Baptist Congress
Proceedings Collection
AR 40

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Summary
Main Entry: Baptist Congress Proceedings Collection

Date Span: 1885 – 1912

Abstract: Collection contains papers, addresses, and discussions from Baptist Congress meetings. Title page of proceedings includes list of speakers and topics. Baptist intellectual think tank from 1882 – 1912 and forum for theological, social, and ethical discussions and debates among members of Baptist churches. Modeled after the Episcopal Church Congress and existed to “promote a healthful sentiment among Baptists through free and courteous discussion of current questions by suitable persons.”

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Biographical Sketch
The Baptist Congress, a pioneering Baptist intellectual think tank and forum for theological, social, and ethical discussions and debates among members of Baptist churches, existed from 1882 to 1912. The need for an intellectual outlet through which Baptists from various traditions could discuss important and relevant issues of the time was first proposed by Providence, Rhode Island pastor Elias Henry Johnson. Johnson and thirteen other prominent Baptist scholars met in New York City November 29, 1881 and held an informal discussion panel on germane topics. At the meeting, Johnson officially proposed the formation of a Baptist Congress. The first official meeting of the organization was held in Brooklyn, New York in 1882. The Baptist Congress met annually for the next thirty years across the United States and Canada, with the exception of 1891 when no meeting was held. Due to decreasing attendance, the Baptist Congress held its last meeting in Ithaca, New York in 1912. Modeled after the Episcopal Church Congress, the Baptist Congress was first called the Baptist Autumnal Conference before changing its name to the Baptist Congress in 1885. According to Baptist Congress proceedings, the assembly met in the decades of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries to “promote
a healthful sentiment among Baptists through free and courteous discussion of current questions by suitable persons.” For active participants of the association at the turn of the twentieth century, the Baptist Congress was the most vital avenue for the expression of Baptist intellectualism of its time. Several prominent Baptist scholars actively participating in the Baptist Congress proceedings included Thomas Armitage, Lansing Burrows, William Owen Carver, Amzi Clarence Dixon, Thomas Treadwell Eaton, Norman Fox, James Bruton Gambrell, A. H. Newman, George W. Lasher, Shailer Matthews, Edgar Young Mullins, William J. Northen, Walter Rauschenbusch, and William Heth Whitsitt. Individuals at Baptist Congress meetings presented papers, addresses, and discussions on an array of topics including church polity, church and state relations, and international affairs. Two concerns that surfaced in American life in the latter decades of the nineteenth century (post Civil War attitudes toward African Americans and scientific research spawned by the Industrial Revolution) were also debated at Baptist Congress meetings, as well as deliberations of Biblical theological topics of baptism, salvation, the Scriptures, and the virgin birth. The social and cultural issues that affected American life at the turn of the twentieth century also filtered into Baptist discussions as attendees to Baptist Congress meetings discussed divorce, education, evolution, gambling, immigration, labor, and temperance.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Baptist Congress Proceedings Collection consists of one and a half linear feet of material (twenty-three folders contained in three document boxes) documenting the proceedings of the Baptist Congress from 1885 to 1912. (Note that the Baptist Congress actually began in 1882, and the proceedings for 1882-1884 can be found on MF661.) The collection is arranged chronologically, with proceedings from one year of the Congress contained per folder. Researchers will note two reference points about the Baptist Congress Proceedings Collection. First, an index to the entire Baptist Congress proceedings is located at the back of the 1912 bound volume in box three, folder four. The seventy-one-page index includes a historical table (containing meeting dates, locations, and presidents) and references to speakers and topics throughout the thirty-year existence of the Baptist Congress. Second, to facilitate increased access to, and use of, the collection, the title pages from Baptist Congress meetings (which include names of speakers and topics of discussion) have been transcribed in the folder and descriptive listing below. Researchers of the Baptist Congress should also see William H. Brackney’s Summer/Fall 2003 article in *Baptist History and Heritage*, “The Frontier of Free Exchange of Ideas: The Baptist Congress as a Forum for Baptist Concerns, 1881 – 1913,” for an excellent overview of the history and significance of the Baptist Congress. Other references to the Congress include *The Baptist Heritage: Four Centuries of Baptist Witness* (1987) by Leon McBeth, which only briefly notes the history of the Congress; an article titled, “The Baptist Congress,” by Henry C. Mabie in the *Watchman* (November 22, 1906); and another article by the same name in the November 17, 1904 edition of the *Western Recorder*. A final article with historical information on the Baptist Congress is “The Late Baptist Congress as Rev. E. T. Hiscox, D.D. Saw It,” that appeared in the *Religious Herald* in 1888.

