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### THE STATE CONVENTION.

The seventieth annual session of the Baptist State convention of North Carolina passed into history Sunday night, Dec. 9.

It was in many respects a remarkable meeting, characterized largely by a beautiful spirit of harmony and brotherly love and a convention which planned largely and, in the main we believe, wisely for the work in the future.

The retirement of secretary White, after a term of service covering a period of five years, in which he abundantly demonstrated his peculiar fitness for the position, and, by the faithful assistance of the pastor and churches, succeeded in greatly enlarging our State mission work, made the election of a new secretary necessary. The religious and secular papers had already announced the probable candidate before the meeting of the convention and in keeping with their prophecy the pastor of our Greensboro church, Rev. Livingston Johnson was chosen.

We trust that he may find himself possessed of the hearty sympathy of the people and be able to do a greater work than his predecessor.

It was also decided to raise one hundred thousand dollars for our educational institutions—\$50,000 for the Baptist Female University, and \$30,000 for Wake Forest College, and the remainder for the other schools of the State owned and controlled by us. The Female University needs the money; her debt is something like \$45,000, and president Vann is authority for the statement, that all that the financial agent, John White, and Will Bailey, were able to do, did not pay the financial secretary's salary and interest on the debt; so unless the denomination comes to the rescue the University will find itself in a most serious way.

In the opinion of this scribe the wisest thing the convention did was to defeat the proposition of the committee on periodicals to purchase the *Recorder* at \$16,000. If the convention must own and control its paper it can do so at a much less figure, and with all other work pressing we have no right to vote away the people's money to no purpose.

The consolidation of the *Recorder* and *N. C. Baptist* is now a near probability. They ought to get together; but then the paper man at the Associations will be embarrassed explaining away former speeches about cheap papers, et cetera.

We are in receipt of a little pamphlet written by Bro. W. A. Graham, in memory of his lamented daughter, Florrie Lane.

No higher eulogies could be pronounced upon anyone than those contained in the pamphlet, and the beauty about it all is that too much could not be said of the useful life of this noble woman.

### From Baptist Female University.

Christmas is all the talk among the girls.

Prof. Sledd, of Wake Forest will lecture in the University Chapel on the evening of the 15th. We are expecting something good.

School work was suspended for the convention. The girls were faithful in attendance and enjoyed it very much.

We enjoyed the talks of visitors at Chapel service during the week, and especially the lecture Saturday morning by Dr. Willingham on "Cultured Christian Womanhood."

A reception and recital by the faculty was given Friday afternoon for the benefit of the delegates to the convention.

We were glad to see so many familiar faces from our association and Mr. J. D. Moore from our own home church.

Miss Fannie Hicks has recently furnished the parlor of one of the last purchased buildings.

At the University on the afternoon of Thanksgiving a recital and reception was given the Wake Forest and Trinity and faculty and students. In the evening the Academy of Music was filled to overflowing to witness the Inter-Collegiate Debate between Wake Forest and Trinity. As you all know, the cup was given to Trinity. But—we were never prouder of our Wake Forest representatives.

### A Noble Tribute.

United States Minister Conger, after the forces of the Powers released him and the others at Peking, gave this expression, a noble tribute to our missionaries and the Chinese Christians:

"Blessed American missionaries, one and all of you, so providentially saved from certain massacres, I desire in this hour of deliverance to express what I know to be the universal sentiment of our diplomatic corps, sincere appreciation of, and profound gratitude for inestimable help which the native Christians under you have rendered toward our preservation. Without your intelligent and successful planning and the uncomplaining execution of the Chinese, I believe our salvation would have been impossible. By your courteous consideration of me and your continued patience under most trying occasions, I have been most deeply touched, and for it all I thank you most heartily. I hope and believe that in God's unerring plan your sacrifices and danger will bear rich fruits in a material and spiritual welfare of people to whom you have so nobly devoted your lives and work. Assuring you of my personal respect and gratitude, very sincerely yours,

"E. H. CONGER."

