

Baptist World Alliance Meets

Camden, N. J., June 21, 1911.
Editor The Citizen,
Honesdale, Pa.
Dear Sir:

Through the kindness of Tyler Hill and Damascus friends who gave me a graduating present of a trip to Philadelphia, I am attending the sessions of the Baptist World Alliance in the Baptist Temple, Broad and Berks streets, of which Dr. Russell H. Conwell is pastor. On Monday of last week the Northern Baptist convention, a delegated body representing the great North and West, met and continued until Sunday evening. Rev. and Mrs. R. D. Minch and daughters, Miriam and Alice, came with me. Our principal, Harry Pethick, came with us as far as New York from which place he went to Middletown, Conn., to attend the commencement exercises of Wesleyan University. Mr. Pethick, contrary to his original intention, expects to return to Damascus for another year.

We arrived at Camden, N. J., about five o'clock where we parted with the ladies of the party who went on to Bridgton that night. We stopped at the home of Joseph Jarvis on River Avenue, an old friend of Mr. Minch's.

On Thursday and Friday we attended all the sessions of the convention. Thursday morning Dr. Saxe, superintendent of Education, spoke on the "Dominant Purpose in Our Work for the Negroes." His speech was followed by brief addresses by President A. C. Osborne and President L. G. Barrett. Thursday afternoon came the election of officers and several missionaries spoke on the work being done for our Spanish Speaking Neighbors. A native-born Porto Rican and a native-born Cuban addressed the audience. In the evening there were two fine addresses, one on the "Conservation and Reinvigoration of Our Country Churches" and the other on the "Conservation in the Great Cities" by Dr. H. G. Beeman, Iowa, and Dr. C. H. Eaton, New York.

Friday was chiefly devoted to the missionaries. The general business of the American Baptist Foreign Missionary society was attended to in the morning, the afternoon being consumed by brief addresses by foreign missionaries of both sexes. An interesting feature was a short address by a Burmese girl, who then sang a song that her father had composed. One minister said that the total outlay in mission work in Burma was fully justified if it produced but this one girl. Friday evening, after the addresses of the program, the new appointees to foreign lands were introduced, and each one told how his attention had been drawn to the foreign missionary work.

Having attended two days' full sessions we were pretty tired and we stayed home Saturday. In the afternoon, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Minch and myself went to Fairmount Park to see a Polo game.

On Sunday evening the Northern Baptist convention adjourned.

Monday afternoon the Baptist World Alliance was called to order by the President, Dr. John Clifford, of London, England, who led the devotional exercises. Then followed addresses of welcome and responses. Dr. Russell H. Conwell presided. Among the addresses of welcome was a welcome to the city by Hon. John E. Keyburn, Mayor of Philadelphia. Great enthusiasm was shown by the audience throughout the session. Monday evening was the roll call of the Nations. One of each delegation made a three-minute speech in reply, which was followed by a hymn by the whole delegation in their own language.

Tuesday morning Dr. Clifford as president made an address which the audience cheered with deafening applause. Handkerchiefs were waved by nearly every member of the congregation and Dr. Clifford had to rise to thank the audience. He said with tears in his eyes that he now saw the reason the Americans did so many things great things. His wonderful address was followed by two talks on the "Sufficiency of the Gospel," first, "For the Salvation of the Individual," and secondly, "For the Salvation of Society."

Tuesday afternoon there was a mass meeting in the interest of Young People's Work. The business meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union of America was held at 5 o'clock in the Memorial Baptist Church, Broad and Master streets.

Tuesday evening the special chairman was E. Y. Mullen, Kentucky. The addresses of the evening were on "Vital Experience of God." J. Moffatt of England, spoke on the subject "No Authoritative Creed," and A. T. Robertson, Kentucky, spoke on the "Spiritual Interpretation of the Ordinances," which was applauded heartily. Among other things Mr. Robertson spoke of "Church Unification." He said that the Baptists would meet any denomination half way in the river Jordan.

One of the greatest actions of the Northern Baptist convention was the voting in of the denomination of Free Will Baptists into the Baptist church. The former denomination consists of 87,000 communicants who will now be included in the Baptist church membership.

