

WORK OF THE BAPTISTS

GROWTH OF THE CHURCH IN N. C.

Rev. Dr. Livingston Johnson Tells of State Work—Rapid Growth of Churches—Western North Carolina Practically All Baptist Preachers Newly Arrived From Country Churches—Railroads Help Extended Church Work—The Opportunity of the Church.

Yesterday morning at the First Baptist church Rev. Livingston Johnson, D. D., secretary of the State Board of Missions for North Carolina, delivered an interesting address on "The Opportunity of the Church," and he was heard by a large congregation, almost every seat being occupied. After introductory remarks by Rev. H. H. Hulten, pastor of the church, Dr. Johnson said:

"It is a great pleasure to me to be here today upon the invitation of your pastor, and Brother Hulten comes on woman's work, and I wish I could give the whole hour to that subject."

"The Baptists' domination" in North Carolina 20 years ago gave only as much to the cause of missions as the women alone give to this cause.

"I came here this morning to talk to you on the subject of 'Opportunity in State Missions.' There comes a time in business life and in Church life when opportunity reaches important crisis, when it must be taken at the tide if the largest good is to be accomplished, and that crisis has now come to the mission cause of the Baptist church in North Carolina."

"I have not come here to beg you to meet your indebtedness. You owe a debt of about \$10 to the board, but you will, of course, pay that amount without having to be begged for it."

"I want to speak to you first of the material development in the rural districts of our State. We are living in a State where the rural districts are developing more rapidly than we realize, and the country churches are the plant and the town churches are the fruit of that development. Note the development and growth of town churches located in sections where country churches exist. Take for instance, our church in Lumberton. In the rural district around that town there are a number of flourishing churches, and these churches are growing strength as continuously to the town church that it was on our mission board just a short time ago. In a few years it became self-supporting and erected a \$5,000 church building. On the other hand, look at the churches at Lenoir, Rockingham and Rockingham, located in sections where there are so few country churches, and note how slow has been their growth."

"And for a long time the same was true of the First Baptist church in this city. This church was founded here 50 years ago, but did not become self-supporting until just a few years ago. For more than 40 years you were on our mission board, and this was due largely to the fact that we have had in this city churches in this country. Now that Charlotte is growing so rapidly you are receiving many people into your church from other States and in this way you have grown until you are a strong church."

"Another reason why we should cultivate the churches in the rural districts is that most preachers come from country churches. For 25 young men who expect to enter the ministry, and at least 50 of these are from the country churches, and never there are a demand for preachers as at the present time. Every day I get letters asking me to recommend some preacher for a church."

"In the second place we owe a duty to the town churches, for they are our best liberal supporters. The State Mission Board is now putting more money in Charlotte than it formerly put in to the board. It has helped the Ninth Avenue church and Fritchard Memorial church until last year, when they both became self-supporting. Now we are helping the church in Chadwick and other suburbs."

"Last February we put a man in charge of our mission work in West and South Greensboro, and in 30 days the congregation in West Greensboro had arranged to erect a \$5,000 Sunday school room, and requested that we let them have the preacher's entire time. We did this, and then the South Greensboro congregation bought a lot on the principal street in that part of the city, and asked for a pastor. And of the \$200 we were asked to take charge of the work the first of November, and arrangements have already been made to build a \$20,000 church."

"The building of railroads opens new opportunities for the Church. We are prone to abuse the railroads, I know, and some of the abuses they do not doubt deserve, but, notwithstanding, believe there is no other human agency that does us so much advantage for progress as the railroads."

"In western North Carolina the people are all Baptists, practically, but they are 50 years behind the rest of the State, because they have been cut off all these years on account of the lack of railroads, but now that railroads have been built in the western counties all of our work is being connected."

"Last year the State Mission Board gave \$20,000 to help mission work, and we received back \$2,000. The board never puts a dollar in a church building, but always gives its money to the support of the pastor. And of the \$20,000 we received back all but \$12,000 was spent in church buildings."

"When the board helps a mission that mission enters into a contract with the board to give something to every cause of the convention, for let churches or an individual look only toward and it becomes self-centered and grows selfish and narrow."

"Dr. Yates, who was long a missionary in China, and one of our best men, and always in every year a liberal offering to the convention for State mission work and he said 'We can't afford to neglect State missions, for that is the life of all other work.'"

"If a church emphasizes only one interest, it becomes isolated, and I am a little apprehensive of the church that does that line."

"The First Baptist church of Raleigh gives more to the cause of State missions than any church in the State. There are more Baptists in the associations of Chowan and West-Chowan than in any other like territory in the State."

"The board gives \$1,000 annually to Charlotte and Mecklenburg county with the understanding that you give \$500. The women of this church last year gave more than \$200."

"In the State last year 16 Baptist churches were finished at a cost of \$2,000. Dr. Gifford says 'Opportunity is the measure of responsibility.'"

"That God will help us to realize our opportunity and grasp it."

POULTRY MEN TO MEET.
The Charlotte Association to Hold Meeting Wednesday Night.
The Charlotte Poultry Association will hold an important meeting in the poultry hall, at the fair grounds, Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. There will be several addresses made. The president, Mr. H. S. Davis, will make the opening address. Mr. Davis is poultry realm in like Grover Cleveland in the political world. When he opens his mouth something is said. Mr. R. B. Cash, of Geffney, S. C., will make an interesting talk. Mr. F. M. Shannhouse and Mr. T. L. Ross, of China Grove, will talk. Mr. C. C. Moore, president of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Association, will make the closing address of the evening. These talks will be worth hearing. Members are urged to attend. The public is invited.

