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INTERESTING REPORTS.

FROM RECENT STATE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The Rapid Advance of the Baptist Denomination in the State as Shown by the Reports Read at the Wilmington Meeting.

A visitor to the recent Baptist State Convention which met in Wilmington, furnished the Charlotte Observer with the following interesting report from that meeting:

The recent Baptist State Convention revealed the fact that the past year was one of rapid advancement for the Baptist denomination throughout North Carolina. The Convention stood above all else to mark a forward step for the cause of missions, a forward step for the cause of education, and a forward step for the cause of temperance, especially as the last named relates to State prohibition.

From the time the committee on temperance was appointed until its report was submitted an animated discussion, not to say a heated one, was expected to ensue. The difference in opinion existing between certain members of the committee as to the best means by which to bring about State prohibition was known, and it was not thought that post-discussion in open Convention could be avoided. Wisdom in the appointment of the committee, however, and the predominance of the Christian spirit and brotherly love in the committee room, resulted in the presentation to the Convention of a strong and ringing report in favor of prohibition, one that so fully met the approval of the entire Convention that not one dissenting voice was raised; and the adoption of the report unanimously put the great Baptist denomination of North Carolina, more than 200,000 strong, on record on this subject, and at the same time avoided all discussion of the subject outside of the committee room.

WAKE FOREST'S ENDOWMENT.

When the president of the Convention, Prof. J. B. Carlyle, presented the claim of Wake Forest College to the Convention for the completion of the endowment of this institution, there was no hint of the recent financial panic, and the contributions to the last ten thousand dollars were ready and liberal. The address of Mr. J. W. Bailey upon this occasion was an inspiration, and speaking as he did as alumnus and trustee of the college, he was well able to present the claims in a convincing manner. Professor Carlyle announced before the address at a year ago at the Convention Greensboro, in Mr. Bailey's masterful address on State Missions 208 Metre Hill" was gained for that cause, and that upon the present occasion what the Convention desired was the taking of "Port Arthur" for the cause of Wake Forest and education as the result of his address. And such was the case. Time only can reveal what the meaning of the securing of the \$10,000 endowment will be to this institution of learning which has stood, and which is standing firm, in the front rank of Christian education in North Carolina.

FORWARD FOR MISSIONS.

The statistical figures presented at the Convention are living facts of the rapid growth of the denomination in this State during the past year. The figures show an increase of 7,669 church members, 1,110 baptisms, 116 more churches, 57 more churches being started without a pastor, 20 more churches more than \$2 per member, 8 associations giving more than \$100. There was a decrease

of \$8,000 for State Missions, \$5,500 for Foreign Missions, \$2,000 each for Home Missions and the Thomasville Orphanage, \$283 for aged ministers, and \$281 for Sunday school Missions. The woman's Missionary Union reported an increase of 150 new societies and making an advance of \$6,000 in contributions. In the Sunday school work a gain of 219 schools was reported, 1,363 officers and teachers, and 23,758 in enrollment. The enthusiasm with which the Convention appropriated \$45,000 for State Missions for the coming year, \$45,000 Foreign Missions, and not less than \$25,000 for Home Missions, was an inspiration and gives abundant evidence of the growing interest in every phase of missions in the denomination.

THE CLOSEST HOLD OF ALL.

It is easy to see that the Thomasville Orphanage is not surpassed in its hold upon the affection of the Convention, and no word of criticism will in all probability ever be passed upon the body on this account. This illustration of the teaching of the Saviour, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these," and the command, "Feed my lambs" is touching and beautiful, and will add much to the rich reward which this denomination is already gaining on account of its great mission to the rich and the poor from the mountains to the sea coast.

Pay the Debts.

At this season of the year, says an exchange, business men like to get their accounts settled and it is nothing more than right that every man who owes a bill should pay it.

If for some reason it is impossible to do so, let him go and "see" the man. Tell him about it, but don't try and avoid your creditors.

Every merchant and business man has accounts on his books and it is necessary for these to be collected in order that they may meet their own bills and start the New Year right.

If every man who owes an account and can possibly do so, would pay up things would unlose to a great extent and business conditions would be more satisfactory.

In justice to ourselves and right for our friends, let's all try and pay our open accounts, wherever they may be just and thus as quickly as possible.

Christmas Dance.

