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February Is Designated Biblical Recorder Month

Convention Votes for Co- operation of Pastors and Laymen in Support Of Denominational Paper

JOHN A. OATES AGAIN PRESIDENT

And Other Officers of the Conven- tion Elected at Opening Meeting

This morning's session of the convention opened with appointments of committees and reports from various branches of the denomination's work.

Dr. R. T. Vann, secretary of the Education Board, spoke for a few minutes of his work during the past year, expressing warm gratitude for the support which he had received from men, women, children, rich and poor, educated and ignorant throughout the State.

Dr. Vann has often been called "the best loved man in North Carolina" as he has gone east and west, north and south presenting the cause of education to the Baptist denomination. In his speech this morning he emphasized the fact that great movements are built up slowly, adding in his characteristic way "Of course, a man can build a chicken coop in a day."

Of the Baptist ministry of North Carolina Dr. Vann said "We haven't got many fools, and we have got no rascals."

Continuing he said, "Do not be impatient. We are too fond of talking about hustling. The Bible doesn't say a man went forth to hustle, but to sow. The men with reputation of continually being in the limelight are not generally the men of real accomplishment. We say that we must make things hum. Well, probably our little exertions do make a sort of humming noise, but the sun and stars move noiselessly under the direction of Almighty God. God is working in us to do large things, and we need not worry about making a noise."

REPORT ON THE RECORDER

Thompson stressed the need of support at this crisis of "loss incurred by discontinuing patent medicine advertising and the increased cost of print paper. Attention was called to the fact that while the denomination has grown vastly in numbers the subscription list of the denominational paper has dwindled.

Pastors and laymen from many sections voiced their appreciation of the value of the Biblical Recorder in evangelizing and training for Christian service, agreeing that through this means more people could be reached and influenced than through any other medium, and the convention voted to set apart February as Recorder month, waging an active campaign, with the cooperation of pastors and laymen, for the support of the paper, with a direct canvass for subscriptions.



WALTER N. JOHNSON
Co-responsing Secretary

Dr. Mullins next addressed the convention on "Our Baptist Heritage", which subject, he began by saying, is distinctly Baptist and the sermon a resume of his book, "The Axioms of Religion."

MONDAY'S NIGHT'S SESSION

The Baptist State Convention held its opening session Monday night, effecting organization, following an eloquent sermon on "The Unsearchable Riches of Christ" by Calvin B. Waller, of Asheville. The scripture lesson was read by Dr. John Jeter Hurt of Durham.

Addresses of welcome were made by Mayor P. G. Sawyer and Rev. I. N. Loftin, pastor of Blackwell Memorial Church, the convention's host.

Mr. Loftin spoke of the remarkable growth of the Baptist denomination in Elizabeth City from the very small number of 192 in 1874. "When the Convention met here in 1904" said Mr. Loftin "this number had increased to about 800 and the first part of this church was



M. L. KESLER
Superintendent Thomasville Baptist Orphanage

"Since I have been here as pastor I have baptized more than seven hundred members into this church, and the city now has more than 1850 white Baptists.

Mayor Sawyer spoke as follows:

This gathering which owes its being to the cause of religion is typical of the Baptist creed. It is, indeed an honor and a pleasure to be afforded the opportunity to address you and to welcome you to this Commonwealth and to greet you officially and personally. I bid you a hearty and a most sincere welcome to our midst, and hope that the time you spend with us will be a source of profit and delight. Elizabeth City is honored by your presence. Every soul that lingers here, rejoices that we are to have you with us. The business which brings

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WHERE THE BOYCOTT FAILED

Earl Frank, 17 years old, who has recently escaped from the Stonewall Jackson Training school at Concord, was brought before Judge Sawyer this morning on the charge of having stolen a crate of eggs from the cargo of one of the boats lying at the dock. He was turned over to Sheriff Reid, who was instructed to see that he had safe custody back to the reformatory from whence he came.

Frank was intercepted in the act of selling the spoils of his robbery by one of the police officers.

Board Holds First Meeting

The new board of County Commissioners held their first meeting Monday with the following members present: J. G. Fearing, J. C. James Jr., Elihu Ownley, W. F. Jennings, W. B. Bicht and J. M. Jennings.

Mr. N. G. Grandy is ill in a Norfolk Hospital and could not be present.