For Tired Fair People.
The Southern States Trust Company has prepared a booth at the fair grounds so that those who become tired may drop in and rest. Chairs and water and other things that make for one's comfort are so provided.

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MR. JIM SOUTHGATE'S LOG CABIN

The Durham Man Takes Life Easy and Lets the Other Fellow Choose the Almighty Deities—Charlotte Citizens Tell of How It is Done.

"Any one who has made the trip over the Southern from Raleigh to Greensboro may have noticed that between Durham and Hillsboro the train seems to wind among a number of small mountains," said a well-known Charlotte man to an Observer reporter yesterday. "It appears that at one time Nature was in some kind of agony in this locality and writhed herself into humps. One of these humps, like a cat with her back up, is about a mile from University Station, and on the top of it is a two-story log cabin having a large porch running around it with rustic posts and railing. The interior finishing consists only of the bare log walls and a ceiling which exposes to view the sleepers of the floor above. The cabin has a rock chimney with an immense fireplace in the hall, the cross support of which consists of a section of railroad iron about ten feet long."

"From this hilltop one gets a fine view of the United States, including five adjoining counties and the city of Durham. About 5 o'clock in the afternoon one may see a train with a long trail of smoke coming out from Durham, and as it stops at University Station he may see a portly gentleman alight (often accompanied by a little mule and a big horse. In a few minutes the surly rounds the hill and the individual aforesaid steps out to be welcomed and embraced by a couple of frisky dogs. His day's work being over, he has time to sit on the porch with his feet on the railing and read his papers. Pretty soon the aroma of country ham and other good things begin to permeate the air for miles around and the gentleman disappears into his cabin. However, as the evening shades begin to fall, he emerges again, lights his pipe and through the volumes of smoke that issue from his mouth, watches the sun set and the rise of the moon. He meditates and in the meantime the smoke from his pipe gathers in the valleys, floats away to the east and to the west and rolls up into black thunder clouds that deluge the country with rain. Hence the exceptionally wet season of 1906. From his cabin porch he can see at any hour a landscape painting done by an invisible hand that surpasses anything ever accomplished by a Rembrandt or a Turner, hear anthems sung by the pines that surpass the grandest church choir and hear solos, duets and choruses from mockingbirds, crickets, and birds, that put to shame even the grand opera."

"Here is a man who practices that simple life about which Tolstoi, Ruskin, Wagner and others have preached such eloquent sermons. He cares nothing for the world's artificialities and vanities, nor for the men who run with their tongues out for the almighty dollar. His wealth is in those he loves and by whom he is loved, and his chief joy is not to get, but to give, something, and he gives lavishly of his hospitality and good-fellowship."

"Not to know Jim Southgate and his log cabin—well, it is to miss something."

The Meeting for Men Only.
The meeting for men only conducted by the Y. M. C. A. yesterday was well attended and of much interest. The speaker, Rev. Mr. W. Carl Schaeffer, spoke with much power on the subject "Christ's Call to Young Men." His text was taken from the seventh chapter of Luke, which gives the account of the raising of the son of the widow of Nain. Mr. Schaeffer's description of the scene was a graphic one and the lessons that he drew from the words of Jesus, "Young man I say unto thee arise," were most timely and they were listened to by the audience of men with intense interest.

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GOV. GLENN IN THE CITY.
He Thinks the Democrats Will Win in the Eighth and Tenth Congressional Districts.

Governor Glenn, who has been campaigning in the western part of the State, was seen by an Observer man yesterday afternoon at the Central and he consented to talk a little concerning the present political conditions as he found them. The Governor said he was stopping in the city to get a short rest from strenuous work. When asked about Marion Butler's statement that the Republicans were making gains, he declared that there was very little in it, and his observations led him to believe that the political outlook for the Democratic party was never better. He believes that Jackson county will go Democratic by a small vote, and that Rowan will give the usual Democratic majority. "Though the Republicans will make small gains in a few counties," said the Governor, "there is no doubt in my mind that this will be offset, and more, by Democratic gains in others."

He is not in the least disturbed by the situation, and believes the State is politically in the best of conditions from his standpoint. In the Governor's opinion, W. T. Crawford will be elected to Congress from the tenth congressional district by a good majority, and R. N. Hackett will win out in the eighth district without any trouble.

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Governor Glenn will leave for Salisbury this morning, where he will make an address to-night.

Reception To-Night to Mr. Raynal.
The reception to Rev. C. E. Raynal, pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, will be held at the church, on Twelfth street, to-night. This will no doubt be a pleasant social event in church circles and will be largely attended, as many are desirous of meeting the new pastor of this new church.

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Winston-Salem, N. C., Sept. 20, 1906.
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Regarding the letter for the Stieff Pianos, please write such a letter as will suit your purpose and sign my name to the letter. Or, if you prefer to do so, write the letter and send to me and I will sign it and return to you. I know that I can endorse anything you claim for your pianos. We have always been well pleased with them.

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