And that said like committees of the house and senate are authorized to sit jointly for the purpose, if in their judgment, occasion requires it. Provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed to abridge the right of individual members of offering bills on resolutions as now exercised by them.

This substitute is substantially the suggestion offered Wednesday by Mr. Folkes, save that the various committees are specified.

Mr. Edwards, in advocacy of his substitute, spoke briefly but earnestly, pointing out that it would deprive no member of his prerogatives in any way and would meet and overcome all the objections to the senate bill providing for a steering committee. It is, he said, the natural and logical method of taking up the legislation to be considered.

The house, on a viva voce vote, adopted the substitute, with but one or two dissenting voices, and this action was ordered communicated to the senate.

A joint resolution from the senate, providing for the appointment of an electoral board for the county of Rappahannock, was concurred in by the House.

The house thereupon adjourned until noon to-morrow.

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED.

These bills were introduced and referred to proper committees:

By Mr. John Whitehead, by request of the building trade councils of the city of Norfolk: A bill for the protection of mechanics' unions, laborers, etc., in strikes, lockouts, etc.

By the same: To authorize the Home for Needy Confederate Women to use for the purpose of enlarging its present buildings at Richmond or for purchasing land or for erecting new buildings on a new site the sum of $5,000, which was appropriated to it by act approved April 2, 1902, entitled an act appropriating the public revenues for the two fiscal years ending, respectively, Sept. 30, 1902, and Sept. 30, 1903.

RIPANS.

I had the worse case of dyspepsia I think a person ever had, and thanks to Ripans Tabules I am completely cured of it. I think they are the best medicine that has ever been sold.

At Druggists.

The Five-cent packet is enough for an ordinary occasion. The family bottle, 60 cts., contains a supply for a year.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

Gossip Concerning Bills, Legislators, and Incidents of Sessions.

Mrs. R. P. Bruce, wife of Senator Bruce, of Wise county, was on the floor of the Senate yesterday.

Judge E. W. Blakey, of Essex, former member of the Senate, was a visitor on the floor of the Senate yesterday.

An indefinite leave of absence was granted by the Senate to Senator George W. LeCato, on motion of Senator Lyle. Senator LeCato is ill at his home.

Senator George Wayne Anderson has been named as successor to Senator Carter Glass as a member of the capitol commission.

John B. Moon, of Albemarle, was on the floor of the Senate yesterday.

Colonel George C. Cabell, Jr., the member from Danville, will leave the city Saturday evening for Pocahontas, where he goes in response to an invitation to deliver an address to the Pythians of that town, the occasion being the memorial service. Colonel Cabell will return to his labors here on Tuesday morning.

There are several bills that will go to the new standing joint Committee on General, Special, and Private Bills. As the result of the creation of such a committee many of such bills will be found unnecessary, the courts being the proper tribunal for their relief or action asked.

The reapportionment bill has not made its appearance. Neither has Mr. Cumming, the member from Elizabeth City, who is expected to offer it. He will be here Monday, and the bill will go in soon afterwards.

The committee on the part of the House on special, general, and local bills is an excellent one. Mr. Davis, who heads it, is one of the best lawyers in either house, and is alert in attention to his duties, and tenacious of his position when he takes one.

Many of the members, who had not previously been present, were in their seats yesterday, conspicuous among them being Delegate Robert E. Lee, whose colossal figure and cheerful face make him necessarily so in any body.

Captain Arthur O. Sullivan, of Montgomery, the well-known doorkeeper of the House, was at his post yesterday, having come in from his home, where he was unavoidably delayed. He is as widely known as perhaps any man in Virginia, and knows as many of the prominent men in the State intimately as, perhaps, any other man.

Mr. Banks, the weighty member from Carroll, has had the space between his seat and desk enlarged, and can now sit at the desk.

