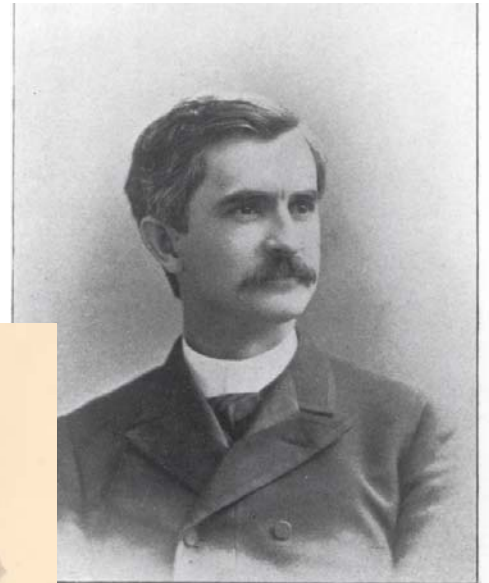
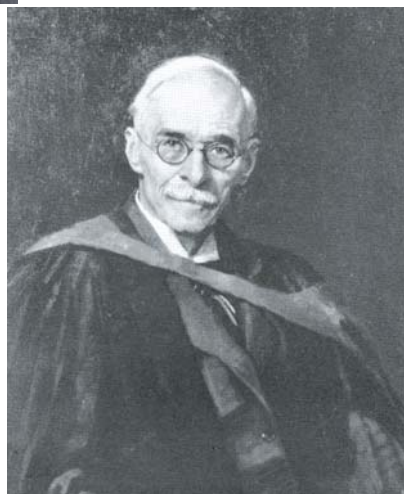
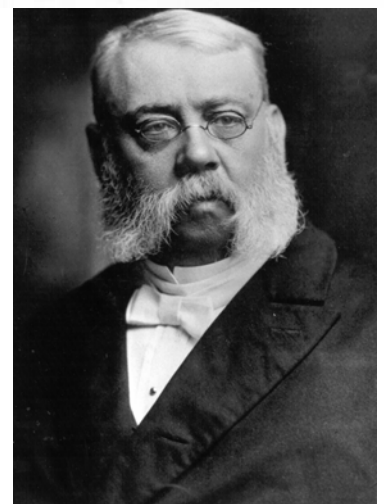


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I. HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

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 on November 29, 1881 and held an informal discussion panel on germane topics. Also at this 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 were active participants in Baptist Congress proceedings including 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 which 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.

II. 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.) The collection is arranged chronologically, with proceedings from one year of the Congress contained per folder.

Researchers will also note the following 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 an 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," which appeared in the *Religious Herald* in 1888.

III. FOLDER AND DESCRIPTIVE LISTING

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

Paper: “The Mormon Question,” T. A. K. Gressler

Discussion: Richard Hartley, S. Williams, D. W. McKinney, Thomas
Armitage

Paper: “Socialism: False and True,” D. J. Hill

Discussion: W. W. Everts, H. L. Wayland, R. S. MacArthur, Norman
Fox, G. W. Samson, J. J. Muir, E. H. Johnson, Edward Bright

Paper: “Tenure of Church Property,” Alfred Taylor

Paper: “Current Expenses and Benevolence,” H. H. Lamport

Discussion: W. W. Everts, F. Rogers Morse, F. H. Kerefoot, J. M. Bruce,
J. B. Simmons, W. F. Bainbridge, A. G. Lawson, T. A. K. Gessler,
R. B. Hull, Samuel Colgate, J. B. Thomas