### Moody's Power.

If a committee of one hundred Christian leaders had been appointed forty years ago to search the whole world and select a young man who had the best material to qualify him for a great evangelists career, we presume Dwight L. Moody would have been the last boy whom they would have chosen. Clumsy, awkward, bashful, untaught, unimaginative, unemotional, lacking in every gift but one for the making of a great man, a great leader and especially a great evangelist. He had zeal. What God has done through Dwight L. Moody, He stands ready—anxious to do through every man who invokes His power, and who is worthy to use it.—*Ram's Horn.*

The Baptists of Hickory called on their pastor the night before Thanksgiving and expressed to him their kindness in a very substantial way. Both pastor and people are thankful and happy.

### The Report of the Treasurer.

At the time of going to press, Monday afternoon at four o'clock, the receipts of the Treasurer stand about as follows:

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 9,784.93
Home Missions.....	6,858.60
Ministerial Relief.....	1,029.30
Ministerial Education.....	2,267.39
Students' Aid Fund, Louisville.....	472.99
Sunday Schools.....	612.04
State Missions.....	18,571.07

Financial Clerk Watson reports \$6,744 in cash collected this year for the Baptist Female University.

Treasurer Briggs reports \$2,201.83 collected for Wake Forest College, being designated for the Royall Chair.

The Orphanage year closes July 1st. The receipts for the year amount to about 14,000.—*Biblical Recorder.*

### "When the Sun Was Setting."

"That was a wonderful scene at Capernaum some nineteen centuries ago—Christ with the halo about his head; the sun just set, and the waves softly lapping the shores of Galilee; the camels and their bearded riders; the soft breezes of the Sabbath rustling the aromatic herbs; and blue skies hanging over the bare fields and olive groves; the diseased and their friends looking up with white and anxious faces to the great Healer. Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases, brought them unto him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them.' No painter has ever rendered the proper tribute to that scene; no poet has sung it in numbers sufficiently touching and sublime. What He through His word has done for mankind in the nineteenth century is alone approached by the miracle He performed at Capernaum 'when the sun was setting.'"—*Will T. Hale.*

### The Religious Paper.

1. A good religious paper makes Christians more intelligent.
2. As knowledge is power it makes them more useful.
3. It leads to a better understanding of the Scriptures.
4. It increases interest in the spread of the gospel.
5. It places weapons in the hand of all to defend the truth.
6. It affords a channel of communication between brethren.
7. It throws light upon obscure questions of practical interest.
8. It cultivates among children and parents a taste for reading.
9. It awakens interest for the salvation of souls.
10. It gives the more important current news of general interest.
11. All this is furnished at a very small cost compared with its value.—*Selected.*

### Take Time.

Take time to breathe a morning prayer, asking God to keep you from evil and use you for His glory during the day.

Take time to read a few verses from God's Word each day.

Take time to be pleasant. A bright smile or a pleasant word falls like sunbeams upon the hearts of those around us.

Take time to be polite. A gentle "I thank you," "If you please," "Excuse me," etc., even to an inferior, is no compromise of dignity, and, you know,

True politeness is to do or say the kindest things in the kindest way.

Take time to be patient with children. Patience and kindness will open a way for good influence over almost any child. Take time to be thoughtful about the aged. Respect gray hairs, even if they crown the head of a beggar.—*Christian Observer.*

Charles E. Vale,



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Gastonia, N. C.

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are: A Man's Value to Society, Life of Moody by his son, Throne of David, In His Steps, Robert Hardy's Seven Days, Philip Strong, Great Books as Life Teachers, etc.

### FICTION, NEW AND OLD.

Eben Holden, David Harum, David Harum illustrated, To Have and To Hold, Bob, Son of Battle, Circular Study, An Eagle Flight, Alice of Old Vincennes, The Master Christian, Via Crucis, etc.

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