Messrs. Duke and Scott, the Albemarle delegation, were in their seats yesterday. Mr. Duke pleaded not guilty to the harsh indictment of bachelorhood, made by the member from Henry (Mr. Gravely), and was among those who welcomed the new benedict to the unterrified order of married men. The Henry county member had reference to Mr. Boaz, the suave bachelor from the famous county. Mr. Boaz is wedded to his work.

Delegate Waddey, of Rockbridge, has a bill which he will offer in a few days, the purpose of which is to enable the State to dispose of to advantage those lands delinquent for taxes and on which the taxes due exceed in value the realty. Of course, no one will buy these lands with the liability for this excess taxation. The bill proposes to have a value placed upon such properties in order that the State may dispose of them and draw some revenue therefrom, rather than have their fictitious value constantly increasing, yet without a cent of revenue.

The general opinion is now coming to the view held all along by many that the session will be a long one, probably extending to, or even exceeding, eight months. Many of the members do not coincide in this estimate, but generally it is believed that they have not realized the volume of hard work to be done, and which must be done carefully. The two houses are now about ready to apportion the work among the committees, and when they get to work there will plenty to do.

Mr. Harry B. Owens, an ex-member of the House, who has heretofore for some time been enrolling clerk of the House, has been selected by Clerk Williams as Reading Clerk at the desk, Judge W. S. Gooch, of Louisa, taking the place in the enrolling rooms. Mr. Owens is an excellent reader, experienced in legislative procedure, and is a cultured gentleman.

Mr. Ben. P. Owen, Jr., connected with the last administration as executive secretary, was greeting friends on the floor of the House yesterday.

A number of the members have not yet come in, but it is expected that nearly all, save those granted indefinite leaves, will be here by Monday, at which time both houses will have gotten down to work.

Delegate Jennings, of Lynchburg, realizes the value of time and the uselessness of idle sessions. Whenever there is a lull in the proceedings, without good reason, he moves to adjourn. Almost invariably some member is promptly on the floor pleading for the withdrawal of the motion "for just a minute."

Considerable merriment was created in the House by the action of the presiding officer (Mr. Murrell, of Bedford, in the chair), in calling attention to the rules requiring members to remove their hats during the session. It was during a lull in the proceedings when the body was waiting idly, and Mr. John Jackson, a former member of the House, was standing in the main aisle, talking to a member, and, thinking the House in recess, had his hat on. Of course, the motion was merely a little jest at the ex-member's expense, and it was greatly enjoyed by the House. The members began to grow facetious, Mr. Folkes defending his constituent on the score of his scarcity of natural head covering, while Mr. Caton desired to know whether the rule applied to ex-members.

A GRACEFUL EXPRESSION.

His Fellow Members of the House Presented Silver Service to Delegate and Mrs. Gravely.

Immediately after adjournment of the House of Delegates yesterday the members remained in their seats for a little ceremony which proved a pleasant variation of the monotony of parliamentary routine.

It was the presentation on the part of his fellow-members of the house to Delegate W. H. Gravely and his bride of a handsome set of silverware. The delegate from Henry and his fair bride occupied a seat to the left of the rostrum on the east side of the hall.

Colonel George C. Cabell, Jr., of Danville, one of the most graceful speakers in the house, made the presentation, and spoke in his most charming and felicitous vein. In a spirit of bright badinage he humorously referred to the days of Mr. Graveley's bachelorhood and accused him of reading the most tender passages from Romeo and Juliet, Tom Moore's poetry and Lucile and quoted so liberally from these works as to give rise to the suspicion that the speaker himself was all too familiar with the poesy of the gentle passion. After this pleasantry, Colonel Cabell paid an eloquent, earnest, tribute to the member from Henry, and expressed in happy terms, the esteem in which his fellow members held him and which found small expression in the gift of silverware which he thereupon presented on behalf of the members of the house. The speaker's references to Mrs. Gravely were particularly graceful and well phrased.