Paper: “Christian Art in Relation to Baptism,” E. Dodge

Discussion: W. F. Taylor, Wayland Hoyt

Paper: “Liturgy in Baptist Churches,” Edward Braislin

Discussion: R. S. MacArthur, Thomas Armitage

Paper: “The Revised Version of the Scriptures: Its Practical Use,” H. F. Colby

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

Paper: “The Spiritual Life as Affected by Intellectual Problems,” A. A. Kendrick

Paper: “The Spiritual Life as Affected by Social Conditions,” B. A. Greene

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
 Paper: “Organic Union of Christendom, The,” G. D. Boardman, Justus Bulkley,
 Norman Fox,
 Discussion: A. M. Parmenter, W. C. Wilkinson, E. A. Woods
 Paper: “Phases of the Labor Problem,” J. R. Doolittle, John Moncrief, Allen
 Zollars
 Paper: “Proper Attitude of the Church,” T. T. Eaton, Kerr B. Tupper, C. H.
 Watson, E. A. Woods
 Paper: “Proper Function and Net Influence of the Newspapers Today,” Robert J.
 Burdette, G. W. Lasher, H. L. Wayland
 Discussion: Robert J. Burdette, T. T. Eaton, William M. Lawrence, M. C.
 Lockwood, L. M. Woodruff
 Paper: “Sin of Covetousness,” C. R. Henderson, J. M. Stifler
 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
 Paper: “Education – Common Versus Parochial Schools,” Philip S. Moxom
 Address: Walter Rauschenbusch
 Discussion: Norman Fox, W. C. Wilkinson, Leighton Williams, Alex S. Bacon, E. H. Johnson
 Paper: “Temperance – High License,” Wayland Hoyt
 Paper: “Temperance – Prohibition,” H. A. Deland
 Discussion: T. T. Eaton, E. H. Johnson, W. C. Wilkinson, John G. Sawyer, A. G. Lawson
 Paper: “A National Divorce Law,” Alex S. Bacon
 Discussion: Norman Fox
 Paper: “Limits of Immigration,” John G. Sawyer
 Address: D. C. Potter
 Discussion: H. A. Delano, L. A. Crandall, E. H. Johnson, W. C. Wilkinson, Walter Rauschenbusch, George E. Horr Jr., E. Nelson Blake, Frank M. Ellis, Henry McDonald, A. G. Lawson, Leighton Willimas, Willima E. Hatcher
 Paper: “Romanism – Its Relation to Scientific Thought,” A. J. Rowland
 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
 Paper: “Christian Science,” George E. Horr Jr.
 Address: William E. Hatcher
 Discussion: T. T. Eaton
 Paper: “Purity of the Church – Terms of Admission,” E. T. Hiscox
 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 Balckburn
Discussion: W. C. Bitting, J. H. Griffith, R. G. Boville, E. H. Johnson
- Paper: "Natural and Artificial Monopolies," David Mills
Discussion: Walter Rauschenbusch, Leighton Williams, D. E. Thomas, A. Blue
- Paper: "Authority of Christian Consciousness," Albert H. Newman
Address: E. H. Johnson
Discussion: Alex Blackburn, A. B. Chaffee, J. J. Baker, J. H. Griffith, J. W. A. Stewart, G. D. Boardman, H. W. Baker, R. G. Boville, M. McVicar, J. H. Castle, L. Williams, L. A. Crandall
- Paper: "Relation of Church and State," A. H. Munro
Address: D. E. Thomas
Discussion: John McLaurin, L. Williams, Walter Rauschenbusch, E. H. Johnson, A. P. McDiarmid, J. F. Elder
- Paper: "The Sabbath Question," J. W. A. Stewart
Address: A. P. McDiarmid
Discussion: A. H. Newman, W. C. Bitting, E. H. Johnson, L. Williams, A. B. Chaffee, Alex Blackburn, J. F. Avery, G. D. Boardman, G. T. Webb
- 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: "Proposed Basis of Christian Union," T. T. Eaton, C. D. W. Bridgman, E. T. Tomlinson
Discussion: Alex S. Bacon, W. D. McKinney, W. P. Elsdon, H. M. Sanders, E. H. Johnson
- Paper: "Municipal Government," Francis Bellamy, Alex S. Bacon, Leighton Williams
Discussion: Norman Fox, H. L. Wayland, A. G. Lawson, Francis Wayland
- Paper: "International and Independent Systems of Sunday School Lessons," Warren Randolph, E. A. Woods, Sylvester Burnham
Discussion: Francis Bellamy, George Bullen, A. S. Hobart, E. M. Poteat, E. J. Walker, C. H. Spalding, Samuel Colgate, W. G. Fennell, J. H. Mason, Francis Wayland