Mr. J. G. Fearing was elected chairman. The oath of office was administered to the following county officers: H. P. Williams, constable; Charles Reid, sheriff; J. P. Thompson, auditor; Caleb W. Ives was elected standard keeper for the year. O. J. Bailey was re-elected keeper of the county home. Elias Albertson was appointed assistant jail keeper. The allowance of 40c per day for each prisoner was increased to 45c. Mr. H. C. Bright was elected keeper of the court house clock. Hon. J. B. Leitch was appointed assistant trial justice.

Since the county officers have been placed on a salary by the legislature and the office of treasurer abolished it was necessary to designate one of the city's banks as county custodian of funds. The Savings Bank and Trust Company was chosen.

The necessary \$500 appropriation for Home Demonstration work was made, an excellent report of the past year's work having been made by Miss Albertson. Those voting for this appropriation were: Messrs. Fearing, James, Ownley, Jennings.

SOUL WINNING IS CHIEFEST AIM

WILMINGTON PASTOR SAYS
CHURCH IS IN DANGER OF
FORGETTING PRIME PURPOSE

At a late hour Tuesday afternoon the Pastors Conference adopted resolutions pledging themselves to more earnest effort to enlist church members in the work of soul winning. Their action was taken in response to the paper read by J. A. Sullivan Tuesday morning on "The Soul Winning Church" and to his plea that this vital issue be given more than perfunctory attention. Mr. Sullivan's paper was received by the pastors with much favor and was regarded as one of the most thoughtful studies of the Conference. It follows in part:

In these days of multiplied agencies for the administration of the complex affairs of God's Kingdom, there seems to me to be a grave danger of forgetting the prime service which Christ demands of His church. These varied forms of activity in our churches are all intended ultimately for the accomplishment of this service, yet with a manifest tendency to magnify the organizations and to minimize that for which the organizations were created. A single illustration will suffice. Take the word "missions." The average church member cannot think of missions, except in terms of dollars and cents. Nor is he altogether to blame for this blunder. Please recall the heart-rending appeals sent out by our Secretary Johnson during the last week of our convention year. And you cannot lay the blame at his feet. Impending disaster drove him almost to desperation. And when at midnight, November 21, the glad cry of victory went out, our whole brotherhood rejoiced. But that was a victory of dollars that saved from debt. While I rejoice with others in that remarkable achievement, I am told to say this shout of triumph is misplaced emphasis. I ask you, how much gladder would have been the heart throbs of those who reflect the Christ-love, if we had received tidings of dollars gathered, but of the large number of souls of men won for our blessed Lord and for His Kingdom. And we cry "victory." But is there victory? We cannot even value one soul in the sum of all things material; yet with the teeming hundreds of thousands of lost men passing us by every day in our own State, have we won? Missions contemplates sending, but our Lord said, "Go." The church will not be blessed in sending, when it is unwilling to obey in going. You cannot pay another to speak the words that call to eternal life, when the Lord gives you that blessed privilege.

Soul winning is the church's chiefest business. Nearly all lines of activity fostered by the church lead directly or indirectly to this pre-eminent service. It is true, the great commission of the Lord to His disciples is to evangelize, but a sane and sincere evangelization looks for and rejoices in the very largest harvest of souls.

Our branch of that body of christian people known as Baptists pride themselves on the appellation "missionary." It is unthinkable, abnormal, may I say, monstrous, that a church rejoices in sending the Gospel to lost souls far away, but is not on fire to win those right at her own doors. And usually, the church that goes after the lost in her own community will not neglect the effort to win others farther away.

I repeat, the church's chiefest business is soul winning. You will not judge me presumptuous when I appeal for a return to the simple method pursued by the first Christ.

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LAMBERT-FEARING

BEAUTIFUL WEDDING SOLEMN-
IZED AT CHRIST CHURCH
AT CHRIST CHURCH EARLY
THIS AFTERNOON

Of the many beautiful weddings which have been solemnized in Elizabeth City this fall none have been of more interest than that of Miss Nannie Louise Fearing and Mr. William Reginald Lambert which took place today at half past one o'clock in Christ Church.

The stately dignity of the interior of the church was enhanced by beautiful decorations of palms, fern and flowers of the purest white, and the soft light of altar candles.

The wedding music was beautifully rendered by Miss Clara Covert, organist of the church, and just before the bridal party entered Mr. H. G. Parks sang "Dawning."

The ushers were, Messrs. J. B. Fearing, Jr., brother of the bride, and Miles Clark; the groomsmen were, Messrs. John Harney and Howard Flora.

