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Baptist State Convention.

Statesville Landmark.

The late Baptist State Convention at Shelby re-elected Rev. J. H. Durham, of Lumberton president. Congressman Webb was one of the vice presidents. Mr. Webb presented to the president of the convention in behalf of King's Mountain Association, a gavel from the wood of a hickory tree from the center of King's Mountain Battleground.

The convention, which represents more than 245,000 members, the largest denomination in the State, decided to establish a summer encampment along the line of the Virginia Baptist Encampment at Virginia Beach. A committee will select a location. Wilmington has offered the convention \$500 to locate there.

Christian education will hereafter take a place in the budget of benevolence in Baptist churches along with missions and orphanage. A committee will formulate the plan and report next year. The charters of Wake Forest and Meredith College have been amended and these institutions are absolutely controlled by the convention. Wake Forest's enrollment is 433, Meredith's 329. A new dormitory and a new church building are being erected at Wake Forest, and in 30 minutes the convention raised \$12,000 for this church, following the report of a committee which recommended that that amount be raised.

The Convention decided to raise \$57,000—an increase of 5,000—for foreign missions next year and \$55,000 for state mission work. The report showed that 102 churches in the State made no contribution to foreign missions; that Virginia Baptists, which with a membership of 150,000, gave \$76,000 to this cause, while North Carolina Baptists, numbering 245,000, contributed but \$52,689.

The orphanage at Thomasville, which has been in existence 28 years, has had enrolled 1,445 children and is now caring for 414. Two new buildings will soon be ready for occupancy. J. A. Durham, of Charlotte, will erect a cottage for children under the age of five. Children have not heretofore been received under that age. Resolutions of appreciation were adopted by the convention for the two recent bequests to the orphanage—the gift of Misses Mary and Victoria Galloway, of 375 acres of land, and a gift of about \$40,000 from Dr. W. S. Little. The annual expenses of the orphanage is about \$50,000.

For all purposes there has been contributed 71 cents per member a gain of 8 cents the past year. In 16 Associations the contributions averaged more than \$1 per member. The average, in the South Yadkin Association was 96 cents. There are 1,934 Sunday schools and 72 branch or mission schools; 195 churches report no Sunday schools. There are three colleges and 15 secondary schools owned and controlled by the denomination. The property of these, including endowment, is valued at \$1,440,194. Last year there were 185 teachers and 3,882 pupils in these institutions.

A resolution to cut out football at Wake Forest College was vetoed down.

The next session of the Convention will be held in Raleigh. Rev. E. T. Carter of New Bern to preach the opening sermon.

"I was cured of diarrhoea by one dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy," writes M. E. Gebhardt, Oriole, Pa. There is nothing better. For sale by all dealers.

—The oyster supper at the Critcher hotel, the first function of the holiday season, was, we are told, a most enjoyable occasion, and almost every member of the Baptist Sunday School, for whom it was given, was present.

—Mr. and Mrs. Thos. W. Hopkins, who recently purchased a lot of fine property in and around Hendersonville, spent the holidays with home folks on Middle Fork. They are not satisfied to abandon old Watauga yet, and think they may buy property here, if they can find something to suit them, which all their friends here hope they may.

—Prof. John E. Brown, the efficient private secretary to Congressman Doughton, who has been with his family at Vilas for the past two weeks, will leave for his post of duty on Friday or Saturday. Mr. Brown seems to be highly pleased with his position and gets much out of coming in contact with statesmen and other prominent personages in the Capital City.

—The Training School disbanded on Saturday, Dec. 20, for the holidays, and a large number of the pupils and a few members of the faculty went to their respective homes to spend a week's vacation with loved ones. The school opened its spring term on Tuesday last with a largely increased enrollment. The Boone public school also took a week off, but is now down to work again.