- Paper: "Race Problem of the South," J. C. Long, H. L. Wayland, D. Wilshere
 Discussion: H. M. Sanders, O. Strayer, George A. Jackson, J. T. Dickerson, E. W. Hunt, P. S. Moxom
- Paper: "Enlarged Church Work in Cities," Albert G. Lawson, Russell H. Conwell, John Humpstone
 Discussion: S. Duncan, W. Scott, E. H. Johnson, W. C. Bitting, P. A. Nordell, Leighton Williams, E. N. Blake, J. Scott
- Paper: "Divine Immanence in Recent Theology," Augustus H. Strong, P. S. Moxom
 Discussion: E. H. Johnson, Norman Fox, P. A. Nordell, A. Wheaton

1.7 Baptist Congress – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania – 1892.

- Opening Address: Charles H. Baner
- Paper: "The Christian Year," H. G. Weston, W. H. P. Faunce, R. S. MacArthur
 Discussion: S. B. Meeser, J. W. Willmarth, G. D. Boardman
- Paper: "Is a Union of Various Baptist Bodies Feasible," B. B. Tyler, A. H. Lewis, J. A. Howe, W. H. Whitsitt
 Discussion: H. L. Hastings, T. A. T. Hanna, Leighton Williams
- Paper: "The Inerrancy of the Scriptures," D. G. Lyon, J. B. Gough Pidge, Howard Osgood
 Address: T. A. T. Hanna
 Discussion: Norman Fox, Nathaniel Schmidt, E. G. Robinson, J. W. Willmarth, T. A. T. Hanna
- Paper: "The Pulpit in Relation to Political and Social Reform," H. H. Peabody, C. R. Henderson
 Address: Thomas Dixon
 Discussion: Francis Wayland, Walter Rauschenbusch
- Paper: "Christianity in Relation to Heathen Religions," Edward Braislin, Nathaniel Schmidt, F. M. Ellis
 Discussion: W. C. Wilkinson, A. H. Strong, F. S. Dobbins, A. A. Bennett, W. H. Robbins, Leighton Williams
- Paper: "The Relative Authority of Scripture and Reason," David J. Hill, W. N. Clarke
 Address: E. G. Robinson, A. T. Robertson
 Discussion: James Buchanan, Lemuel Moss, Nathaniel Schmidt, J. W. Willmarth, A. H. Strong
- Closing Remarks: W. C. Wilkinson, G. D. Boardman, C. H. Baner

1.8 Baptist Congress – Augusta, Georgia – 1893.

- Opening Address: Governor W. J. Northen
- Paper: "The Church and Money Power," W. H. P. Faunce, Walter Rauschenbusch
 Discussion: J. B. Gambrell
- Paper: "Emotionalism in Religion," John L. Johnson

Address: T. A. K. Gessler
 Discussion: R. G. Boviller, Walter Rauschenbusch, George E. Horr Jr.
 Paper: "Shall Our Young People Be Organized for Christian Work," Henry C. Vedder, J. B. Gambrell
 Discussion: C. S. Gardner, David M. Ramsey
 Paper: "Ethical Versus Forensic Conceptions of Salvation," C. S. Gardner, R. G. Boviller, George E. Horr Jr.
 Discussion: W. H. P. Faunce, J. B. Gambrell, T. A. K. Gessler, Walter Rauschenbusch
 Paper: "What Constitutes Valid Baptism," J. Judson Taylor, E. B. Pollard, J. B. Moody
 Discussion: Henry C. Vedder, W. C. McCall, C. S. Gardner
 Address: "Aims of the Baptist Congress," T. A. K. Gessler
 Paper: "The Indwelling Christ," Carter Helm Jones
 Discussion: W. J. Northen
 Closing Address: Lansing Burrows