Mr. Gravely, considering the embarrassment of the moment, made a most pleasing and bright response to the presentation, vying in humor with the gentleman from Danville. He could only explain the cruel references of the gentleman from Danville in welcoming him into the order of benedicts on the theory that misery loves company. The steel of his wit has found its way to my heart, said Mr. Gravely, but there is no sting, and his pleasant allusions have more more healed the wound. I am glad to say that the county of Henry is at last represented in this body. In this connection I am sorry to note that the county of Albemarle is still unrepresented and that the speaker's chair is still vacant. These references to the bachelor members provoked great laughter.

Mr. Gravely happily referred to the legislation pending in the body by informing his fellow-members that he did not now need a steering committee to lead him to the matrimonial altar. He referred to the pleasant associations of the house and the ties of friendship formed there during his service, and expressed in earnest and fitting language his appreciation of the expression of the esteem of his fellow-members, and in concluding expressed on his own part and on the part of the member from Henry" their appreciation of the handsome gift.

Both speeches were received with great laughter and applause.

After the presentation nearly every member present went forward and was presented to Mrs. Gravely. Mrs. Gravely stood the ordeal with charming grace and dignity and quite won the hearts of the members by her cordial acknowledgment of the greetings of her husband's friends.

PROVIDES FOR APPOINTING.

Important Bill in Relation to Commissioners of Revenue.

One of the most important bills introduced at the present session of the General Assembly, is that offered by Senator Lyle, of Roanoke city, on the opening day. This is entitled, "An act to amend section 92, of the Code of 1887, in relation to commissioners of the revenue so as to permit their appointment by judges of the Corporation or Circuit Courts." This bill is designed to permit present commissioners of the revenue to succeed themselves, if appointed by the courts, whereas, if elected by the people they will be ineligible to succeed themselves. The bill is one of great interest to commissioners in counties.

Section 110, of the Constitution, prescribes that "There shall be elected or appointed for four years, as the General Assembly may provide, commissioners of the revenue for each county, the number, duties and compensation of whom shall be prescribed by law; but should such commissioners of election be chosen by election by the people, then they shall be ineligible for re-election to the office for the next succeeding term."

By providing for the appointment of these commissioners by the courts, they may succeed themselves. Otherwise they must give the place to some one else after one four year term. The bill promises to provoke some debate when it comes up on report from the committee.

COMES TO A CLOSE.

END OF THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY'S CONVENTION.

PROF. W. F. FOX PRESIDENT.

Time and Place of Next Convention Left to the State Board—Splendid Address on Evangelization by Dr. Power—Pay of Financial Agent.

The convention proper of the Virginia Christian Missionary Society came to an end last night at 10 o'clock, after one of the most successful meetings in the history of the Disciples of Christ in Virginia. The meetings have all been largely attended; the interest on the part of the delegates and visitors has been wonderful; the fellowship has been of such a character as to cause the convention to be termed one of brotherly love, and the members will go away greatly strengthened and benefited for the work of the coming year.

The past year has been one of the best in the history of the society, and the new year will be commenced with a neat balance in hand for immediate uses and with upwards of $6,000 in a permanent trust fund.

The election of officers was had yesterday, Prof. W. F. Fox again being elected president. The time and place for the convention for next year was, upon the suggestion of the committee appointed for that purpose, left to the State Board for determination.

Dr. F. D. Power, of Washington, delighted an immense audience last night with a splendid address on "Evangelization." The effort was characteristic of the speaker, and was up to the standard expected of him. It contained much good advice as to the manner in which the church of to-day should be conducted.

After Dr. Power had concluded his address, Rev. Carey E. Morgan set about to secure pledges sufficient to pay the salary of the financial agent of the society for the coming year. The responses were liberal and ready, and the $1,200 paid to the agent will not be a matter of further concern to the State Board.

THE MORNING SESSION.