**Arrangement**

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Subject Terms
Armitage, Thomas, 1819 – 1896
Burrows, John Lansing, 1814 – 1893
Carver, William Owen, 1868 – 1954
Dixon, Amzi Clarence, 1854 – 1925
Eaton, Thomas Treadwell, 1845 – 1907
Fox, Norman, 1836 – 1907
Gambrell, J. B. (James Bruton), 1841 – 1921
Lasher, George William, 1831 – 1920
Mullins, Edgar Young, 1860 – 1928
Newman, Albert Henry, 1852 – 1933
Rauschenbusch, Walter, 1861 – 1917
Whitsitt, William Heth, 1841 – 1911
Baptism
Baptists – Doctrines
Church and State
Evolution and Christianity
Gambling
Temperance
Theology – Study and Teaching

FOLDER AND DESCRIPTIVE LISTING

Note: 1882 – 1884 Records can be found on MF661. Baptist Congress – Brooklyn, New York, 1882.
Opening Address: G. D. Broadman
Paper: “Skeptical Drifts in Modern Thought,” Lemuel Moss

Baptist Congress – Boston, MA, 1883.
Opening Address: A. Hovey
Discussion: J. M. S. Williams, J. C. Hiden, and C. L. Rhodes
Paper: “Christianity and the Body,” S. L. Caldwell Discussion: Dr. Lincoln, Norman Fox, W. C. Wilkinson, A. Hovey, J. B. Thomas, Rev. Mr. Merrill, and O. P. Gifford
Paper: “The Divorce Question in the State,” Henry S. Burrage
Paper: “Divorce in the State,” James Buchanan
Paper: “Divorce in the Church,” A. Owen
Discussion: C. H. Spalding, S. W. Dyer
Paper: “Supply of the Coming Ministry,” Philip S. Moxom
Paper: “Christianity and Worldliness,” T. Edwin Brown
Paper: “Worldliness,” Henry M. King
Paper: “Remedy for Worldliness,” A. C. Dixon

Paper: “Missionary Endeavor in its Bearing on the Social and Political Development in Peoples,” H. H. Harris
Paper: “Missionary Endeavor in its Relation to Self-Support,” Franklin Johnson
Paper: “The Place of Prayer in the Public Service,” S. H. Greene
Paper: “Phases of Theological Thought As Influenced by Social Conditions,” W.N. Clarke
Paper: “Phases of Theological Thought As Influenced by Philosophic Methods,” Heman Lincoln
Paper: “The Edification of the Church in its Practical Achievements,” D. P. Gifford

Box 1
1.1 Baptist Congress – New York, New York, 1885.
Opening Address: Thomas Armitage
Paper: “The Indian Question,” Hoyt L. Wayland
Discussion: S. P. Merrill, Norman Fox, J. B. Simmons, C. P. Sheldon, Edward Bright
Discussion: Richard Hartley, S. Williams, D. W. McKinney, Thomas Armitage
Paper: “Socialism: False and True,” D. J. Hill
Paper: “Tenure of Church Property,” Alfred Taylor
Paper: “Christian Art in Relation to Baptism,” E. Dodge
Discussion: W. F. Taylor, Wayland Hoyt
Discussion: R. S. MacArthur, Thomas Armitage
Discussion: W. W. Everts, J. B. Thomas, Thomas Armitage
Paper: “Tests of Admission to the Church,” T. Harwood Pattison
Discussion: H. G. Mason, A. Parker, Wayland Hoyt, E. Crowell, Thomas Armitage
Discussion: John Greene, E. Dodge, J. D. Fulton, F. B. Creesy, F. R. Morse
Closing Addresses: J. B. Thomas, R. S. MacArthur, Thomas Armitage