1.9 Baptist Congress – Detroit, Michigan – 1894.

Paper: "Tradition as a Formative Force in Baptist Doctrine and Church Life," Augustine S. Carman, Lansing Burrows
 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: W. H. P. Faunce, W. C. Wilkinson, C. J. Baldwin, Daniel Putnam, Norman Fox, W. R. Harper
 Paper: "The Formation of Criminal Classes: Its Cause and Its Cure," C. R. Henderson, George H. Hickox, Mornay Williams
 Discussion: E. Benjamin Andrews, Everett D. Burr, Albert G. Lawson, Samuel Z. Batten
 Paper: "What Is the Kingdom of God," Samuel Z. Batton, J. M. Stifler
 Address: Edwin M. Poteat
 Discussion: C. R. Henderson, Lansing Burrows
 Address on the Baptist Congress: Z. Grenell
 Paper: "The Interpretation of the Old Testament as Affected by Modern Scholarship," W. R. Harper, Charles Rufus Brown
 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
- Paper: "Centralization in Baptist Polity," J. T. Christian, Cephas B. Crane, D. W. Faunce
Discussion: Waltar Rauschenbusch, Leighton Williams, Theodore A. K. Gessler
- Paper: "The Books of the New Testament in the Light of Modern Research," B. D. Hahn, P. A. Nordell, Milton G. Evans
Discussion: George E. Horr, A. Hovey, E. H. Johnson
- Paper: "The Relation of the State to Semi-Public Corporations and Their Employees," Thomas E. Barkworth, Albion W. Small
Discussion: L. Williams, F. E. Tower, George G. Wilson, Waltar Rauschenbusch
- Paper: "The Phsiological Basis of Morality," S. B. Meeser, W. L. Poteat, Smith Baker
Discussion: C. H. Spalding, L. Williams, Cephas B. Crane
- Paper: "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit," F. L. Chapell, H. M. Sanders
Closing Address: Pardon E. Tillinghast, E. B. Andrews, T. D. Anderson, W. C. Bullen, Norman Fox

Box 2

2.1 Baptist Congress – Nashville, Tennessee – 1896.

- Paper: "Has the New Testament Precedent the Authority of Divine Command," J. P. Greene, H. H. Harris
Address: Thomas D. Anderson, W. T. Stoutt
Discussion: George A. Lofton, Norman Fox
- Paper: "Christianity and War: Is War Justifiable," T. J. Morgan
- Paper: "Christianity and War: The Dangers of Militarism," J. L. M. Curry
- Paper: "Christianity and War: International Arbitration," Morton B. Howell
Discussion: Theodore A. K. Gessler, H. H. Harris
- Paper: "The Problems of the Country and Church," W. L. Munger
Address: J. H. Boldridge
Discussion: J. P. Christian, A. P. Cabannis, J. O. Rust, A. J. Holt, M. C. Pilcher, G. A. Lofton
- Paper: "Is God the Father of All Men," T. H. Rowley, G. C. Baldwin
Address: W. Pope Yeaman
Discussion: George E. Horr, S. C. Gardner, T. D. Armstrong
- Paper: "The Relation of Baptists to Other Denominations," L. A. Crandall, J. O. Rust
Address: Norman Fox
Discussion: Dr. Powell, J. B. Hawthorne, James Waters
- Paper: "The Pastor as a Soul Winner," P. T. Hale, L. H. Greene
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
 Paper: “Are the Teachings of the Apostles of Equal Authority with Those of Christ,” E. D. Burton, W. P. McKee
 Address: Rush Rhees, C. L. Williams
 Paper: “Is Baptism a Prerequisite to the Lord’s Supper,” O. P. Gifford
 Address: R. H. Conwell, P. S. Henson, G. A. Lofton, J. N. Conley, T. M. Banta, A. A. Kendrick, T. A. K. Gessler
 Paper: “Should Denominational Beliefs Impose Limitations Upon Religious Teachers,” A. K. DeBlois, A. K. Parker
 Address: R. T. Jones, George A. Lofton, George B. Foster, P. S. Henson, A. A. Kendrick, Amos Weaver, Dr. Tourney, J. T. Christian
 Paper: “Our Government and the Oppressed of Other Nations,” H. Pratt Judson, P. S. Grosseup
 Address: O. T. Mason, George W. Northrup Jr.
 Paper: “The Psychology of Conversion,” Noah K. Davis, Nathaniel Butler
 Address: W. S. Ryland, J. H. Harris
 Paper: “The Power of the Cross in the Life of the Believer,” Donald D. MacLaurin, J. T. Dickinson
 Closing Address: A. A. Kendrick, W. R. Harper, Galusha Anderson, L. A. Crandall, T. A. K. Gessler