A most enjoyable dance was given on Christmas night in the Opera House here by Messrs. F. H. Allen, E. S. Ford and Dr. S. C. Ford, in honor of Miss Matthews, of Selma who was a guest of Mr. E. S. Ford's family during the holidays. Their guest is a most charming young lady and received many courtesies and attentions during her stay in Louisburg. The music was very fine and was furnished by Levin's Orchestra, of Raleigh. There were a large number of visitors from a distance present.

Young Folks Dance.

The "boys" gave quite a pleasant dance in the Opera House on Thursday night of last week, the following couples engaging in the "light fantastic":

Osmond Yarboro and Miss Martha B. Spruill, Elliott Egerton and Miss Bettie Boddie, Frank Egerton and Miss Maude Hicks, Wilson Green and Miss Fannie Boddie, Greenwood Hill and Miss Mattie Hester, Cade Hayes, and Miss Mattie Bynum Hester, Clayton High and Miss Era Sullivan, Jones Macon and Miss Sarah Jones, Tom Boddie and Miss Ernestine Hayes, C. B. Avant and Miss Ava Aycocke, Badger Hart and Miss Ruth Mann, Blair Tucker and Miss Martha Mann. Stage—Weldon Egerton, Daniel Pou Smithwick, Bunnie Cooper, Sam Alston, Edwin Cooke, Will Duffey. Chaperones—Mrs. Boddie and Miss Virginia Foster.

DESTRUCTIVE CYCLONE.

PASSED OVER THIS SECTION LAST MONDAY.

Large Number of Houses, Trees and Fences Blown to the Ground—No Loss of Life Reported—Loss of Property Great.

A very destructive cyclone passed over this section on last Monday about 12 o'clock. A large number of houses were wrecked and fences and trees suffered greatly.

Two large buildings, the E. N. Dent store house and hall, in which the colored graded school was being taught, and the building owned by the colored "Good Samaritans," located in the corporation of Louisburg, were totally wrecked.

Fortunately no one was in either building. Had the graded school been in session there would have been great loss of life.

At O. H. Harris' and E. A. Kemp's about a mile from town the cyclone was very severe. A little son of Mr. Kemp, who was in the potato house, which was blown down, was painfully hurt by the falling of a large sill upon him, but the doctors do not think he is seriously injured.

All of Mr. Harris' outhouses were wrecked, but his dwelling and store house were left intact. A survey belonging to Register of Deeds Boone, whose family were visiting at Mr. Harris' was badly smashed, and the stable fell on his horse, though the horse came out with whole limbs.

The wind and rain were very heavy in town, but the most serious damage by the cyclone was around the edges of town, on the east and west.

A wing of the cyclone struck the wagon factory building, taking away several sheds and a corner of the stable. The large smoke stack was also blown down.

Several tenant houses on Mr. T. B. Wilder's land near Fox Swamp were moved some distance, but not destroyed.

After destroying the "Good Samaritan" building the next place where serious damage was done, was the new dwelling of Mr. Van Williams, on the Nashville road, not a half mile from town. This building was about completed, the plasterers being in the house at the time, putting on the finishing touches. They were terribly frightened, but succeeded in getting out of the house before the crash came. The loss to Mr. Williams will be at least \$500, he thinks.

Postmaster R. R. Harris, who lives in the same section had three tobacco barns blown down, as well as other outhouses, fruit trees, etc.

Quite a large number of trees were blown down in Mrs. Lelia Williamson's woods near town.

In the Flat Rock section reports came to us that the cyclone did considerable damage to dwellings, outhouses and standing timber. The dwelling and store house of Mr. Thed Gill were almost demolished, but strange to say none of his family were seriously hurt. One of his children, it is reported, received a small cut in the head.

Right much damage by the storm in Sandy Creek township, but no loss of life reported.

The heavy wind Monday night blew down the framing of new house of J. R. Perry at Mapleville.

Marriages.

During the month of December Register of Deeds Boone issued licenses to the following couples:

WHITE—J. W. Alford and Susan Brantley, W. A. Bunn and Ella Perry, W. R. Baker and Lillie Privett, J. M. Champion and Puss Riggins, John Driver and Nettie Bunn, Walter Davis and Iris Garner, Sam Edwards and Gussie Dickerson, J. E.

