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Chicago, Illinois----The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for 1956 came to a total of \$5,240,745. By comparison with the 1955 total of \$4,628,691, this is an increase of \$612,054.36, the Convention's Foreign Mission Board reported to the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Chicago, Illinois----The new president of the Southern Baptist Convention, elected at the recent Convention session in Chicago, is Brooks Hays, member of the U. S. House of Representatives from Arkansas. Also elected at the same time were W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, as first vice-president, and as second vice-president Noel M. Taylor, executive secretary of Illinois Southern Baptists.

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Chicago, Illinois----The Southern Baptist Convention in its recent meeting here voted to locate the sixth Southern Baptist seminary in Kansas City, Missouri. The Convention already has five seminaries operating in various parts of the United States, and the new sixth one probably will be begun in about two years.

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Chicago, Illinois----Approving recommendations of their committee on time, place, and preacher, Southern Baptists voted to meet in 1960 in Miami Beach, Florida, May 17-20. For 1958, the Convention preacher will be Robert E. Naylor of Fort Worth, Texas.

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Chicago, Illinois----The Christian Life Commission presented its report to the Southern Baptist Convention here, including a statement against racial tensions and accompanying violence. Said A. C. Miller, executive secretary of the Commission, "the race problem is basically a moral and religious problem. . . (and) we as Christians in our approach to it must invoke the principles of our religious faith." The report was received by the Convention.

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Chicago, Illinois----The Southern Baptist Convention resolved here recently that while Billy Graham, Southern Baptist evangelist, is engaged in a crusade in New York City, the Convention would send fraternal greetings to him and "engage in a period of prayer asking God's continued blessing on his ministry."

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Chicago, Illinois----The Baptist Federation of Canada sent to the recent sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago, the Rev. T. B. McDormand, Toronto, general secretary of the Baptist Federation of Canada. As fraternal messenger, he brought the good wishes of Canadian Baptists to the Southern Baptist group.

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Chicago, Illinois----A feature of the opening session of the 1957 Southern Baptist Convention here was a joint presentation by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and the Woman's Missionary Union. This included the presentation of new appointees to various mission fields by the Foreign Mission Board and a program by the Woman's Missionary Union.

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Chicago, Illinois----The Southern Baptist Convention, recognizing that "The American Bible Society renders an essential, worldwide missionary service" urged Southern Baptist people "to make worthy contributions to the work of the American Bible Society, in order to provide the Scriptures needed for the missionary advance to which we are committed."

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