—While blowing out stumps on his farm on Middle Fork Friday before Christmas, Mr. Ben Edmisten had the misfortune to kill a splendid milk cow. The cow was some distance away, but when the dynamite explosion came, a root from the stump was hurled against the anatomy of the unsuspecting brute, with such force that death ensued immediately. Fortunately for the owner, the animal was fat enough for beef, and was butchered as soon as the accident occurred and sold as such.

—As our readers, many of them, will remember, Mr. John Burkett, son of Mr. B. F. Burkett, of Brookside, was killed by a switch engine on the Norfolk & Western Railroad, at St. Paul, Va., last April. The father brought action against the company for the recovery of \$10,000, which case has been pending in the Federal court at Greensboro. At the late term, Attorney W. R. Lovill, with all the witnesses for the plaintiff, was present, but was unable to get a hearing. However, Judge Boyd agreed to recall the jury and give the case a hearing on Jan. 5.

—Now, that the joys of the Christmas tide are over, and we hope the cup has been filled to the brim for each and every one, let us settle down to our usual vocations, with a determination to improve upon many of the short comings that have beset us during the year just closed. If a friend has spoken evil of you, or done you an injury, forgive him, if possible; if you have done some one an injury, go to him at once and make amends, as this is all the way there is to adjust such matters. The tongue, that unruly and dangerous member; bridle it, when it is inclined to speak evil of any one. In short, let us strive, if the power within us lies, to say nothing of a neighbor that we would not be willing for him to say of us, and try to put the Golden Rule into practical use during this good year 1914, which is ushered in upon us today.

An exchange says that there are no less than nineteen "Bald Mountains" in the United States. When a mountain begins to shed its hair, there is no hope for it.

OBITUARY.

Enoch Fletcher was born February 19, 1845, and died December 11, 1913, aged 68 years, 10 months and 8 days.

He was married in the year 1872, to Miss Mary McGuire, to whom were born three children, all living.

Some time after the war between the States, Brother Enoch Fletcher professed religion and united with the Methodist church at Henson's Chapel, which faith he prized very highly. He was a model of piety mild and kind, and his religion was exemplified by his everyday life. His theme was to live entirely agreeably with all men, ever believing that we ought to do good to others. He always took a delight in the Sunday School work, believing the Sabbath ought to be spent in religious training.

Brother Fletcher had been afflicted for some months, and bore his affliction without a murmur or complaint. Some days before the end came he would sing some of his favorite songs, "How firm a foundation", "Sweet Rivers", "Resurrection", and others. The end came peacefully as an infant going to sleep.

Paul speaks of being absent from the body and present with the Lord. The same Apostle, referring to himself, says, "Having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better." When Jesus told his disciples that he was about to leave them, sorrow filled their hearts, but he said: "If ye loved me, rejoice because I said I go my Father." How much better off is our departed brother than we are. His glorified spirit can say out of the fullness of its joys, "This is heaven, and I am here. This is the throne of God and the Lamb. I am safe forever more."

How sweet the hope we cherish, What raptures for us wait, And with our journey ended, We pass the pearly gate. No sorrow will be there.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Revs. Hickman and N. C. Combs, after which, by kind friends, the body was laid in the grave to await the coming of the Lord Jesus.

JACOB YOUNCE,
Watauga News please copy.

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CONSTIPATION POISONS YOU.

—The ladies of the town, of all denominations, joined together in their efforts during Christmas to prepare for the poor at the county home (13 in number) the best and most tempting dinner they could, and sent it to them. The foregoing statement is evidence of the quality of the dinner served, and to know just how much it was enjoyed by the group of God's poor, one had to be present to tell. Verily, he that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord, and in this event, if possible, the donors got more pleasure out of it than the recipients. A most worthy act on the part of the ladies of the town.

What is home without a night key.

In Memory of Sister R. L. Greene.

The life of a good woman is one of the world's best assets. Such was the life of Sister R. L. Greene, who died on Oct. 20, 1913, at Leander, N. C., where she had lived since 1902.

