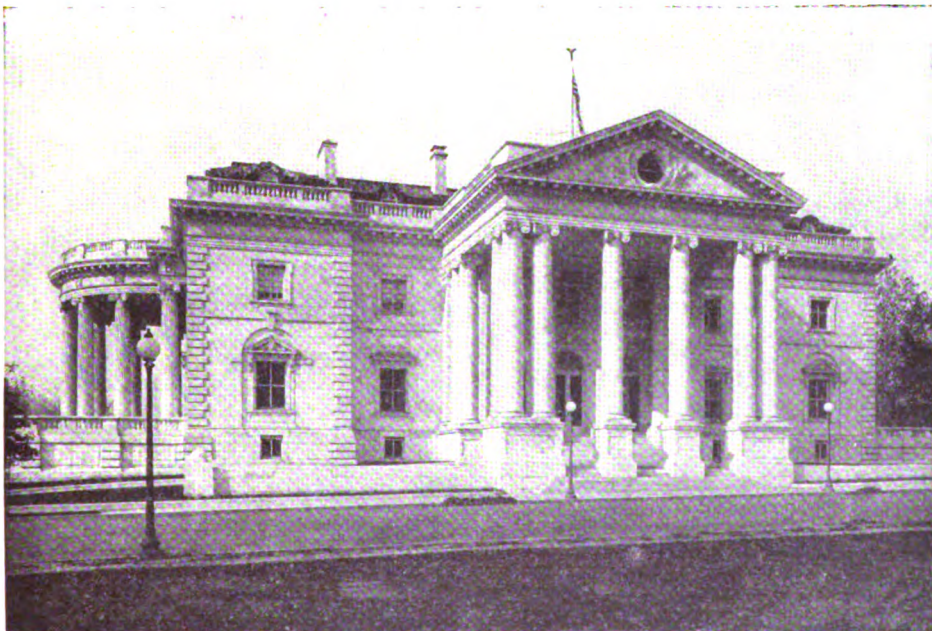


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come an organizer of Trinity Presbyterian Church of the same city. In addition, he was prominently identified with the Young Men's Christian Association, as well as other public enterprises. Mr. Hardie is now an elder and active leader in the Westminster Presbyterian Church of El Paso.

Frank A. Horne

For the past twenty-five years, Frank A. Horne, chairman of the executive committee for the Brooklyn convention, has been identified with the rapidly developing application of refrigeration to the conservation, preservation and storage of perishable food products. He is now president of the Merchants' Refrigerating Company of New York, having served this concern in various capacities during practically all

his business career. Mr. Horne is also president of the American Association of Refrigeration, a national organization fostering the scientific and commercial development of refrigeration.

Mr. Horne is a member of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and of the Book Committee. He is identified with the Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association and the local benevolences of his denomination, and is an active worker in the Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church of Brooklyn.

The work of the Laymen's Missionary Movement occupies a large place in Mr. Horne's plans, and its message and appeal have been a compelling influence in his life. He is a member of the executive committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the United States and Canada, as well as of the Methodist Laymen's Movement.

From Lexington to Houston in the Southern Series of Conventions

D. Clay Lilly

The second half of the series of fourteen conventions in the South began at Lexington—the chief city of the famous blue grass region of Kentucky. Its railroads and network of trolley lines and splendid turnpikes brought in a fine attendance from the central Kentucky cities and towns. The registration of 1,025 delegates was representative of a large number of centers, thus insuring a very wide area of influence for the convention. Four large mass meetings on Sunday night gave the message of the convention to thousands of people.

It was evident throughout the convention that the men were ready for a forward movement in missions and also that they are determined to be rid of the liquor traffic and its attendant social evils.

The registration at Nashville was slightly larger than it was six years ago, 518 delegates being listed. Most unfavorable weather prevailed and the breakdown of the entire street railway system on Friday night rendered this convention of less local in-

fluence than any other of the whole Southern series. This was partially overcome in the Sunday afternoon and evening services, when large audiences heard the message of the last two sessions of the convention at the big city auditorium. There were many surrounding cities and towns represented in the convention, and this was perhaps its most encouraging and fruitful feature.

At the Memphis convention there were many indications of interest and power. This city had a small territory to draw from, as it is in the extreme end of the State, but it brought in a good out-of-town delegation, some of the men being from Mississippi and Arkansas. In spite of the worst weather of the entire winter the attendance was good, even at the day sessions. The registration was 620. A meeting of men to carry on the work of the convention was called for the following week.

The cheering pre-convention reports from Little Rock, Oklahoma City, Fort

Worth and Houston, gave high hopes as to what should be found in those cities, and these expectations were fully met.

The Little Rock convention, with 808 men, was one of the best of the whole series. The very cordial support of pastors, the hearty interest of the local men, the earnest attention of the large audiences, and the interest in the convention shown by the whole city, cheered the hearts of committees and speakers and made them feel that their work was appreciated far beyond its merit.

At Oklahoma City, with a registration of more than 700, a large audience of earnest men were so deeply interested that through each day and well into the night they sat in unbroken ranks listening to the messages of the convention. Many of the delegates had come long distances to attend the gathering and were concerned to get all it had to give them.

The chamber of commerce at Fort Worth showed its interest in the convention by giving complimentary tickets to the banquet to all out-of-town delegates and paying for one hundred tickets for those from the city. It also tendered its hand-

some and centrally located auditorium free of charge for all the sessions of the convention. This convention had been most thoroughly prepared for by the local executive committee, and in spite of many difficulties it was brought to a successful issue. Distances are great in the big State of Texas, though not so vast but that many men from the surrounding district were in attendance. One feature of the convention was entirely novel, namely, that the executive secretary, Mr. S. J. Brient, served without salary, doing as a work of love a most effective service. The delegates numbered 1,040 men.

The closing convention at Houston was one of the best of the entire Southern series. Its great opening meeting of nearly 4,000 people was said by the *Houston Post* to have been the largest religious meeting ever held in the city, and right through all the sessions the attendance and interest were noticeably good. The registration was nearly fifteen hundred, thus being fourth in size in this series of fourteen. A spirit of enthusiasm was marked from the first, and the attendance of men at the noon men's meeting was unusual.

The Laymen's Convention

How a Southern Editor Sizes Up the Situation

The Laymen's Missionary Conference, which opens in Little Rock this week, announces that it expects 1,500 delegates in attendance. These men will be gathered from churches of a half-dozen denominations from the entire State and will be addressed by lay and clerical delegates from over all the nation. A first-class roster of speakers has been announced and some real brains will be in attendance at the various sessions.

The session presents a very interesting phase of the changed status of church work as it concerns its members. It has not been so very many years since the common idea of a church congregation was a group of people who met every Sunday morning and heard a sermon, came back Sunday night, that is, some came back, and heard another

sermon, had a prayer meeting on Wednesday night and maybe a choir practice on Friday evening. The remainder of the week the church was closed up, unless some of the good women wanted to give a pie supper or a bazaar to aid a missionary who was struggling to convert a heathen in Boolooland.

All the activities of the church centered around the pastor. He was paid to preach and he was paid to pray. That is, some of them were paid. A lot of them got promissory notes from their congregations which were recorded only in Heaven, and probably will be paid only there. If there was a member of the church ill, it was the pastor's duty on behalf of the church to go to see him. That discharged, he made a report to the congregation at the next Sun-