Green and M. V. Garner, J. B. Gordon and Katie Ham, W. S. Goswick and Lena G. Conyers, M. L. Gupton and Pattie P. Harper, Geo. T. House and Sue Hawkins, J. T. C. Johnson and Mrs. Julia Harris, W. T. Jones and Mattie Horton, B. N. Layton and Emma Winston, J. R. May and Eliza Dalbridge, J. H. Mullen and Ada J. Wiggs, Ernest Parham and Lizzie Collier, J. O. Pearce and N. O. Perry, G. W. Poythress and Maude Tucker, Charlie Privett and Rella Williams, Henry Rogers and Martha Carter, C. R. Strother and Bessie Merritt, A. F. Strickland and Rebecca Strickland, W. J. Upchurch and Senna Medlin, Robt. Weathersby and Reba Medlin, Young A. Ferguson and Maggie Clifton.

COLORS—Joe Boddie and Mollie Foster, Buck Brodie and Pattie Massenburg, Wm. Branch and Lula Neal, Tom Burwell and Otney Crews, Alex. Carmichael and Charity Green, Ben Davis and Susannah Ruffin, Robt. Day and Emma Perry, Albert Hartsfield and Minnie Plummer, Richmond Hilliard and Clara Hunt, Eddie Hayes and Nannie Taborn, James Jeans and Elora Perry, Manson Kearney and Ochoe Perry, Percy Neal and Ollie Perry, Sylvester Strickland and Hattie Johnson, James Southerland and Lou E. Terrel, Charlie Wright and Cora Young, Willis Warren and Mary D. Neal, Arthur Yarboro and Ollie Baker.

New Pastor Arrives.

Rev. W. P. Swope, the new pastor of the Baptist Church arrived Monday, accompanied by his family—wife and three children. They will occupy the M. E. Pleasant's dwelling on Main street. In behalf of the community the Times extends the Pastor and his family a most hearty welcome.

He will occupy his pulpit next Sunday.

Death of J. C. Baker.

The editor of the Times regrets to hear of the death of the above named citizen, which occurred at his home in Harris township, one day this week. He was about 74 years of age, and was known by almost everybody in the county, as for the past thirty years he has faithfully filled the position of officer to the Grand Jury. He will be greatly missed. He was true to his country, and was one of the staunchest Democrats of his section.

The TIMES Wants to See.

All of the inhabitants of Louisburg pull together, as one man, for the upbuilding of every laudable enterprise in the town.

Old Franklin go forward during 1908 at a more rapid rate than any previous year.

Parents take more interest in the education of their children by seeing that they attend school regularly, and at the same time hold up the hands of the teachers in their efforts to improve the minds of the little ones.

A greater interest manifested by young men for their future welfare and a desire on their part to make the best of themselves.

A larger number of enterprises established in the county during 1908 than were inaugurated during 1907.

The farmers make bountiful crops this year, and receive fair and reasonable prices for their money crops.

More "hog and hominy" and "home supplies" raised than during the year just passed.

The people to live more at home by making their "home supplies."

Two thousand new subscribers to the Times during this year.

—The Louisburg Rifles have moved into their new Armory, next door to the Times office.

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

And Those Who Come and Go, Some for Pleasure, Some for Business and a Large Number Because They Like It.

Mr. F. S. Spruill went to Raleigh Tuesday.

A. W. Perry, Jr., left yesterday for a visit to Zebulon.

Miss Mabel Davis spent last Monday in Raleigh.

Miss Mary Stegall, of Clarksville, Va., is visiting Mrs. F. H. Allen.

Miss Ella Harris, of the Youngs ville Graded School, is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. S. V. Carter, of Garner, also Mr. Moore, of Raleigh, are visiting Mr. J. W. Weathers.

Mrs. Lucy Blackley is visiting her son, E. P. Blackley, on Kenmore Avenue.

W. B. Cooke and family returned this week from a visit to his wife's people in Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Ferrel Parrish, of Durham, has been visiting friends and relatives in town the past week.

Miss Urtie Harrison, teacher in the Graded School, spent the holidays with her people in Littleton.

Miss Claudia Aycocke returned Tuesday from Zebulon, where she has been visiting Miss Elva Jones.

Miss Emma and Ruth Howell, of Apex, spent the holidays with their grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Weathers.

Mrs. T. B. Wheeler and little daughter, of Scotland Neck, is visiting her brother, Mrs. J. S. Timberlake near town.