2.3 Baptist Congress – Buffalo, New York – 1898.

- Opening Address: H. L. Elmednorf, O. P. Gifford, H. P. Emerson
 Paper: “Man’s Fall and Redemption in the Light of Evolution,” A. H. Strong, George Dana Baordman
 Speaker: H. H. Peabody, L. C. Barnes
 Paper: “The Opportunity for Baptists in Present Religious Progress,” W. C. Bitting, A. H. Newman
 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
 AddressL 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 – Pittsburg, Pennsylvania – 1899.

Opening Address: W. J. Holland, L. C. Barnes, D. B. Purinton

Paper: "The Resurrection of the Body," James Tenbrooke, Norman Fox

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

Paper: "What Constitutes Denominational Loyalty," J. T. Christian, A. S. Hobart

Address: Emory W. Hunt, S. C. Mitchell

Discussion: Charles Goodspeed, Norman Fox

Paper: "What Is the Duty of the Church in Improving the Condition of the Laboring Man," George R. Robbins, Lee D. Lodge

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

Paper: "The Priesthood of Believers," C. H. Pendleton, George E. Rees

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

Paper: "The Ritschlian Theology," Gordon Moore, W. B. Matteson

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. L. Smith, W. L. Poteat

Address: J. E. Sagebeer, J. J. Taylor

Discussion: E. H. Johnson

Paper: "Romanist Survivals in Protestantism," William H. Whitsitt, Frank M. Goodchild

Address: Sparks W. Melton, Madison C. Peters
 Paper: "Weak Points in the Baptist Position," E. T. Tomlinson, B. F. Woodburn
 Address: Albert G. Lawson
 Discussion: H. W. Battle, W. E. Hatcher, L. A. Crandall, S. B. Meeser, G.
 E. Horr, John Pollard
 Paper: "Child Nurture in Baptist Polity," W. C. P. Rhodes
 Closing Address: A. P. Montague, L. A. Crandall, I. M. Mercer, J. B. Hawthorne,
 Theodore A. K. Gessler

2.6 Baptist Congress – New York City, New York – 1901.

Opening Addresses: C. C. Tiffany, Frank M. Goodchild, A. S. Bickmore
 Paper: "The Consolidation of Our National Societies," L. A. Crandale, J. F. Elder
 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
 Paper: "The Function of Penalty in the Christian Religion," B. L. Whitman, W.
 Warren Giles
 Address: R. A. Ashworth, J. B. Thomas
 Discussion: Robert S. MacArthur, E. H. Johnson, Boardman B. Bosworth,
 S. L. Batten
 Paper: "The Ethics of Gambling," S. C. Mitchell, Harold Pattison
 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
 Paper: "The Keswick Movement," E. E. Chivers, Warren G. Partridge
 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
 Paper: "The Future of the Educated Negro," Robert H. Pitt, George R. Hovey
 Address: A. C. Dixon, Charles S. Morirs
 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
 Paper: "The Pulpit and Problems of Statesmanship," H. H. Peabody, Woodman
 Bradbury
 Address: William A. Munroe, Clinton Rogers Woodruff
 Discussion: Albert G. Lawson
 Paper: "Does Revelation End with the Scriptures," William Arnold Stevens,
 Charles H. Watson
 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

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3.1 Baptist Congress – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania – 1903.