1.2 Baptist Congress – Baltimore, Maryland, 1886.
Opening Address: William Hatcher
Speakers (in alphabetical order) and Paper Topics
Galusha Anderson – Education, Faith Cures
James Buchanan – Labor Question
L. A. Crandall – Education
N. K. Davis – Education
A. C. Dixon – Indifference to Religion
G. T. Dowling – Labor Question
O. P. Eaches – Inspiration
J. F. Elder – Sabbath Observance
F. M. Ellis – Sabbath
Norman Fox – Inspiration, Labor Question, Education
Wayland Hoyt – Education, Sabbath
E. B. Hulbert – Endless Punishment
Reuben Jeffrey – Unity of the Sabbath
E. H. Johnson – Inspiration, Sabbath, Future Probation
F. H. Kerefoot – Faith Cures
A. G. Lawson – Labor Question, Education
Malcolm MacVicar – Faith Cures, Education, Popular Indifference to Religion
P. S. Moxom – Labor Question, Education, Future Life
John Peddie – Popular Indifference to Religion
G. D. Pepper – Inspiration
Willard H. Robinson – Conditional Immortality
A. J. Rowland – Faith Cures, Education
W. Scott – Education
E. D. Simons – Sabbath
J. B. Thomas – Future Life
W. C. Van Meter – Faith Cures, Future Life
J. C. Welling – Education
William Heth Whitsitt – Faith Cures
E. A. Woods – Future Life, Indifference to Religion
Closing Addresses: F. M. Ellis, J. B. Thomas

1.3 Baptist Congress – Indianapolis, Indiana, 1887.
Opening Address: William S. Holman, Jr. Paper: “Improvements in the Methods of Theological Education,” H. C. Mable, W. C. Wilkinson
Discussion: S. A. Northrop
Discussion: Robert J. Burdette, T. T. Eaton, William M. Lawrence, M. C. Lockwood, L. M. Woodruff
Address: P. S. Henson
Paper: “Women’s Work in the Church,” James W. Willmarth
Address: William M. Lawrence
Discussion: Robert J. Burdette, Reuben Jeffrey, W. C. Wilkinson
Closing Address: William S. Holman, Jr.

1.4 Baptist Congress – Richmond, Virginia, 1888.
Opening Address: J. A. Hoyt
Address of Welcome: W. W. Landrum
Paper: “Education – How Far Should the State Educate,” B. Puryear
Discussion: Norman Fox, W. C. Wilkinson, Leighton Williams, Alex S. Bacon, E. H. Johnson
Paper: “Temperance – High License,” Wayland Hoyt
Paper: “A National Divorce Law,” Alex S. Bacon
Discussion: Norman Fox
Paper: “Limits of Immigration,” John G. Sawyer
Address: D. C. Potter
Paper: “Romanism – Its Political Aspects,” Henry McDonald
Address: H. B. Grose
Discussion: John Pollard, W. W. Landrum, T. G. Jones
Paper: “Mohammedan Propagandism,” Frank S. Dobbins
Discussion: W. C. Wilkinson, Norman Fox, A. G. Lawson, Alex S. Bacon, S. H. Ford
Address: William E. Hatcher
Discussion: T. T. Eaton
Paper: “Purity of the Church – Nurture and Discipline,” Frank M. Ellis
Address: W. W. Boyd
Address by Chairman of Executive Committee: J. F. Elder
Address by Chairman of Local Committee: George Cooper
Closing Address: William E. Hatcher

