

RELIGIOUS TRAINING.

We read of an ancient king who, desiring to ascertain what was the natural language of man, ordered two infants as soon as they were born, to be conveyed to a place prepared for them, where they were brought up without any instruction at all and without ever hearing a human voice. And what was the result? Why, when they were brought out of their confinement, they spoke no language at all, they uttered only inarticulate sounds like those of other animals. Were those infants in like manner to be brought up without being instructed in any religion, there is little room to doubt, but that the event would be just the same. They would have no religion at all; they would have no more knowledge of God than the beasts of the field. Hence God has appointed that children be brought up in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord." His plan is to train them up in the way in which they ought to go. Not let them go their own ways of ignorance and foolishness and sinfulness for a time, and depend upon future heroic efforts to bring them to the right way. Yet how slow the Christian world is to learn this lesson and to practice it! This training must be done mainly in the family. Our family training should be directed towards making our children not only learned, polite, industrious and economical, but towards making them positively religious. God will doubtless bless the pious efforts and prayers of his people in behalf of their children as readily and as greatly as He will bless any means used for bringing them to a life of piety.

THE DOCTORS.

We have for some time had it in mind to write something about the doctors. Not the Doctors of Divinity, or the Doctors of Laws, very worthy gentlemen no doubt, but about the doctors of medicine. It is difficult to tell how much the world owes to the medical profession, or what a blessing to any community is a capable and conscientious physician. In the present state of humanity we are very subject to disease and accident. Now to have some one at hand always ready with the requisite qualifications and appliances to relieve suffering, to check the progress of disease and to assist the physician to assume his ordinary comfortable and healthy condition, is a boon indeed. But the medical profession is a blessing to the race in the discoveries they are making continually with reference to the sources of disease and the preventive measures to be adopted. Hygienic laws and conditions are discovered by these learned gentlemen and revealed to the world, so that

we may know how to preserve our health to a goodly degree. Perhaps no class of professional men have harder work to do, or more work for which they do not expect pecuniary remuneration than physicians, and perhaps none do gratuitous work more cheerfully.

In the absence of Mr. Mills and without his knowledge, we venture the opinion that if the proper encouragement and support be given to the noble charity of which he is the Superintendent, he will not desire to retire from that work.—*Orphan's Friend.*

And you could hardly have expressed an opinion more at variance with my feelings. If I know myself, it is not like me to desert a friend—and much less the orphans—in a day of distress. Every fall, when appropriations have been spent and the wants of the children are many, we have an interval of hardship to bridge over as best we can. This year so many lodges are dead, the churches are in such a mortal struggle after members, fine houses, and high steeples; and individuals find so many tempting investments that the orphans are temporarily forgotten. And just at this time it is necessary to buy so much to eat and to wear. Some of the farmers (seeing that we occupy large houses) charge the orphans more than they do the people of the town. Three doctors, also, have this year charged us bills which we are obliged to pay, and a fourth, in his dotage, sends a bill ten years old, and amounting to three hundred dollars, for services mostly imaginary. The situation is at present embarrassing, but my faith in our people has never staggered. Some are sleepy, some are slow; but they always respond in a reasonable time to every worthy appeal. Next year with no buildings to erect, and no extraordinary expenses to meet, the Orphan Asylum will run more economically, more smoothly and more efficiently than ever before. Besides its income will be increased and its work can be safely enlarged. Hereafter the duties of the superintendent will be less arduous and less inksome than ever before. If I suspected that our people intended to desert the orphans, no consideration could induce me to leave them. To do so would be unmanly and mean. A true man can not afford to wrong his own soul by deserting suffering and struggling humanity.

It seems to me that the present is a favorable time for a new man to come in; but my reasons for wishing to retire are neither mean, nor mercenary.

J. H. MILLS.

The Baptist had raised \$93,000 of the \$100,000 desired for the endowment of Wake Forest College, and the convention raised \$3,000 more. It is said that the other \$4,000 is assured. We are glad to know this. It puts the college on the best basis.—*News And Obs.*

Mr Jim Jones, the biggest man in Greene county, died on Wednesday of last week of dropsy. He weighed 450 pounds.

