

Evangelism and the Need to Help Churches Secure Sound Pastors

WHEREAS it is a well known fact that many Fundamentalist Baptist Churches have suffered unkind treatment at the hands of Baptist Convention executives, being deprived, in some cases, of the right to govern themselves and suffering otherwise from overlordship on the part of these executives; and

WHEREAS many Fundamentalist Baptist pastors have been hindered in their approach to Baptist churches who were seeking the services of a pastor; and

WHEREAS owing to this intolerable situation, the Interstate Evangelistic Association, under the direction of Rev. Harold Strathearn of Rochester, New York, has come into being, which seeks to give assistance to Baptist churches in securing sane, sound, and constructive leadership assisting Fundamentalist Baptist pastors to get in touch with pastorless Baptist churches, promoting regional Bible Conferences in various states and associations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the convocation of Regular Baptists, assembled in the Belden Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, May 15-18, 1932, hereby endorses the work of the Interstate Evangelistic Association and commends it to the prayers and financial support of the churches and pastors who are gathered here and all others who are in sympathy with the aims and objectives of this convention.

NOTE: The following minutes appear by way of an interesting addition to this resolution at the first meeting of our Fellowship. There was no resolution passed, but the sentiment of the brethren is easily discerned. (Business session Wednesday afternoon, 4:00 o'clock.)

The moderator at this time introduced the following visitors: Rev. A. J. Gillies of Chicago, who is engaged in missionary work among the Lithuanians of Illinois and Michigan, whose work merits the prayers and financial support of God's true people everywhere and Rev. E. E. Shields of the Russian Missionary Society, who spoke briefly about their work.

The Nominations Committee brought in a report suggesting the following brethren as a committee which should be charged with the task of investigating Baptist Missionary Societies and Missions, which were true to the principles and beliefs of this Association, and also to function as an

advisory group to churches desiring information concerning Baptist missionary activity.

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