The bridesmaids, Misses Lillian Whitehurst and Nannie Mae Long, cousins of the bride, were gowned in blue charmeuse and georgette crepe with silver lace hats and carried beautiful arm bouquets of long stemmed white roses.

The maid of honor, Miss Mae Fearing, sister of the bride, was gowned in brown georgette crepe with gold lace hat and brown shoes and carried an arm bouquet of La France roses.

The bride, gowned in a handsome suit of midnight blue chiffon broadcloth with trimmings of blue fox, carrying a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley, entered on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage. They were met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. F. M. Grice, Jr., cousin of the bride.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. A. Ashby, rector of Christ Church, and the bride and groom left immediately for an extended trip to Washington, Boston and Florida. Upon their return they will make their home in Elizabeth City.

The bride is the very attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fearing of this city. The social functions given to her honor prior to the wedding, as well as the large number of handsome gifts presented by friends in and out of the city, are indicative of her popularity here and elsewhere.

The groom is the son of Mrs. W. W. Lambert of Georgia, prominent in the real estate business of this section and a favorite socially in Elizabeth City.

Blackmail Case Is Postponed

Washington, Dec. 6.—Dr. Armgard Graves, self styled international spy, was to appear before United States Commissioner Taylor to find whether he will answer a charge of attempting to blackmail Countess von Bernstorff, wife of the German ambassador, for 3,000 dollars by the sale of letters smuggled through the British censor from Germany.

Graves' trial or release depended on whether German embassy officials were willing or able to tell about the visits of Graves to the residence of Prince Hatzfeldt, Embassy counselor.

Graves today was the same debonair figure he was when arrested nearly four weeks ago, as he stepped from Hatzfeldt's residence. He has stoutly maintained he never will answer the blackmailing charge.

UNION LEADER DECLINES OFFER

ANDREW BONAR LAW TELLS
KING GEORGE CANNOT AC-
CEPT THE PREMIERSHIP

London, Dec. 6.—That Andrew Bonar Law, Unionist leader who was summoned to the palace last night following the resignation of Premier Asquith and who was proffered the premiership by the King, has declined the office tendered him, is stated to-day on highest authority.

Later this morning the King summoned Lloyd George, whose resignation as War Minister in the first instance forced the cabinet shake-up, to the palace for a Conference.

The apparent final decision of the Union leader in declining to accept the premiership and form a new British Cabinet is construed as meaning that David Lloyd George will be called to perform the task.

ODESSA GOAL OF GERMAN DESIRE

UNITED PRESS CORRESPONDENT SAYS THAT CITY OBJECTIVE OF ROUMANIAN CAMPAIGN

(By CARL W. ACKERMAN)

With the German Army at Pitesti, Roumania, Dec. 3.—The fate of Bucharest is a matter of only a few days.

Desperate resistance by the Roumanians can only serve to delay the German occupation of the capital.

To an observer of this great German achievement in Roumania it appears that the goal of the German offensive in the movement now approaching its climax is not Bucharest alone.

Germany's object, first, is the destruction of the Roumanian army; but even that is only preparatory for a new drive into Russia with Odessa as its final goal.

RAISE PASTOR'S SALARY

On Sunday morning the members of the First Baptist church voted to raise the salary of their pastor, Dr. B. C. Hening, to \$3,000 a year. Sunday marked the close of Dr. Hening's second year at pastor of this church, and the past two years have been years of steady, solid and substantial growth.

FINED FOR SPEEDING

Dr. W. H. Peters was fined \$10 and costs in police court Monday for speeding. Harry Lyons was fined \$20 and costs for two violations of the speed law.

"I never mentioned the Countess's name," he affirmed. He added that the letters disclosed Count von Bernstorff as a stock gambler.

Around Graves still hangs an air of mystery. He admits "Armgard Karl Graves" is an assumed name. He will not tell his real name. The German Embassy declares he really is named "Meinke", and was educated at Berlin public schools. He claims to have been intimately associated with the high counsels of the German government.

The author of two widely read books on international spying "Secrets of the German War Office" and "Secrets of the Hohenzollerns" Graves has been 'exposed' frequently by newspapers and the German Embassy. His latest composition is a movie serial.



EDITOR LIGHT C. MOORE

Of The Biblical Recorder, Raleigh.

The report on the Biblical Recorder was read by Editor Light C. Moore, giving the history of the denominational paper and a summary of its work and place in the state. Following Mr. Moore, Rev. J. S. Farmer and Rev. C. J.