[Condensed from the Wilmington Review]

THE PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD

convened in Wilmington last Wednesday.

The opening sermon was preached by the last Moderator present, Rev. Dr. Hill, the text being from Jonah, iii, 2: "Arise; and go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the preaching that I bid thee."

After the sermon the Synod was constituted with prayer.

After the making up of the roll, nominations were made for Moderator, and Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., of Winston, was chosen Moderator, and Rev. J. A. Raousay and J. B. Burwell, Esq., were chosen temporary Clerks.

Rev. J. Rumble, D. D., was elected Agent of Education in the place of Rev. L. McKinnon, removed from our board.

Rev. C. M. Payne made his report on evangelical labor, showing an increase in the number of evangelists, amount of contributions and aggregate of work done. There are in the Synod 5 Presbyteries, 231 churches and nearly 20,000 communicants, a net gain during the four churches and 929 members. Total amount contributed for evangelists work, \$3,290.

The committee on Statistical Reports made a report through their chairman Rev. S. M. Smith. The report was docketed for further consideration. The following facts appear from the report:

According to the reports of Presbyteries there are 116 ministers and 231 churches, a decrease of four ministers and an increase of two churches. Ten ministers have been received. Twelve ministers have been dismissed. There have been two licenses and three ordinations. There have been twelve installations and the pastoral relations have been dissolved eight times. Three churches have been organized. There are twelve candidates for the gospel ministry, six having been received during the year. There have been four deaths in the ministry: Rev. Thomas Pickney Johnston and Rev. Pierce Harrell, of Concord Presbytery, Rev. William Malcolm McGilvary, of Mecklenburg Presbytery, and Rev. Robert Austin Wailes, of Orange Presbytery.

In the evening session, the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions, Rev. R. S. Johnston, was made and accepted. A collection was taken for this cause.

The Agent of Foreign Missions, Rev. R. G. Johnston, tendered his resignation, but the Synod declined to accept it.

The State clerk presented the following Statistical Report of the Synod of North Carolina to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States: "The Synod of North Carolina respectfully reports to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States that it consists of five Presbyteries, and that these consists in whole of 116 ministers and 234 churches, having under their care 4 licentiates and 10 candidates, viz:

- Orange Presbytery—30 ministers, 64 churches, 1 licentiate and 7 candidates.
- Concord Presbytery—19 minister, 38 churches and 1 licentiate.
- Fayetteville Presbytery—21 ministers, 51 churches and 4 candidates.
- Wilmington Presbytery—15 ministers, 31 churches, 2 licentiates and 1 candidate.

Mecklenburg Presbytery—31 ministers, 50 churches and 8 candidates.

Total—116 ministers, 234 churches, 4 licentiates and 20 candidates.

The Synod further reports that its next Stated Meeting will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Winston, N. C., on the 2nd day of October, 1884, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

By order of the Synod.

Wm S Lacy, Stated Clerk

The committee on Union Theological Seminary made report through their Chairman, Rev. Dr. Wood, which was received and adopted.

Following this was the report of the Agent of Education, Rev. D. Rumble, which was a broad review of the general work of education, and presented also a summary of educational institutions in the Synod, in part or wholly under Presbyterian control. An increase in the number of candidates for the ministry was noted, and a decided increase in contributions from the churches. The amount contributed for 1882 was \$2,077. The Synod approved the effort to increase the endowment of Davidson College, and commended the agent, Rev. Dr. J. B. Mack, to our churches.

The Presbyteries contributed to the Church's objects of beneficence of follows:

Orange Presbytery	\$3,886 47
Concord Presbytery	4,973 00
Fayetteville Presbytery	3,081 00
Wilmington Presbytery	1,790 00
Mecklenburg Presbytery	5,500 00
Total	\$19,229 47

THE ORPHANS.