Shortly after 9 o'clock yesterday a small company of people joined in what was known as the quiet-hour service. Rev. J. D. Hamaker, of Strasbur, Va., led the convention in this meeting of praise and thanksgiving to the Great Head of the Church for His blessings during the past and supplication for renewed favors in the years that are yet to come. Hymns were sung and prayer was offered by different ministers in attendance.

At 9:30 many more people had come into the spacious auditorium and President W. J. Cox assumed the duties of the chair. Hymn 842, "Sound the Battle Cry," was sung with vim, after which reports from the field were heard. Close attention was given to the remarks of these brethren on the progress made by the Christian Church in the State of Virginia. Rev. W. J. Hall, an evangelist from Gordonsville, was the first to speak. Mr. Hall has labored extensively in the Piedmont section and spoke in a strong manner regarding the needs of that section. He said this circuit is woefully lacking in good church buildings. Many church edifices have been recently repaired, but much remains to be done in this field of labor.

Rev. I. I. Chestnut, of Fredericksburg, spoke of a grand meeting which had been conducted in that town, and was very hopeful of large results in the near future.

Rev. H. D. Coffey, of the New River district, in a very interesting manner, told of his labors in that section.

The demands of the work in the Valley district was represented by Rev. D. S. Henkel, who has spent much of his time during the past year working on that district.

Rev. C. E. Elmore, pastor of the South Piedmont churches, declared that the need of his district is good church buildings.

Rev. C. O. Woodward, pastor of the Christian church of Petersburg, said that the cause of his people in that city had been injured by a former pastor, who had assumed a bad attitude toward the sister denominations. He said that this pastor had a habit of telling people of other churches with whom he come in contact that they were 'on their way to hell." This sporit of bigotry had done much to prejudice the people of the city against his little congregation, but, said Mr. Woodward, "we are overcoming this prejudice, and all is now more hopeful."

Rev. F. F. Bullard, of Lynchburg, Va., spoke of the good efforts made by the Disciples in Bedford City, and Rev. Mr. Owen commented upon the need of more workers in the Southwestern District of the State.

At 10:30 an address was delivered by Rev. Stephen Morton, of Wytheville, on "How to Increase the Evangelistic Spirit in Virginia."

Mr. Morton presented in a vigorous manner the claims of domestic missions on the hearts and consciences of the people.

Rev. C. O. Woodward, of Petersburg, a young minister of great promise, next addressed the large audience on "Virginia's Needs," and he was followed by Rev. H. D. Coffey, from the New River District, whose theme was "How to Hold a Successful Meeting."

"Love for God," he said, "is an indispensable prerequisite to successful meetings; but," he remarked, " system and skilled organization are essential elements of success. We must call to God for help; we must seek His guidance continually, but we must work ourselves and get others to work if the cause is to have free course."

Rev. Robert E. Elmore, of Tazewell, delivered a speech at 10:45 A. M. replete with patriotic sentiments.

Rev. A. P. Phelps, of Augusta, Ga., delivered an able and interesting address on "Church Extension Among the Disciples.' Thus closed the morning session.

THE WOMEN TO-DAY.

The session to-day will bring the convention to a close. The entire day—three sessions—will be given wholly to the work of the women—the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, auxiliaries of the whole State. The sessions will be conducted by Miss Ellen Kent, of Louisa, who is the State president. The evening portion of the program will be one of the most interesting parts of the entire convention, because Mrs. Birdie Farrar Omer, formerly of this city, but now of Ashville, N. C., will be the chief speaker. The announcement that Mrs. Omer will be on the program means that the large auditorium of the Seventh-Street Church will be filled to the doors, even standing room being at a premium.

The women have a large amount of work to dispose of, and most of the members of the convention will remain over to participate in the proceedings. Few of the delegates will leave the city before to-night, but by noon to-morrow most of them will have gone to their homes.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 P. M., devotional service, led by C. E. Elmore.

The committee, by its chairman, made its report.

The Committee on Ways and Means made its report.

The Committee on Time and Place for Next Meeting of the Convention was referred to the State Board for its consideration.