With all respect to The Citizen, its readers, its lost Kick editor, and Solid Ivory Splivins, I close

Yours very truly,
ORVILLE A. WELSH.

The Citizen will publish in each issue of the week one of the essays or declamations, which formed part of the Commencement exercises of the Honesdale High school for the benefit of those who were unable to be present at the exercises.

The following oration was delivered by Miss Doherty at the recent high school commencement. Her subject was "Heroines of American History."

"On the pages of ancient history, there is scarcely a line given to the heroic deeds of women. In the annals of Greece, the wife of a philosopher has obtained a place, through many trials, and Rome has slightly lifted the veil from the mother of the Gracchi. Among the pagans, women lived in the lowest degradation; the American Indian placed his burden on her shoulders and walked on with his quiver and his tomahawk; beneath the burning skies of Africa she crouches before her judges, waiting, yes, longing for death; in India she plunged her female infants into the Ganges that they might escape her bitter lot.

"Christianity has changed the scene; the sway of brute force has softened; she is now honored and respected; caring for the wounded and dying; entering unrebuked the fields of science and literature, adding a new volume to the history of the world. 'Joan of Arc' and 'the dark-eyed maid of Saragossa' shall in the future be the chivalric watch words of France and Spain, but not less worthy of record are the names of many American heroines, who by their noble lives and deeds have won the hearts of their countrymen.

"We find a prophecy of what American women were to be in the brave Indian maiden, Pocahontas, who threw herself upon the condemned Smith, exclaiming: 'I claim the Indian right.' Her request being granted, Smith returned to the little colony unharmed. Later when the white men were threatened with famine she carried corn to them each day, carefully guarding the germ of a mighty nation.

"The germ struggled and grew; others were planted beside it and in a few years demanded the rights given to other Englishmen. When they declared themselves independent they needed a new flag. Again a woman's wit was exemplified in Betty Ross who in her humble home in Philadelphia designed that beautiful emblem of freedom which has ever since floated over our land honored by every nation.

"Contemporary with the mother of our flag were Mary and Martha Washington, the mother and wife of our victorious first chief, the one having moulded the character of a noted hero, fitting him to become the father of a great republic, the other having accompanied him through all the trials and hardships of his late life, presiding with unsurpassable dignity, as the matron of a nation. During these same years Abigail Adams, an Aspasia of the revolution, was moulding the character of her son, training him to devote his life to his country. Silently urging him on she prayed for wisdom to guide him to victory and one is led to ask whether with such a mother, John Quincy Adams could help becoming a noble-minded man; whether he could help fitting himself to fill the highest office in the gift of his country. We are also indebted to Dolly Madison, for our most precious document. When the British destroyed the capital at Washington she broke the glass case containing the declaration of independence and fled from the building.

"In times of war American women have ever been present on the battlefields and in the prisons; have penetrated the lines of the enemy on dangerous missions, showing how near to their hearts was the honor of their country.

"During the Revolution, at the time General Green retreated before Lord Rawden from 'Ninety-Six,' he was desirous of sending a message to General Sumter then on the Santee, to take a position in front of the enemy who were retreating toward Orangeburg, but no one seemed willing to undertake so hazardous a journey, the scouts of the enemy being stationed all around them. At length Emily Geiger, eighteen years of age, volunteered her services. The delighted general communicated the contents of the letter to her, fearing she might lose it on the way. While going through swampy woods she was arrested by a band of Tories and confined in a room of a nearby house until a woman could be brought to search her person. When left alone she ate the letter piece by piece, so when the matron made the search nothing was found and she was allowed to continue her journey. In a short time she reached the American camp, delivered the verbal message to General Sumter who soon joined the main army at Orangeburg.

When the British army held possession of Philadelphia, the Adjutant General obtained a room for private conference in the home of Lydia Barrak, a member of the Society of Friends. One evening when the family had been ordered to retire early she became suspicious and listened at the keyhole, learning that the British troops were to march out on a certain evening and attack Washington's army then stationed at White Marsh. The next morning she informed her family that she would go to Frankfurt for flour. She easily secured a pass through the British lines from General Howe and leaving her order at the mill hastened toward the American lines.

