

Your Committee, to whom was referred the application of Mr. Wiltshire, on behalf of the Bahamas Baptist Union, for affiliation with our Convention, report as follows:

We have corresponded with both Bro. Wiltshire and Bro. Dann, Superintendents of the two Unions into which the Baptists of the Bahamas are divided, and have had other information before us. We have reached the conclusion that it is impossible to comply with Bro. Wiltshire's request without seeming to pass judgment on the merits of the controversy between Bro. Wiltshire and the British Baptist Missionary Society and the issues between the two sections of the Bahamas Baptists. This would demand a more careful investigation than can be conducted at a distance, even though it were thought wise to make the attempt. We also are of opinion, with the work which is now putting upon us its urgent demands, that we cannot at present undertake any larger responsibilities. We therefore think it would be inexpedient to consider favorably the request conveyed by Bro. Wiltshire. At the same time, we give our hearty sympathy to all who are struggling to uphold and advance the work of the Lord in the Bahama Islands, and hope and pray that God's blessing may rest upon the Baptist churches there and the work they are doing.

Respectfully submitted,

C. GOODSPEEP, Chairman.

This, on motion, was adopted.

The question of the change of time of meeting of Convention from spring to autumn being brought forward, after some discussion the following resolution was, on motion, carried:

Moved by Bro. J. P. McEwen, seconded by Bro. A. Murdoch, that the Convention meet the third week in October, 1900. Carried. This was supplemented by a motion that the first session be the first Monday night of the third week in October. Carried.

An invitation having been received from the brethren of the First Baptist Church in Woodstock, to meet with them in 1900, the invitation was, on motion of Bro. T. S. Johnson, seconded by Bro. E. Harris, most heartily accepted.

After prayer for Divine guidance, the discussion on the "Forward Movement" was resumed. Many participated, when the discussion was adjourned with a motion by Bro. John Firstbrook, which carried, as follows: "That the Committee be requested to further consider the matter of the 'Forward Movement', and that the following brethren, viz.:—E. Harris, D. E. Thomson, T. S. Johnson, W. E. Norton, J. J. Baker, be requested to confer with the Committee and report to this Convention."

Meeting adjourned with benediction by ———.