1.5 Baptist Congress – Toronto, Ontario (Canada), 1889.
Opening Address: D. E. Thompson
Address of Welcome: J. B. Thomas
Response: George D. Boardman
Paper: “Organizations for Christian Work Other Than the Church,” L. A. Crandall, Joshua Denovan, Alex Blackburn
Paper: “Natural and Artificial Monopolies,” David Mills
Discussion: Walter Rauschenbusch, Leighton Williams, D. E. Thomas, A. Blue
Address: E. H. Johnson
Paper: “Relation of Church and State,” A. H. Munro
Address: D. E. Thomas
Address: A. P. McDiarmid
Paper: “Disarmament of Nations,” George D. Boardman, J. E. Wells
Address: J. C. Schurman
Address by Chairman of Executive Committee: J. F. Elder
Address by Chairman of Local Committee: E. Harris
Address by Pastor of Church: B. D. Thomas
Closing Address: J. H. Castle

1.6 Baptist Congress – New Haven, Connecticut, 1890.
Opening Address: Francis Wayland
Address of Welcome: E. M. Poteat
Response: E. H. Johnson
Paper: “Municipal Government,” Francis Bellamy, Alex S. Bacon, Leighton Williams
Discussion: Norman Fox, H. L. Wayland, A. G. Lawson, Francis Wayland
Warren Randolph, E. A. Woods, Sylvester Burnham
Discussion: H. M. Sanders, O. Strayer, George A. Jackson, J. T. Dickerson, E. W. Hunt, P. S. Moxom
Discussion: S. Duncan, W. Scott, E. H. Johnson, W. C. Bitting, P. A. Nordell, Leighton Williams, E. N. Blake, J. Scott
Discussion: E. H. Johnson, Norman Fox, P. A. Nordell, A. Wheaton

Note: Baptist Congress did not meet in 1891

1.7 Baptist Congress – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1892.
Opening Address: Charles H. Banes
Discussion: S. B. Meeser, J. W. Willmarth, G. D. Boardman
Discussion: H. L. Hastings, T. A. T. Hanna, Leighton Williams
Address: T. A. T. Hanna
Address: Thomas Dixon
Discussion: Francis Wayland, Walter Rauschenbusch
Paper: “Christianity in Relation to Heathen Religions,” Edward Braislin, Nathaniel Schmidt, F. M. Ellis
Address: E. G. Robinson, A. T. Robertson
Discussion: James Buchanan, Lemuel Moss, Nathaniel Schmidt, J. W. Willmarth, A. H. Strong

1.7 Baptist Congress – Augusta, Georgia, 1893.
Opening Address: Governor W. J. Northen
Discussion: J. B. Gambrell
Paper: “Emotionalism in Religion,” John L. Johnson
Address: T. A. K. Gessler
Discussion: C. S. Gardner, David M. Ramsey
Discussion: Henry C. Vedder, W. C. McCall, C. S. Gardner
Address: “Aims of the Baptist Congress,” T. A. K. Gressler
Paper: “The Indwelling Christ,” Carter Helm Jones
Discussion: W. J. Northen
Closing Address: Lansing Burrows

1.9 Baptist Congress – Detroit, Michigan, 1894.
Address: Levi D. Temple
Discussion: Alvah S. Hobart, Walter Rauschenbusch
Paper: “What Does the Denomination Owe to Its Colleges, and What Do Its Colleges Owe to the Denomination,” Alvah S. Hobart, Benjamin Andrews
Address: B. L. Whitman
Discussion: E. Benjamin Andrews, Everett D. Burr, Albert G. Lawson, Samuel Z. Batten
Address: Edwin M. Poteat
Discussion: C. R. Henderson, Lansing Burrows
Address on the Baptist Congress: Z. Grenell
Address: John R. Sampey, Howard Osgood
Discussion: Alanson J. Fox, J. A. Johnston, George E. Horr, W. C. Wilkinson
Paper: “Christ the Liberator, Christ the Unifier,” Z. Grenell, C. J. Baldwin
Discussion: A. A. Tenbrooke
Closing Address: A. G. Slocum, Donald D. MacLaurin, L. A. Crandall