Quickly delivering her message she returned with the flour and anxiously awaited the result. The British troops marched out as ordered but, much to their surprise, found Washington's cannon mounted and his troops prepared to receive them.

Often were American women present on the battlefield, carrying water to the soldiers, bearing the wounded from the field, even taking their places in the fight. During the battle of Monmouth a gunner named Pitcher was killed and when call

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F. B. CRAIG.



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Having held the office of Register and Recorder myself and also served as deputy under Emerson W. Gammell, under a small salary, I have tried to serve the people well who had business to do at this office, and I now ask the support of the Republicans of Wayne county and my friends, who have always been loyal to me in the past to again support me and if nominated will do everything I can in an honorable way to secure my election. I am well known, and assure you that if I am again placed in that office I will personally attend to the business of the office.

Yours truly,
F. B. CRAIG.

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announces himself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff on the Republican ticket, subject to the decision of the primaries. 3612.

was made for some one to take his place, his wife who had followed him to the field of conflict, stepped forward and offered her services. Her bravery and fidelity drew the attention of Washington who later conferred on her a lieutenant's commission.

The heart of every patriotic boy and girl is thrilled by the tale of Barbara Frietchie, so beautifully told by Whittier. How, as the army of Frederick, had for a second time cut the Stars and Stripes from the silken scarf and shook it out the attic window saying: 'Shoot if you must this old gray head, but spare your country's flag!' A blush of shame painted the leader's face, she had touched his heart. 'Who touches a hair on your gray head, dies like a dog! March on!'

Far more numerous are those women who have labored in silence, and whose initials, like the builders of the pyramids, are lost. They have all struggled to give the eagle of liberty a home on our mountain tops, to gain for America the station she holds to-day. On their brow we should place a starry crown, and honor them as the queens of our glorious union.

May Retain Clerkship

The following from the Scranton Tribune-Republican will be of interest to Mr. Searle's many friends in Wayne county:

Things have so shaped themselves in the past two months, that it is not certain now that E. R. W. Searle will leave the office of Federal court clerk to make place for a successor to be named by Judge C. B. Witmer, who took Judge R. W. Archbald's place, when Judge Archbald ascended to the United States Court of Commerce. County Controller E. A. Jones has been mentioned for the place and the understanding has been that he would supplant Clerk Searle some time in

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Midsummer, not later than August 1st.

It now develops that influences are working to keep Clerk Searle in the office. It is understood that Judge Archbald, who appointed him, is doing his best to have him continued. Judge Witmer, it is said, wished to have the appointing of his own clerk, but is not asserting himself to let affairs drift until later in the summer.

Controller Jones was practically assured of the appointment when changes were made in Federal court incident to the resignation of Judge Archbald and the elevation of Mr. Witmer to succeed him. The appointment of a clerk would have been made when the appointments were announced, it was said, were it not that the State Republican leaders concluded to retain for a time one old official acquainted with office routine. Judge Archbald, it has said, has been busy in an effort to have Clerk Searle retained permanently.

The office has been good for \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year, but it will not be so fat after January 1 next. It will then pay a fixed salary of \$3,500 a year, but good practically for life. Under the fee system the clerk received the fees of three courts virtually, as fees came from the offices in Williamsport, Harrisburg and Scranton, three cities in which the court sits.

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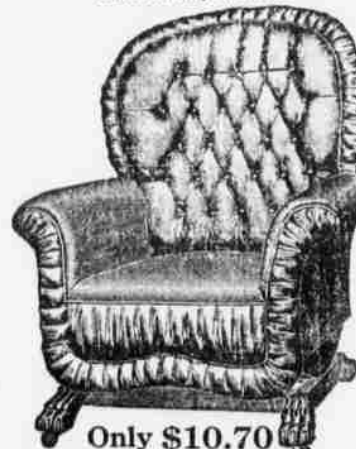
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