The Committee on Nominations named the following persons as constituting the State Board: President, W. F. Fox; First Vice-President, J. S. Ellett, Second Vice-President, C. E. Richards; Treasurer, T. A. Carey; Auditor, F. T. Sutton; Secretary, E. N. Newman. Dr. Rowland Walker, M. M. Orndorff, T. W. Bond, C. H. Walker, J. R. McWane, G. W. Gillespie, L. C. Shelburne, T. A. Spencer, A. J. Renforth, Carey E. Morgan, and Frank Marshall, members of the State Board, in addition to the officers named, named.

The Committee on Enrolment reports that they find the following members present: Life directors, 2; life members, 5; annual members, 2; delegates, 115; visitors, 114. Total, 238.

Rev. B. P. Smith, State Superintendent of Sunday Schools, made a brief statement of the condition of the schools. Schools reported, 139. This report, however, is not full. Scholars, 10,812; collected, $5,976.65; Valley District, the best organized; the schools, as a rule, in good condition.

Rev. Richard Bagby addressed the convention on the subject "Reverence in the Sunday-School." He thought the minister in charge should do all in his power to inspire the school with a keen sense of reverence. The superintendent should be selected with a view to his capacity to impress the school with this idea of reverence. The teachers, by their own demeanor of character, should give to the schools an example to follow after. The song service may do much to cultivate this virtue. Avoid as much as possible the frivolous selection of songs, and prayers should always be short and simple.

The importance of Sunday-school work was discussed by Rev. F. F. Bullard. He thought this perhaps the most important service in the church. Preachers are wont to think their sermons the most important, but often the Lord Jesus is made much more real in the work of the Sunday-school. The seed sown in the soil of the infant mind is more likely to take effect and produce fruit than the sermon intended for the more advanced in life.

Mr. B. F. Johnson addressed the convention on Sunday-school work. He argued that every class should have a table. The programme should be changed each week. He said the Bible should be taught even to exclusion of the Quarterlies. The name, he said, should be the Bible-school.

Quite a number of questions were asked Mr. Johnson and answered quite intelligently, showing great familiarity with the work.

Some Convention Chat.

Dr. Power, who delighted the large audience last night, is pastor of Garfield Memorial church, in Washington. For twenty-eight years he has been located with this congregation, turning a deaf ear to calls from the best churches in the country among the Disciples. He is a great man, and has enough titles—that he does not use—that would make the average brother happy. He is simply F. D. Power, and his friends frequently refer to him as "Fred Power."

Rev. D. S. Henkel, pastor of a group of small churches in the Valley, was for many years a practicing attorney. He represented the Tenth Senatorial District one term in the Senate. Mr. Henkel is accomplishing a great work in Harrisonburg, where a new church has been established during the past few months.

Rev. L. M. Omer, for several years pastor of the Third Christian church in this city, before the present edifice was erected, is attending the convention. He is located now at Asheville, N. C.

Rev. B. H. Melton, who began his work last Sunday as pastor of the Marshall-Street church, is rapidly growing in favor, and made many new friends during the convention. The Disciples of the city are expecting great things from him.

Rev. Daniel E. Motley, president of the Christian College, which was established at Washington last summer, spoke last night in the interest of this college, which is making all the progress that could be hoped for.

Rev. Landon A. Cutler, one of the oldest preachers in the State in point of service, is enjoying the meeting. Mr. Cutler ministered to Marshall-Street church some years ago, and is well and favorably known in the city.

Miss Ellen Kent, who will direct the deliberations of the women's meeting to-day, is a graceful presiding officer, and the sessions of the C. W. B. M. are always greatly enjoyed by those who attend them.

The attendance upon the convention from outside of the city is about 250, just about the same it was last year.

The visitors greatly enjoyed the address yesterday afternoon made by Mr. B. F. Johnson during the Sunday-school session. Much was expected of Mr. Johnson, and his efforts have been greatly lauded since they were made.

