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COMMITTEE ON BOARDS
PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The Committee on Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention formerly was able to complete its work during a session of the Convention, but recent constitutional changes now make the committee's work a year long study.

The group named at last year's Convention to make recommendations for personnel of the Convention's 19 boards, commissions, and standing committees, had a special meeting here February 22 to formulate their recommendations. Rev. Harold W. Seever of Florence, S. C., is chairman. All 20 members were present.

Further meetings of the committee will be held immediately prior to and during the Convention session at Oklahoma City in May.

Recent constitutional changes providing for rotation of membership on the boards and forbidding a person's serving on more than one board are given as reasons for the necessity of much more detailed study. Approximately 600 places must be filled.

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SBC MISSION OFFICIALS
VISIT SOUTH AMERICA

RICHMOND, Va.--(BP)--Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board has returned after a two-weeks visit to Baptist missions in Costa Rica, Colombia, and Venezuela.

He participated in the organizational meeting of the Colombo-Venezuelan Baptist Convention at Barranquilla February 9-11, when more than 200 delegates of the "younger" churches of San Andres Island, Colombia, and Venezuela united in fellowship and service, with the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Caracas as the first president.

Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., the Board's Latin American secretary, who was one of the party of four from Richmond in attendance upon the convention, made the opening address in Spanish. Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary of missionary education and promotion, also addressed the convention. Rev. Fon H. Scofield, director of visual education, was present to make a motion picture of the sessions, which were held in the First Baptist Church of Barranquilla, with capacity crowds exceeding 1,200 at the evening sessions.

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION ELECTS
DR. C. H. BOLTON EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Dr. Charles H. Bolton, pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church of Miami, Fla., was elected executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation at its annual meeting in Nashville, February 23.

Dr. Bolton, if he accepts the position, will set up offices in Nashville for the solicitation and investment of trust funds for Southern Baptist institutions and agencies.

The Southern Baptist Foundation was established by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1947, and Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Convention's Executive Committee, has served temporarily as executive secretary until the organization was completed at the annual meeting. Dr. Bolton will be the first full-time executive of the organization.

Dr. Bolton has been pastor of Riverside Baptist Church in Miami since July 1944. He was pastor of the West Palm Beach Baptist Church, 1927-39; associate secretary of the Baptist Relief and Annuity Board at Dallas, 1939-41; executive secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention, 1941 until he moved to the Miami church. He is a former president of the Florida Baptist Convention, is trustee of Stetson University, a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the Florida Baptist Convention, and a member of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

W. Maxey Jarman, chairman of the board of General Shoe Corporation, was re-elected president of the Foundation. Other officers are L. L. Gallerstedt, Atlanta, vice-president; Raymond Rogers, Nashville, secretary, and Duke K. McCall, Nashville, treasurer. Jack C. Massey, Nashville, was elected chairman of the executive committee which superintends all investments.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADMISSION
OF WASHINGTON AND OREGON CHURCHES

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(BP)--A special Southern Baptist Convention committee named last year to study the petition of Washington and Oregon churches for admission to the Southern Convention will recommend that the churches be admitted.

Dr. C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C., chairman of the committee, announced the decision after a special meeting of the group here. Their recommendation will be carried to the meeting of the Convention in Oklahoma City in May.

Petition of the churches in the Pacific Northwest was received by the Convention's 1948 meeting, and in accordance with the Convention constitution was referred to the special committee for study. Twenty-one churches in the two states are included in the petition.

If the Convention acts favorably on the recommendation, this will increase to 23 the number of states in the SBC territory.

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