Mr. A. F. Johnson and family, and little Miss Eleanor Thomas, spent a portion of the holidays with his people in Rocky Mount.

A large number of visitors from far and near were in Louisburg during the holidays, among them our reporter gathered the following:

Capt. J. B. Thomas and Lieutenant Bodie attended the meeting of the officers of the Third Regiment which was held in Durham this week.

Mrs. Wylanta Aycocke returned yesterday from a visit to Oxford, accompanied by her sister Miss Emma Longmire, who will spend some time in Louisburg.

Rev. J. F. Mitchiner, of Statesville, came home to see the "folks" during the holidays, and was in town one day this week. He paid the editor's sanction a very pleasant visit.

During the holidays F. B. & D. F. McKinnis had a number of their relatives to visit them, as follows: D. E. McKinnis and wife, and Malcolm McKinnis, of Princeton, E. L. Hart and wife, of Wilmington, and C. R. Stimpson, of Turnersburg.

R. S. White and wife, of Raleigh; T. F. Terrill and wife, of Raleigh; J. S. Tomlinson, wife and son, of Washington Cw.; W. B. Boyd and wife, of Warrenton; R. G. Burroughs and wife, of Henderson; David Ballard, of Roanoke Rapids; J. B. Tucker and wife.

College Notes.

Though a majority of the students went home to spend the Christmas holidays those remained here had some very pleasant gatherings.

On Monday evening the children in the Primary Department gave a Christmas Entertainment in the Chapel. The stage decorated in red and green, and songs and recitations by the "little tots" brought to them present the real Christmas spirit of joy.

On Friday afternoon the children in the Methodist Sunday School representing the three smallest classes

were given a party in the College Chapel.

A "Fish Pond" arranged on the stage was the chief amusement, and it was a pleasure to the older ones present to watch the little faces glow with happiness as they fished out a ball, a doll and top or some pretty toy.

At 7 o'clock in the evening the other classes in the school commenced to assemble and for two hours the halls rang with "laughter and good cheer." The Graphophone added much to the pleasure of the evening. Every one present entered into the spirit of the occasion and even the oldest joined in "King William" and the old childhood games.

Mrs. Belle Starks of Oxford and daughter Irving spent several days at the College, guests of Mrs. M. S. Davis.

Mrs. Minnie Williams, of Baltimore, spent the holidays at the College with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Williams.

Rev. E. H. Davis is here on a visit to relatives.

In Hands of Receivers.

The Seaboard Air Line Railroad went into the hands of Receivers yesterday, the Receivers, who were appointed by Judge Pritchard, of the United States circuit court, are S. D. Werfield, of Baltimore, and R. L. Williams, of Richmond. They are given full powers to conduct the road and so far as the public is concerned there will be no apparent difference in the running of trains than before.

Graded School Notes.

The Spring session of the Graded School opened yesterday.

Superintendent Mills informs us that a class in Book-keeping will be organized with the beginning of the New Year, which will be open to all pupils of the High School grade, and to all prepared to do such work. This includes boys and girls from the rural district of high school grades, and under the state law comes free.

Death of a Good Lady.

After a lingering illness of several months, Mrs. W. R. Timberlake passed away yesterday morning about 2 o'clock. She was a daughter of the late J. R. Hight, and leaves a husband and three children. She was a member of the Methodist Church, in which faith she died, and she was a good woman. The funeral will take place from the residence this morning at 10.30 o'clock and the remains will be buried in the Cemetery.

Prohibition Wins in Raleigh.

In the election held in Raleigh on the 26th of December Prohibition won by a majority of 547 out of a vote of 1313. There were nearly 2,000 registered voters, but it seems that over six hundred of them did not have sufficient interest in the question to vote either way. The question was "Prohibition" or "Dispensary" and there were only 381 votes for the Dispensary, which institution was closed immediately.

The result was a big victory for the Prohibitionists, and they say that they are determined to see that the law is rigidly enforced.

A HANDY IRON CLEANER.

You can make a very practical little contrivance for use on ironing day, says THE DISCOVERER for January. It consists of a block of wood about five inches square. Five holes are bored in this block and filled with bees-wax. These are covered with a piece of muslin. The other side of the block is covered with emery cloth. The emery side of the block is used to rub the iron on if the starch sticks, and the wax side gives the iron smoothness.