The past year has been a great one with the society. It has had 18 men at work during the year. They worked 3,193 days, and preached 1,910 sermons, and made 4,350 visits in their work. The total number of additions were 1,170. These figures, of course, only include the result of the work done by men paid by the society, and not that by others in the State, whose work, if reported, would probably bring the whole number of additions up to 3,000 or 4,000 for the whole year.

Rev. H. D. Coffey, one of the evangelists of the society, preached 235 sermons during the year, and reported a total of 279 additions through his efforts.

Evangelist W. H. Boor, who is well known in Richmond, and who has been preaching for several years at Martinsville, Henry county, has recently been called to Bluefield, W. Va. He has not yet announced what he will do with the call.

The State Board enters the new fiscal year with a balance of $721.23 on hand in the general fund, and nearly $7,000 in the trust fund.

The society has on hand a sum sufficient for the purchase of a lot for a new church in Staunton, which, in all probability, will be established during the coming year.

A PRINCE WILLIAM WEDDING.

Marriage of Mr. D. J. Simms and Miss Elizabeth Simonds.

MANASSAS, VA., November 13.—(Special.)—Another beautiful wedding took place at the Baptist church to-night at 7:30 o'clock. The contracting parties were Mr. D. J. Simms, of Warrenton, Va., and Miss Elizabeth Simonds, of Upper Marlboro, Md. The best man was Mr. William Simms, brother to the groom, and the ushers were Messrs. James Bocock and F. M. Dooley, of Washington; W. K. and J. J. Davies, of Manassas, and E. E. Simms, of Warrenton. The maid of honor was Miss Jesse Simonds, sister to the bride. The party entered the church to the sweet strains of the wedding chorus from "Lohengrin," played by Miss Ethel Maddox, of Manassas. The happy pair took the 8:30 train for a tour north. Mr. Simms was private secretary to General W. H. Payne, attorney for the Southern railway, and since General Payne's resignation he has been employed in the law department of the Southern railway, in Washington. The bride is the daughter of Mr. John T. Simonds, the former manager of the magnificent farm and park property of Robert Portner, near this place. Mr. Simonds and his family of three beautiful daughters made many friends during their residence here, and all were prominently connected with the local Baptist church.

Danville Tobacco Market.

DANVILLE, VA., November 13.—(Special.)—The tobacco market was quite active to-day. Prices were well maintained on all grades. Wrappers are still in demand, and commanding high prices. The various grades of wrappers ranged in price from 10 to 60 cents. Prices on other grades were stationary.

To Pay for Rectory.

The vestry of Christ Episcopal church obtained permission in the Circuit Court Wednesday to borrow $1,200. The money will be used to pay for the rectory recently bought. The rectory, No. 2118 Venable street, adjoins the church. It was bought and $300 was paid in cash and the balance was borrowed to make the final payment.

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BAPTISTS IN SESSION

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mitted to the association, and showed the largest contributions ever made. The total contributions from the churches to the several boards were as follows:

State missions	$19,865 51
Sunday-School and Bible Board	6,123 53
Education Board	4,313 42
Foreign Missions	26,287 40
Home Missions	13,954 41
Ministers' Relief Fund	3,940 35
Baptist Orphanage	20,559 39
Total	$95,042 21

The report also gave the contributions by associations. The Dover Association to which the Richmond churches belong, led all others with contributions aggregating $16,954.23, and the Portsmouth Association, including the churches of Norfolk, Portsmouth, Petersburg, and Suffolk, came next with $13,149.87. These two associations always go far beyond the others as they include so many city churches.

The Country Association.

Among the county associations the Rappahannock is in the lead with contributions aggregating $6,163.53 and the Goshen is next with $4,040.96. Another association that did remarkably well is the Accomac, which although one of the smallest in the State, gave $4,000.