There are now 128 children at the Asylum. The *Albemarle Enquirer*, speaking of them says:

"These children must be fed, clothed, and taught. Many others have applied, and been refused admission, because there is so little prospect of contributions. So many Masonic Lodges have died—killed by other competing secret societies which insure lives, promise money, and so substitute the love of lucre for masonic charity! Then the churches are building houses, buying organs, and bidding for eloquent preachers. They have so many louder calls! How can they hear the feeble cry of a poor orphan? Some individuals are regular and liberal in donations, some churches also send more than we expect. Some lodges are regular (as the clock) in sending their gifts. But the number of these individuals, churches and lodges are small. Out of property bequeathed to the orphans by four persons, they have received nothing and expect nothing, during the present year. The number of Orphans has been reduced from 155 to 128. Those now here ought to remain and others ought to come. The contributions in October amounted to \$110,82. Can 128 Orphans be fed, clothed, and taught for one month on \$110,82? When you sit down to a big dinner, do you remember that the children of your dead brethren are hungry! When you wrap yourself in a warm bed, do you think of children crying for cover? If so, help them. Do so at once, and regularly. See that they are spoken of to your neighbor. See that your church or lodge is reminded of them. See that they do their simple duty towards it—from principle and for charity's sake. Cut this out and paste it on the back of your dinner plate,—then do what your conscience demands of you.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

Correspondence ORPHAN'S FRIEND.

The Baptist hosts of North Carolina met in Convention on Nov. 14, in the old and historic town of Edenton. The delegation from the West was much larger than it was supposed it would be, Edenton being in the extreme Eastern part of the State, while the delegation from the East was very large.

Of course, the Convention was handsomely entertained. The Committee on hospitality announced every day that every house in Edenton was open to the convention, and that the delegates and visitors could "drop in" anywhere and get dinner.

The sessions of the body were unusually interesting and the speaking and preaching were of a very high order of merit. Doctors Burroughs of Norfolk, Va. Dickerson of the Religious Herald, Richmond, Va., Nunnally of Ga., representing the Church Building Department of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Biting representing the Bible Work of the American Baptist Publication Society, and T. G. Jones were present and added much to the success of the session. Dr. Pritchard, who had just returned to live in his native State, was warmly welcomed.

The reports of the various Boards of the Convention showed that the last year had been one of great liberality in the part of the churches. The State Mission Board employed 54 missionaries, paid in part by the Board, and in part by their fields of labor.

The following statistics will prove interesting.

Associations in this Convention in 1882,	26
Associations in this Convention in 1883,	29
Churches in these Associations in 1882,	832
New churches organized in 1883,	35
Whole number churches, Present number of communicants,	82,522
Baptists in Western Convention, (estimated)	20,000
Baptists in North Carolina working thro' the Conventions of Virginia, Tennessee and S. Carolina,	8,192
Colored Baptists in N. Carolina,	102,097
Whole number of Missionary Baptists in N. Carolina,	212,811

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts of State Board,	\$4,810 33
Expenditures,	4,510 95
Balance,	\$ 299 38
Collected by Missionaries on their fields,	8,631 44
Paid for the erection of 27 new churches, assuming \$800 to be the average cost,	21,600 00
Raised and expended by Associations,	10,809 83
Amount raised for Foreign Missions,	4,041 62
Amount raised for Ministerial Education,	3,862 26
Amount raised for Domestic Missions,	899 21
Prof. C. E. Taylor, who has been indefatigable in his efforts to endow Wake Forest College, reported to the convention that he lacked \$8000, of the \$100,000, needed, and that if the Convention would give \$3000, he knew where he could obtain the remaining \$5,000. The Convention promptly gave the desired amount, and their sang with spirit the Doxology. The outlook for the College and the general work of the Convention was never so hopeful as now.	F. P. H.

Mr. L. Thornton, Warrenton N. C., says: "I used Brown's Iron Bitters for dyspepsia and consider it the greatest remedy known."

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