

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS IN SESSION.

Over Six Thousand Persons Attend the Forty-ninth Meeting.

DALLAS, Texas, May 11.—The forty-ninth session of the Southern Baptist Convention was called to order in the Sam Jones Tabernacle at 10 A. M. to-day by President Jonathan Haralson. There were present between 6,000 and 7,000 people. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises by the Rev. Dr. F. H. Pritchard of North Carolina.

The address of welcome was made by the Rev. C. L. Seachols. The reports of various standing committees were then submitted. President Jonathan Haralson was re-elected by acclamation.

The following named Vice Presidents were elected: J. William Jones of Virginia, W. J. Northen of Georgia, S. H. Lord of St. Louis, and F. M. Ellis of Maryland.

To-night the annual sermon was delivered by Dr. Herfoot of Kentucky. To-morrow the regular business of the body will begin.

Another "Fastest" Train.

The Minneapolis Tribune, May 6.

The United States Express Company, since its acquisition of the entire Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul system, not only covers more mileage than any company in the United States, but is more than ever wide awake to the demands of its patrons.

For many years past it has run an exclusive express train of its own over the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western and the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railways, but on last Friday night it quickened the time of the train so that the running time from New-York to Chicago is but twenty-five hours. Leaving New-York (Hoboken) at 8:45 P. M., it reaches Chicago at 9:20 P. M. the next evening. The train of exclusive express cars, drawn by monstrous engines, and attaining at times a speed of over sixty miles an hour, is a grand sight. By this step the "States" connects with the night trains out of Chicago on the great systems it occupies, viz., the Rock Island, Milwaukee-St. Paul, Chicago and Alton, and others. Goods from New-York are landed in Minneapolis or St. Paul the second noon out, three hours ahead of the fast mail, and not only this, but goods from Philadelphia and from the great Lehigh Valley and Reading systems have the same advantage, goods from Philadelphia in the afternoon being landed in Minneapolis and St. Paul the second day out. The growth of the United States Express has been phenomenal, as it has increased its mileage almost threefold in about ten years, and, while working on conservative lines, is always as quick as the quickest and as cheap as the cheapest.

Prof. Fiske May Go to Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 11.—An evening paper says the post of Librarian of the Newberry Library has been offered to Prof. John Fiske. This is the place made vacant by the recent death of Dr. William F. Poole. Prof. Fiske has not yet formally accepted the offer.