Opening Address: John Weaver, Charles Wood, J. B. Gough Pidge, Russel H.
 Conwell
 Paper: "How Can Baptists Secure for Themselves a More Practical Working
 Union," Russell H. Conwell, J. A. Johnston
 Address: Len. G. Broughton
 Discussion: A. J. Rowland, A. W. Reynolds, George E. Rees, A. B.
 Bennett, E. B. Palmer
 Paper: "The Culture of Our Young People for Christian Service," C. D. Case
 Address: W. A. Wallace, F. A. Smith
 Discussion: Henry C. Vedder, A. W. Wishart, Herbert E. Wise
 Paper: "What Change if Any Is Demanded in the Prayer Meeting," Curtis Lee
 Laws, Herbert E. Wise
 Address: Wayland Hoyt, W. G. Fennell
 Discussion: Kerr Boyce Tupper, E. A. Woods, Norman Fox, S. W.
 Reynolds, Russell H. Conwell
 Paper: "Does Trades-Unionism Imperil Liberty," H. Heath Bawden, Edwin
 Holyoke
 Address: John Snape, W. Q. Rossell
 Discussion: Joshua E. Wills
 Paper: "Immortality in the Light of Scientific Research," John F. Genung,
 Charles E. Taylor
 Address: E. E. Ayers, John H. Harris
 Discussion: E. H. Johnson
 Paper: "The Present Worship of Pleasure," J. O. B. Lowry, A. G. Upham
 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
- Paper: “What Should the Churches Demand of the Theological Schools,” E. D. Burton, E. Y. Mullins, O. P. Gifford
- Paper: “Are Christian Principles a Hindrance to Financial Success,” M. Ashby Jones, J. S. Dickerson, Arthur Yager, E. B. Pollard
- Paper: “The Relation of Theology to Religion,” Charles H. Dodd, W. J. McGlothlin, D. B. Cheney, Walter Rauschenbusch, E. Y. Mullins, W. O. Carver
- Paper: “Does the New Testament Provide a Definite and Permanent Church Polity,” Everett Gill, Walter Rauschenbusch, Lansing Burrows, Emory Hunt
- Paper: “How Far May One Differ from Accepted Standards and Remain a Baptist,” George H. Ferris, George B. Eager, John L. Jackson, D. T. Denman, E. M. Thresher
- Paper: “Oneness in Christ,” J. F. Herget, J. N. Prestridge
- Closing Address: Joseph Benson Marvin, Carter Helm Jones, O. P. Giffords, W. B. Matteson