The contributions to the various boards were in every single case larger this year than last. The contributions to State missions rose from $15,000 to nearly $20,000; those to foreign missions from $23,000 to $26,000 and so on for the rest. The only apparent exception is that the orphanage reports $20,559.99 against $[illegible],193.55 last year. But the latter includes a special gift of $10,000, so there is an actual gain of nearly $2,000 in the current collections.

"An Exile from Virginia."

Dr. W. R. L. Smith, of Richmond, called attention to the presence of one of the exiles from Virginia, Rev. Lansing Burrows, of Nashville, Tenn., who upon being recognized by the president, responded in a characteristic speech. He said the first meeting of the General Association he ever attended was held in Richmond in 1865, when as a lad he reported its proceedings for the press. Among other visitors who were recognized were Rev. J. T. Eager, of Louisville, former missionary to Italy, now financial agent for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Professor W. O. Carver, of the same institution, and Rev. E. A. Jackson, of Bahia, Brazil.

In the afternoon session during a discussion of the work of home missions mention was made of the prolonged and extreme illness of Dr. J. T. Tichenor, of Atlanta, so long the secretary of the Home Board. This called forth eloquent tributes from Drs. J. B. Hawthorne, H. W. Battle, and J. S. Dill.

MINISTERS' RELIEF FUND.

The report of the trustees and treasurer of the Baptist ministers' relief fund was read by the president, Mr. T. H. Ellett, of Richmond, and contained the following items of interest.

The receipts of the board from the churches during the year amounted to $3,947.95, an increase of $723.15 over receipts last year. The receipts from all sources for the year aggregated $5,243, which was an increase over last year of $814.23. The benefactions of the year amounted to $4,715, an increase of $135 over last year. The disbursements exceeded by $767.05 the receipts from the churches.

During the year the number of persons assisted by the board was sixty-five. Three of the beneficiaries have died and five new ones have been added since the last annual report was suomitted.

The report was ably discussed by Dr. B. Turpin, of Charlottesville, and Mr. L. E. Barton, of Suffolk.

THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

At the evening session, in the absence of Dr. E. W. Winfrey, the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Wildman, of South Boston. He more than met the expectations of the great throng of people, preaching an exceedingly strong and thoughtful sermon.

Dr. W. E. Hatcher of Richmond, read the report on the Virginia Baptist Orphanage, located at Roanoke. This is still a very young institution, but it is already the most valuable possession of the Virginia Baptists, excepting Richmond College alone. Besides valuable real estate, it has about $50,000 worth of buildings. It is the most complete orphanage in the State, and has 130 children.

During the past year the administration building, which is the central and most important one, has been completed at a cost of about $26,000, and the cottage erected by the Portsmouth Baptist Association, designed for very small children, is rapidly approaching completion. The orphanage has a well equipped farm, a work shop, a knitting mill, and other industrial equipment and appliances designed especially to give the children such training as will enable them to earn a living after leaving the institution.

The receipts for the year have been larger than ever before, being upwards of $12,000 for current expenses and some $8,000 for building and permanent improvement.

It was announced that the board this morning re-elected president of the orphanage for the coming year.

Rev. W. V. Savage, after making a stirring speech, took a collection of more than a thousand dollars for equipping the administration building.

A Lynchburg Wedding.

LYNCHBURG, VA., November 13.—(Special.)—At 9 o'clock last night, at Epiphany Episcopal church, in the presence of a large congregation, Miss Henrie Candler was married to Mr. Alfred H. Blencowe.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. H. Lacey, the rector, and Mrs. Minnegerode presided at the organ. Messrs. G. E. Ross and John Jenks were the ushers. Miss Mary Lacey was maid of honor, and Mr. W. T. Harnsberger, best man. The bride was escorted to the altar by her brother, Mr. Wallace Candler, who gave her away. She wore a brown-cloth travelling suit, while her maid of honor was dressed in white organdie, with hat to match. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Cornelia Candler, of West Lynchburg, and is a very attractive young lady. The groom is the well-known Eleventh-street photographer.

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