1.10 Baptist Congress – Providence, Rhode Island, 1895.
Paper: “Monism,” F. C. French, Alvah Hovey, Gordon P. Moore
Discussion: E. H. Johnson, S. B. Meeser
Discussion: Waltar Rauschenbusch, Leighton Williams, Theodore A. K. Gessler
Discussion: George E. Horr, A. Hovey, E. H. Johnson
Discussion: L. Williams, F. E. Tower, George G. Wilson, Waltar Rauschenbusch
Discussion: C. H. Spalding, L. Williams, Cephas B. Crane

Box 2
2.1 Baptist Congress – Nashville, Tennessee, 1896.
Address: Thomas D. Anderson, W. T. Stoutt
Discussion: George A. Lofton, Norman Fox
Paper: “Christianity and War: The Dangers of Militarism,” J. L. M. Curry
Discussion: Theodore A. K. Gessler, H. H. Harris
Address:  J. H. Boldridge
Address:  W. Pope Yeaman
Address:  Norman Fox
Discussion:  Dr. Powell, J. B. Hawthorne, James Waters
Closing Address:  P. T. Henderson, J. B. Hawthorne, J. O. Rust, Norman Fox, Carter Helm Jones

2.2 Baptist Congress – Chicago, Illinois, 1897.
Opening Address:  Henry V. Freeman, Johnston Myers, A. A. Kendrick
Address:  Rush Rhees, C. L. Williams
Paper: “Is Baptism a Prerequisite to the Lord’s Supper,” O. P. Gifford
Address:  R. T. Jones, George A. Lofton, George B. Foster, P. S. Henson, A. A. Kendrick, Amos Weaver, Dr. Tourney, J. T. Christian
Address:  O. T. Mason, George W. Northrup Jr.
Address:  W. S. Ryland, J. H. Harris

2.3 Baptist Congress – Buffalo, New York, 1898.
Opening Address:  H. L. Elmednorrf, O. P. Gifford, H. P. Emerson
Paper: “Man’s Fall and Redemption in the Light of Evolution,” A. H. Strong, George Dana Boardman
Speaker:  H. H. Peabody, L. C. Barnes
Speaker:  Everett D. Burr
Address:  George E. Horr
Paper: “On What Grounds Should We Accept the Biblical Books as Our Bible?”
George E. Merrill, B. O. True
Speaker: George H. Ferris
Address: H. W. Barnes, W. N. Clarke, George E. Horr, O. P. Gifford
Paper: “State Help vs. Self Help; or Paternalism in Government,” Walter Rauschenbusch, Shailer Matthews
Speaker: George William Douglas
Address: A. W. Wishart, O. P. Gifford
Paper: “How Far Can the Truths of Christianity be Stated in Terms of Naturalism,” George B. Foster, W. N. Clarke
Speaker: Albert Foster, D. B. Purinton
Address: Theodore A. K. Gessler
Paper: “The Union of Believers with Christ,” Clarence A. Barbour, Cornelius Woelfkin
Closing Address: A. S. Coats, O. P. Gifford, G. E. Horr, W. C Bitting

2.4 Baptist Congress – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1899.
Opening Address: W. J. Holland, L. C. Barnes, D. B. Purinton
Address: Walter Calley, H. C. Applegarth
Discussion: George H. Trapp
Paper: “The Improvement of Theological Instruction,” O. P. Eaches, Robert MacDonald
Address: F. C. Woods, E. B. Pollard
Discussion: George E. Horr
Address: Emory W. Hunt, S. C. Mitchell
Discussion: Charles Goodspeed, Norman Fox
Address: Riley A. Vose, T. Edwin Brown
Discussion: S. Z. Batten, Theodore A. K. Gessler, D. C. White
Paper: “Is There a Place for Authoritative Creeds in Religion,” S. Z Batten, Henry M. Sanders
Address: Howard L. Jones, J. R. Brown, E. P. Crane, E. B. Pollard, Norman Fox
Closing Address: Francis J. Torrance, George E. Horr, W. a Stanton, Charles H. Dodd