3.3 Baptist Congress – Cincinnati, Ohio – 1905.

- Opening Address: D. B. Meacham, William McKibbin, John F. Herget
- Paper: “What Is the Ethical Value of the Old Testament in Modern Life,” W. R. Betteridge, Theodore, G. Soares
- Address: J. R. Sampey, Rufus W. Weaver
- Paper: “What Is the Source of Authority in Protestantism,” M. G. Evans, J. L. Cheney
- Address: H. P. Whidden, C. L. Williams
- Discussion: E. A. Hanley, J. A. Herrick
- Paper: “How Far Should Religious Instruction Be Given in State Schools,” George W. Lasher
- Address: T. C. Johnson
- Discussion: E. B. Pollard, S. Z. Batten, S. Ragowsky, A. S. Carman, Charles, S. Brown
- Paper: “What Is the Function of Ordinances in Religion,” W. O. Carver, L. D. Osborne
- Address: J. A. Herrick, E. A. Hanley
- Paper: “What Is the Duty of the Church to the Detective and Dependent Classes,” C. R. Henderson
- Address: R. S. Colwell, S. Z. Batten
- Discussion: E. W. Hunt, E. B. Pollard, George W. Lasher
- Paper: “The Christian Life a Norman Life,” A. K. DeBlois, Carter Helm Jones
- 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
- Paper: “What Changes Are Needed in the Method and Motive of Foreign Missions,” E. C. Dargan, Howard Jones
Address: John H. Strong, O. P. Gifford
Discussion: H. C. Mabie
- Paper: “The Ethics of the Competitive System in Business,” Augustus L. Abbot
Address: B. A. Greene
Discussion: Cluade Kelley, J. C. Armstrong
- Paper: “Does Scripture Warrant Any Formal Statement of the Doctrine of the Trinity,” C. J. Baldwin, Gerald B. Smith
Address: S. B. Meeser
- Paper: “Should Baptist Educational Institutions be Subject to Formal Denominational Control,” H. K. Stillwell, M. J. Breaker
Address: J. P. Greene, Franklin Johnston
Discussion: W. H. P. Faunce
- Paper: “The Relation of Belief in Immorality to Conduct,” H. L. Stetson, Shailer Matthews
Address: A. K. DeBlois, L. A. Crandall
Discussion: Gerald B. Smith
- Paper: “The Appeal of Christ to Men,” W. H. P. Faunce, Henry C. Mabie
- Closing Address: J. D. S. Riggs, O. P. Gifford, Henry M. Sanders, W. J. Williamson

3.5 Baptist Congress – Baltimore, Maryland – 1907.

- Opening Address: J. Barry Mahool, J. F. Goucher, Curtis Lee Laws, Eugene Levering
- Paper: “The Doctrine of the Virgin Birth,” George H. Ferris
Address: Frederick L. Anderson, John R. Slater
- Paper: “How Shall the Church Win the Wage Earner,” J. E. Sagebeer, Edward Holyoke
Address: George D. Adams, C. J. Keevil
Discussion: C. D. Case, Wayland Hoyt, Robert G. Boville
- Paper: “The Organic Union of Baptists, Free Baptists and Disciples of Christ,” Frederick D. Power, A. S. Hobart, Joseph W. Mauck, Frank M. Goodchild
Address: Warren G. Partridge, Alfred Williams Anthony, Errett Gates, George E. Horr
Discussion: Wayland Hoyt, Albert G. Lawson, George D. Adams, Peter Ainslee, George H. Ferris, A. W. Anthony, Harry E. Fosdick
- Paper: “The Ethics of Present Day Fiction,” Wayland Hoyt, J. C. Metcalf
Address: Harry Emerson Fosdick, W. H. Cranshaw
Discussion: Albert G. Lawson
- Paper: “Fear in Religion,” Thomas D. Anderson, J. B. Gough Pidge

Closing Address: James R. Edmunds, Edward B. Mathews, Curtis Lee Laws,
Albert G. Lawson, Theodore A. K. Gessler

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

Paper: “The Doctrine of Atonement in Terms of Modern Thought,” B. A.
Jenkins, Frederick Lent, Leroy Waterman, Allan Hoben

Discussion: G. B. Foster, Franklin Johnson, G. B. Smith, W. L. Hayden,
Samuel Zane Batten

Paper: “What Definite Steps Should be Immediately Taken Toward the Organic
Union of Baptists, Free Baptists and Disciples of Christ,” I. J. Spencer, L.
A. Crandall

Discussion: Joseph W. Mauck, Herbert L. Willett, Albert G. Lawson,
Henry M. Ford, J. H. Garrison, J. Stanley Durkee

Paper: “Is Psycho-Therapeutics a Function of the Church,” Robert MacDonald, J.
Stanley Durkee, Allan B. Philputt, Rufus P. Johnson

Discussion: Samuel Fallows, George B. Foster, Thomas Moody, Carl D.
Chase

Paper: “Christ’s Prayer for Unity,” A. W. Jefferson, Vernon Stauffer, Henry M.
Sanders

Closing Address: Herbert L. Willett, Benjamin Franklin, J. H. Garrison, W. C.
Bitting, Errett Gates, John L. Jackson

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4.1 Baptist Congress – New York, New York – 1909.

