

BUSY DAY FOR BAPTISTS.

Interesting Addresses and Officers of
Some Divisions Elected at Ludlow.
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Ludlow, Sept. 22.—Sessions of the Vermont Baptist convention to-day have been devoted to the Baptist Historical society, the woman's missionary organizations, the Ministers' Aid society, Sunday school interests and a session of the convention proper. Dr. C. A. Cook of Bloomfield, N. J., gave a stirring address tracing the history of church benevolences from the days of the early Christians down to the present and emphasizing the vast achievements of the 20th century along missionary lines.

These officers of the historical society were elected: President, the Rev. G. B. Lawson of Saxtons River; vice-president, W. W. Stickney of Ludlow; secretary and treasurer, the Rev. Henry Crocker of Chester.

The Ministers' society listened to a scholarly essay by the Rev. F. S. Tolman of West Rutland on the question "Is Christian Conscientiousness a Basis of Authority for Christian Faith," the speaker being inclined to answer the question in the negative. Officers elected are: President, the Rev. R. Gene Haines of Rutland; vice-president, the Rev. J. J. Williams of Newport; secretary, the Rev. L. J. Bamberg of Montpelier; treasurer, A. G. Crane of Burlington. A board of 15 managers was chosen.

The session of the woman organizations was of special interest. The main features were a report by Miss Mary Brown, State junior secretary, an address by Miss Julia Shinn, field secretary of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary society, and one address on personal experiences with immigrants by Mrs. N. N. Bishop of Boston. The attention of a large audience was closely held and the speakers aroused much enthusiasm among the members of the denomination's missionary branches. Miss Mabel Carpenter of Rutland presided presenting an interesting paper on "The Kindergarden and Primary Department of the Sunday School," throwing out many suggestions as to the instruction of the children.

One of the best features of the convention thus far was the address by Superintendent Bars of the Vermont Industrial school at Vergennes on "The Boy and Girl Problem." He handled the topic pointedly and with some sarcasm and did not hesitate to declare that the attitude of many boys and girls nowadays in regard to the Sunday School and religious matters generally was the result of examples set them by their elders. The speaker was kept busy for some time answering questions concerning the boys of the institution with which he is connected.

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