She was born in Johnson county, Tenn., June 21, 1879, and thus it was given us to have the influence of her Godly life. She was married to Mr. W. O. Greene Dec. 4, 1902. She was a faithful christian companion; a sweet and loving mother; a kind neighbor and friend. She was a tower of strength to her husband and a ministering angel in the home.

She joined the Baptist church Feb. 26, 1896, at Sugar Grove church in Johnson county Tenn., but at the time of her death she was a member of Timbers Ridge Baptist church at Peoria, N. C. She always lived a faithful, exemplary christian life.

Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, assisted by the Revs. John Norris and L. C. Wilson, and she was laid to rest in the cemetery on Beaver Dams, near Bethel Baptist church. The church she loved so well will seem lonely without her.

There is this comforting assurance to those who loved her most, that while to them comes the greatest sorrow, to them also comes the greatest joy, when they think that she who was so dear to them has been ministered unto by the Great Physician, whose touch banishes all suffering from the soul, and with whom to dwell eternally in the supreme rapture of all who put their trust in Him.

She leaves a husband and six children, an aged mother and a brother and sister to mourn her loss.

A. J. TESTER, ()
H. H. GREEN, () Com.
W. L. GREENE ()

Letter From Mr. W. R. Kestner

Editor Democrat: I am glad to tell you that we got home safely without meeting with any troubles or serious accident, although we got very cold Wednesday morning, before we reached Mr. N. L. Mast's for breakfast; but we soon forgot all about the frosty air outside, when we sat down in our genial host's warm, comfortable dining room, where the table was laden with all kinds of good things, steaming hot, and delicious enough to have tempted the appetite of a king. Long may this noble gentleman and his most excellent wife live to lighten the burdens and cheer the hearts of way-worn travelers who are fortunate enough to be their guests.

Sister Osborne is having a grand and glorious meeting at Bethany, the place where the meeting was in progress when she went to Boone.

With many fond recollections for old Boone and her kind people, I am with kind feelings for all,

Your friend,
W. R. KESTNER.
Saltville, Va.

STOMACH TROUBLES DISAPPEAR.

Stomach, liver and kidney troubles, weak nerves, lame back and female ills disappear when Electric Bitters are used. Thousands of women would not be without a bottle in their home. Eliza Pool of Depew, Okla., writes: "Electric Bitters raised me from a bed of sickness and suffering and has done me a world of good. I wish every suffering woman could use this excellent remedy and find out as I did, just how good it is." As it has helped thousands of others it surely will do the same for you. Every bottle guaranteed, 50c and \$1.00. At all druggists. H. E. Bucklen & Co. Phila. and St. Louis.

Parcel Post Improvements.

While a little hard on the post man, the plan of Postmaster General Burleson to increase the weight limits of parcel post packages in the first and second zones from 20 to 50 pounds; to admit books to the parcel post, and to reduce rates in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth zones will be regarded generally as a fine Christmas present.

The exclusion of books from the parcel post service was without excuse. The circulation of good books should be encouraged rather than discouraged by the government, and yet it was not possible to send even a copy of the Bible by parcel post. A great many persons who have scarcely any use for the parcel would have appreciated the service just to send a book occasionally to a friend. When they tried to send a book and were told they couldn't they wondered why the parcel post was established.

Those who have been expecting that the parcel post would reduce the cost of living have been disappointed, but it is too early to judge the system from that standpoint. Farmers are naturally conservative. They are aware that they can send eggs directly to the consumer, but they have not yet evolved any method for getting into touch with him. If they were to go into the cities for a few days they could arrange for the sale of all their products by parcel post, but they probably fear that this would involve correspondence, and the business methods of the farmer are not very highly developed. He has been doing business at the old stand for so long a time that he has not yet come to the point where he is willing to keep a set of books.

However, a change may come in this respect, and meanwhile the postmaster general is to be commended for reducing the rates and increasing the weight limit of packages. Gradually the system will be developed to its fullest use, and ultimately it ought to have the desired effect on the cost of living.—Washington Post.



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