2.5 Baptist Congress – Richmond, Virginia, 1900.
Opening Address: J. Hoge Tyler, W. Meade Clark, George Cooper, A. P. Montague
Address: J. H. Haslam
Discussion: F. C. Woods, E. H. Johnson
Paper: “Is the Trust Beneficial or Injurious to Society,” W. Quay Rosselle, Charles W. Needham
Address: H. R. Pollard, Frank Dickerson
Discussion: Frank Dixon
Paper: “Wherein Lies the Efficacy of Jesus’ Work in the Reconciliation,” W. R.
2.6 Baptist Congress – New York City, New York, 1901.
Opening Addresses: C. C. Tiffany, Frank M. Goodchild, A. S. Bickmore
Address: D. B. Jutten
Discussion: A. J. Rowland, Lemuel Moss
Paper: “Modern Evangelism, or Proper Substitutes for the Old-Fashioned Revival,” W. M. Lawrence, John H. Randall
Address: Daniel Shepardson, Clayton S. Cooper
Discussion: Walter Calley, C. C. Earle, Norman Fox, H. W. Barnes
Address: R. A. Ashworth, J. B. Thomas
Discussion: Robert S. MacArthur, E. H. Johnson, Boardman B. Bosworth, S. L. Batten
Address: A. W. Wishart, Frank Dixon
Discussion: Mornay Williams
Paper: “Cosmopolitanism verses Patriotism,” E. F. Merriam, Benjamin Terry
Address: Chancellor E. B. Andrews, H. C. Mabie
Discussion: T. J. Morgan
Closing Address: A. S. Bickmore, F. M. Goodchild, George C. Horr, H. M. Sanders

2.7 Baptist Congress – Boston, Massachusetts, 1902.
Opening Address: George A. Gordon, Alvah Horvey, D. W. Abercrombie
Paper: “Is Baptism Essential to Church Membership,” Rufus P. Johnson, T. E. Busfield
Address: A. J. Bonsall, James Grant
Discussion: Frank B. Cressey, Thomas S. Barbout, E. Isidore Lindh, Robert Cameron
Address: A. C. Dixon, Charles S. Morris
Discussion: J. Milton Waldron
Paper: “Are Current Theologies Based on the Scriptures or on Philosophy,” Spenser B. Meeser
Address: J. T. Beckley, B. D. Hahn
Discussion: W. M. Lisle, W. W. Everts
Address: William A. Munroe, Clinton Rogers Woodruff
Discussion: Albert G. Lawson
Address: E. P. Farnham, Leighton Williams
Discussion: Alvah Hovey, A. S. Coats, C. B. Crane, Leo. B. Thomas, S. B. Meeser
Paper: “Christ as Example,” A. K. Fuller, Rush Rhees
Closing Address: George E. Horr, E. A. Woods, Theodore A. K. Gessler, Francis H. Rowley

Box 3

Opening Address: John Weaver, Charles Wood, J. B. Gough Pidge, Russell H. Conwell
Address: Len. G. Broughton
Address: W. A. Wallace, F. A. Smith
Discussion: Henry C. Vedder, A. W. Wishart, Herbert E. Wise
Address: Wayland Hoyt, W. G. Fennell
Discussion: Kerr Boyce Tupper, E. A. Woods, Norman Fox, S. W. Reynolds, Russell H. Conwell
Address: John Snape, W. Q. Rossell
Discussion: Joshua E. Wills
Address: E. E. Ayers, John H. Harris
Discussion: E. H. Johnson
Closing Address: E. A. Armstrong, George W. Lyell, E. H. Johnson, Charles H. Dodd

3.2 Baptist Congress – Louisville, Kentucky, 1904.
Opening Address: Alex P. Humphrey, E. L. Powell, Carter Helm Jones
3.3 Baptist Congress – Cincinnati, Ohio, 1905.
Opening Address: D. B. Meacham, William McKibbin, John F. Herget
Address: J. R. Sampay, Rufus W. Weaver
Address: H. P. Whidden, C. L. Williams
Discussion: E. A. Hanley, J. A. Herrick
Address: T. C. Johnson
Address: J. A. Herrick, E. A. Hanley
Address: R. S. Colwell, S. Z. Batten
Discussion: E. W. Hunt, E. B. Pollard, George W. Lasher
Closing Address: Gershom M. Peters, George W. Lasher, S. Z. Batten, Theodore, A. K. Gessier

