



The trouble with the Hun is that he has been looking at himself in a curved mirror and his first glance into a straight one naturally is something of a shock.

## A MEMORABLE GATHERING OF THE BAPTISTS

Atlanta, Ga., May 30.—There has just been brought to a close one of the most remarkable of all gatherings of Baptists, the 64th annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention with 4,200 delegates in attendance. Atlanta, the beautiful, with its fifty-two Baptist churches, opened wide its doors to these guests, and for days Atlanta's population was largely Baptist. This remarkable gathering saw the inception of several tremendous movements along religious and educational lines, and fully demonstrated the fact that Baptists of the south are alive to the present world situation and the opportunities along the lines of world evangelization.

A proposition to raise \$15,000,000 in five years for home and foreign missions, education, hospitals, sanitariums and orphanages gripped the great convention in a mighty manner and without a dissenting voice they voted to adopt the extensive programme, and determined to get behind it with a great scheme of publicity which would assure its success.

Another far-reaching decision was that to call an all American Baptist conference of Baptists from North, South, Canada, Mexico and Jamaica to consider reconstruction problems.

Union Rejected.

Perhaps one of the most important questions coming before the convention, and around which waged the most spirited debate was that of the inter-church world movement. Dr. J. Campbell White, of New York, in an able manner addressed the gathering as an advocate of federation. It was expected that J. R. Mott would accompany Mr. White. The president of the convention, Dr. J. B. Hambrick, of Texas, and one of the most predominating personalities of the south, opposed most vigorously the idea of church union, and the proposed federation of churches for a programme of world activity. The sentiments of Dr. Hambrick were made the expression of the convention. When the matter came to a vote only three out of the thousands of delegates voted in favor of any union movement. A volume of applause, with storm of laughter and many "amen"s greeted the veteran president's comment on the question when he said: "We Baptists never ride a horse without a bridle." The attitude of the Baptists of the south was very unmistakable.

Invitations for the 1920 meeting were extended from Birmingham (Ala.), and Richmond (Va.), but a decision was reached in favor of Washington (D. C.), at the First Church whose pastor is Dr. Henry Allen Tupper.

Pledge One-Tenth.

A pleasant feature, following an address by H. M. Wolfe, millionaire cotton broker of Texas, who has made many large gifts to various activities and institutions, was the pledging by some 200 wealthy business men of one-tenth of their estates to be used in financing work at home and abroad.

One of the most impressive and enjoyable features of the convention was the outpouring of vocal harmony that made the very rafters shake. Old and new songs were rendered with a spirit and volume that was nothing short of inspiring.

The Women's Missionary Union met at the same time as the S. B. convention, and showed great strides in missionary effort during the last year; the women of the societies having contributed the sum of \$82,445. Fine organization, accuracy of statements, clearness of reports, and business-like activity marked all their sessions and there was interest and inspiration in every feature of their full programme.

In a similar spirit to that expressed by the men of the convention the Baptist women expressed themselves by resolution unanimously against church unionization.

One of the most prominent pastors of

the entertaining city is Dr. H. A. Porter, a New Brunswick man, and a brother of Rev. F. S. Porter formerly of St. John. Some "snapshots" of various men the Atlanta Journal has the following:

"Dr. Henry Alford Porter, pastor of the Second Baptist church, Atlanta, youthful in appearance and slight of stature, is one of the most popular men of the convention. His address of welcome was a gem. It was bright, eloquent, inspiring, lofty in thought. As a platform speaker and after-dinner talker, Dr. Porter can hardly be excelled. He is pastor of a great church. It is 'Second' in name only; it is one of the commanding churches of the convention."

The convention decided to invite David Lloyd George, premier of Great Britain, to address their gathering in 1920.

## THROUGH THE LAND OF SHAKESPEARE

Writing of Shakespeare, Donald G. Mitchell, in "Lands, Letters and Kings," says:

"His journeyings to and fro, probably on horseback, may have taken him by way of Edgell, and into Banbury (of 'Banbury Cross' fame); or, more likely, he would have followed the valley of the Stour by Shipston, and thence up the hills to Chipping-Norton, and skirting Woodstock Forest, which still darkens a twelve-mile stretch of land upon the right, and so by Ditchley and the great Woodstock Park, into Oxford. I recall these names, and the succession of scenes the more distinctly, for the reason that some forty years ago I went over the whole stretch of road from Windsor to Stratford on foot, staying the nights at wayside inns and lurching at little, mossy hostels, some of which the poet may possibly have known, and looking out wonderingly and reverently for glimpses of wood, or field, or flood, that he have caught the embodiment of his verse. It was worth getting up betimes to verify such lines as these:

"Full many a glorious morning have I seen  
Kissing with golden face the meadows green,  
Gilding pale streams with heavenly alchemy;  
For those old times, telling how the gentle  
Dapples the drowsy East with spots of gray."

Again, there was delightful outlook for  
... a bank whereon the wild  
thyme blows  
Where oxlips and the nodding violet  
grows;  
... perhaps, it was the  
"Summer's green," all girded up in  
sheaves

that caught the eye; or yet again, the  
picturesque hedgerows, which  
"Like prisoners overgrown with hair  
Put forth disorderly twigs,"  
and these flanked by some  
... even mead, which erst  
brought sweetly forth  
The freckled cowslip, burnet, and  
green clover."

"What a wondrous light upon all the landscape, along all the courses of his country journeyings! Nor can I forbear to tell how such illumination once made pay for me all the long foot-tramp from Chipping-Norton to Stratford—past Long Compton, and past Shipston (with lunch at the Royal George)—past Atherton church, and thence along the lovely Stour banks, and some weary miles of grassy level, till the spirit of Trinity rose shimmering in the late sunlight, afterward copes of elms, and willows clearly distinguishable, and throwing afternoon shadows on the silvery stretch of the Avon; then came sight of hay boats, and of Clopton bridge, over which I strolled foot-weary, into streets growing dim in the twilight; coming thus, by a traveler's chance, into the court of the Red Horse Tavern, and into its little back parlor, where after dinner one was served by the gracious hostess with a copy of Irving's 'Sketch Book' (its Stratford chapter all tattered and thumb-worn). In short, I had the rare good fortune to stumble upon the very inn where Geoffrey Crayon was quartered



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## THE VALLEY RAILWAY.

The Gagetown-Westfield section of the Valley railway will be finished by August 1, and it is expected that trains will be running from Fredericton to St. John over the new line by that date. The Dominion government has been notified that the Fredericton-Westfield line will be handed over to the Canadian National Railways for operation under the agreement between the provincial and dominion governments on August 1. St. John will then have a direct connection with the National Transcontinental in the Gulf of Finland, was the second of Mrs. Toner, whose husband died about a month ago.

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## MUTT AND JEFF—JEFF'S WASTING HIS TIME; HE OUGHT TO BE SELLING OIL STOCKS

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