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: “How Is Salvation Mediated to Us Through Christ,” John B. Anderson,
Cornelius Woelfkin, Delavan B. Reed, W. G. Fennell, George B. Foster,
Leighton Williams

Paper: “Recent Tendencies to Change Denominational Practice – Are They
Desirable,” T. O. Conant, E. A. Hanley, W. H. P. Faunce, Gwilym O.
Griffith, H. W. Barnes, Charles R. McNally, Robert G. Boville, William
H. Bawden, Alfred H. C. Morse

Paper: "How Can Ethics be Taught in the Public Schools," John H. Harris, Clarence E. Meleney, John L. Alger, R. G. Boville, E. F. Merriam, George U. Wenner, Albert G. Lawson, H. W. Barnes
 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: "The Place of Prayer in the Modern World View," Edward L. Grace, George H. Ferris, Rufus P. Johnston, W. L. Poteat, Gerald B. Smith
 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 Christian Principle in Criminology," E. H. Callaway, Walter Wilbur, W. F. Clark, Harry Emerson Fosdick
 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
 Paper: "In What Sense Is Christ Divine," Frank Aubrey Starratt, Homer J. Vosburgh, Jacob G. Walker, W. Quay Rosselle, Robert C. Hull
 Paper: "What are the Assured Results of Biblical Criticism," Philip L. Jones, B. D. Hahn, John R. Brown, Herbert L. Willett, William H. Bawden, A. W. Anthony
 Paper: "What Hinders the Union of the Baptists and the Disciples of Christ," Peter Ainslie, Douglas C. Macintosh, W. J. McGlothlin, E. B. Pollard, Herbert L. Willett, Milton G. Evans
 Paper: "Immersionists and Church Union," A. T. Salley, Luther E. Sellers, Robert T. Jones, M. G. Evans, John R. Brown, E. B. Pollard, J. P. Lichtenberger, William H. Bawden
 Paper: "Paupersim – Its Causes and Cure," Addison Moore, J. P. Lichtenberger, Mornay Williams, W. Quay Rosselle, William C. Little, William H. Bawden, Frank Aubrey Starratt
 Paper: "The Mystical Element in Christianity: What Is it and What Is its Value," D. H. Clare, Alfred W. Anthony
 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

Paper: “What Are the Basic Principles of Modern Theology,” George B. Foster, Jesse B. Thomas, Theodore A. K. Gessler, Jesse B. Thomas, Robert C. Hull

Paper: “What Is a Baptist Church,” A. T. Fowler, Austen K. DeBlois, Charles H. Watson, George B. Foster

Paper: “The Effect of Democracy on Religious Thought and Practice,” S. Zane Batten, Alfred W. Wishart, A. J. Bonsall, W. H. Bawden, George B. Foster, J. H. Harris

Paper: “The Religion of the College Man,” Charles W. Gilkey, George C. Chase, J. H. Harris, J. M. Clapp, A. T. Fowler, Jesse B. Thomas, Theodore A. K. Gessler

Paper: “The Problem of the Rural Church,” Hulbert G. Beeman, E. P. Garnham, O. H. Tracy, F. J. Soule, Frank A. Smith, S. Zane Batten, W. P. Bartlett, T. H. King, Asa S. Fiske

Paper: “The Efficient Christian Life,” Frank A. Smith, John H. Strong

Closing Address: J. T. Newman, R. T. Jones, W. H. Bawden, Robert C. Hull