3.4 Baptist Congress – St. Louis, Missouri, 1906.
Opening Address: Selden P. Spencer, N. Luccock, W. C. Biting, J. D. S. Riggs
Address: John H. Strong, O. P. Gifford
Discussion: H. C. Mabie
Address: B. A. Greene
Discussion: Claude Kelley, J. C. Armstrong
Address: S. B. Meeser
3.5 Baptist Congress – Baltimore, Maryland, 1907.
Opening Address: J. Barry Mahool, J. F. Goucher, Curtis Lee Laws, Eugene Levering
Address: Frederick L. Anderson, John R. Slater
Address: George D. Adams, C. J. Keevil
Discussion: C. D. Case, Wayland Hoyt, Robert G. Boville
Frederick D. Power, A. S. Hobart, Joseph W. Mauck, Frank M. Goodchild
Address: Warren G. Partridge, Alfred Williams Anthony, Errett Gates, George E. Horr
Address: Harry Emerson Fosdick, W. H. Cranshaw
Discussion: Albert G. Lawson

3.6 Baptist Congress – Baltimore, Maryland, 1908.
Paper: “Does the New Testament Contemplate the Church as an Institution,”
John H. Logan, A. W. Fortune, W. B. Wallace, Shirley J. Case
Opening Address: Harry Pratt Judson, Samuel Fallows, John L. Jackson
Paper: “What Are the Legitimate Limits of Free Speech in a Republic,” Wallace Heckman, James Q. Dealey, Bayard Craig, Carl D. Case
Discussion: G. B. Foster, Franklin Johnson, G. B. Smith, W. L. Hayden, Samuel Zane Batten
Discussion: Samuel Fallows, George B. Foster, Thomas Moody, Carl D. Chase
Closing Address: Herbert L. Willett, Benjamin Franklin, J. H. Garrison, W. C. Bitting, Errett Gates, John L. Jackson

Box 4

Opening Address: Charles A. Eaton
Paper: “Can Pragmatism Furnish a Philosophical Basis for Theology,”
Melbourne S. Read, Douglas C. Macintosh, George B. Foster, Clifton D. Gray, Rufus P. Johnson
Paper: “Is the Present Tendency Toward a Cooperative Social Order Desirable,”
Harrie R. Chamberlin, J. W. A. Stewart, George W. Coleman, Herbert S. Johnson, Lemuel C. Barnes, George B. Foster
Paper: “Realizing the Presence of God,” G. G. Johnson, John F. Elder
Closing Address: Leighton Williams, Charles A. Eaton, Addison Moore, Rufus P. Johnston

4.2 Baptist Congress – Augusta, Georgia, 1910.
Opening Address: Joseph R. Lamar, J. C. C. Black
Paper: “How Shall We Interpret the Holy Spirit to the Life of Today,” Harry Emerson Fosdick, Gordon B. Moore, Rufus W. Weaver, C. C. Brown
Paper: “The Relation of the Baptist Denomination to the Universal Church,”
Charles H. Dodd, John E. White, W. L. Poteat, Birney S. Hudson, Milton G. Evans, George H. Ferris, Rufus P. Johnston, Rufus W. Weaver
Paper: “Can the Distinction Between the Canonical and Non-Canonical Writings be Maintained,” Gerald B. Smith, E. J. Forrester, Milton G. Evans, A. J. Dickinson, George H. Ferris
Paper: “Christian Experience as Testimony to Truth,” Charles W. Gardner

4.3 Baptist Congress – Atlantic City, New Jersey, 1911.
Opening Address: H. M. Gesner, Birney S. Hudson, H. M. Sanders
Closing Address: Harry W. Merrill, Russell H. Conwell, Birney S. Hudson, Theodore A. K. Gessler

4.4 Baptist Congress – Ithaca, New York, 1912.
Opening Address: T. F. Crane, E. A. George, Jared T. Newman