

Raleigh, N. C., December 15.—The Baptist State Convention at Durham adjourned last evening after a most interesting farewell session. In these exercises the First Baptist Church of Durham gave its parting blessing to Rev. Dr. W. C. Tyree, who will assume the position of pastor of the First Baptist Church here next Wednesday and will preach his first sermon to his new charge next Sunday. The convention will meet next year in Charlotte. Corresponding Secretary Johnson said that one hundred Baptist missionaries were at work under the convention in this State. He spoke of one layman, H. C. Bridges, in the little village of Bladenboro, who gave \$500 a year to support a missionary. The work of the Sunday school department under Rev. T. Neill Johnson was endorsed and an appropriation of \$100 made for this year. It was decided to urge the Board of Christian Improvements at Wake Forest College. On this subject Rev. J. W. Lynch made one of the greatest speeches of the meeting. He told of some of the great work accomplished by the alumni of the college and remarked that he went to college with Bob Rigsbee and Ed. Cheek, and they were not saints, but he rejoiced to find them now pillars in the Durham church. A resolution was passed conveying to the Baptists of Great Britain and other non-conformists their sympathy in their resistance to the educational bill in Parliament. Resolutions were passed against liquor traffic and calling for efforts for local legislation wherever a saloon existed. Rev. J. A. Oates called attention to the fact that half the distilleries of the United States were in North Carolina.

One of the most interesting reports to be considered at the coming session of the Legislature will be the recommendations of State Labor Commissioner Varner. These recommendations may be thus summarized: (1) That no child under 12 years old be permitted to work in a factory unless a widowed mother or totally disabled father is dependent on the child; that no child under 10 shall be employed in a factory; that no child between 12 and 14 be employed unless he or she can read and write. (2) That no child under 14 shall work between 7 p. m. and 6 a. m. (3) That school districts, townships and counties be permitted to adopt compulsory education by a majority vote at a special election. (4) That eleven hours shall constitute a maximum day's work. The commissioner would also like a law imposing a severe penalty on the father who puts his children in the factory and squanders their earnings in drinking and carousing. There is no doubt but what some legislation will be passed on some of these matters at the approaching session, and the recommendations are now made public so that the problems can be intelligently discussed.

According to the examination of ex-Senator Marion Butler in the South Dakota suit at Washington Saturday it seems that Butler and Senator Pettigrew originated the idea of South Dakota bringing this action. Pettigrew said that South Dakota University needed funds, and Butler said that he thought that he could secure a donation. He then had the owners of the bonds in New York to give the university several, and in this way the action was taken into the United States Supreme Court.

The convention of tobacco growers called by President John S. Cunningham to meet in Rocky Mount next Friday is of greater interest because of the fact that the price of tobacco shows a decline. For several weeks the weed has been going down, and some grades are now \$2 a hundred lower than at the first of the season. Fortunately most of the weed was marketed as fast as it was cured and the selling season is about over in this State.

Messrs. J. G. Brown, Herb J. Young and I. T. Jones, of Raleigh, were witnesses to the will of the Rev. W. C. Norman. Messrs. Brown and Young have been to Durham and proven the will, which was probated there. Mr. Norman made Mrs. Norman executrix and beneficiary. It is reported that Mr. Norman had \$3000 insurance and some other property amounting to something like \$5000 or \$6000.

The Blades Lumber Company, of New Bern, was incorporated to-day with \$150,000 capital. The incorporators are W. B. Blades, of New Bern; C. B. Blades, of Philadelphia, and J. B. L. S. and L. C. Blades, of Elizabeth City.

The Eli Gurganus Company, to deal in general merchandise at Williamston, was incorporated with \$6000 capital to-day.

The announcement that Judge Purwell asks the removal of Assistant District Attorney Oscar Speaks was not a great surprise here. The Judge regarded Mr. Speaks' manner in examining a witness at the recent term and his reply to the Judge when corrected as bordering on contempt of court. It is said that Judge E. W. Timberlake or J. A. Giles may be appointed in his place.

If Senator Pritchard takes the new Federal Judgeship there is some speculation as to his successor as State Chairman. Among those mentioned are Collector E. C. Duncan and Congressman Blackburn. The superiority of the former is generally admitted.

Another accident from an unloaded gun happened in Rutherford when the nine-year-old son of A. D. K. Wallace, formerly clerk in the Secretary of State's office, accidentally shot and killed his fourteen-year-old brother.

Collector Duncan appoints John B. Koonce as clerk to succeed I. M. Downing, of Currituck, to fill Koonce's former place.

President Hanes, of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, has addressed a letter to the members of the State in which he suggests a meeting of business men from the different cities in the near future to discuss railroad discrimination in rates and formulate their grievances. Charlotte went to great expense in collecting evidence on this point and laid the same before the national railroad commission. A leading member of the Merchants' Association of this city, has suggested that the next Legislature be asked to appoint a committee to collect evidence on the subject. The commission before the Raleigh organization.

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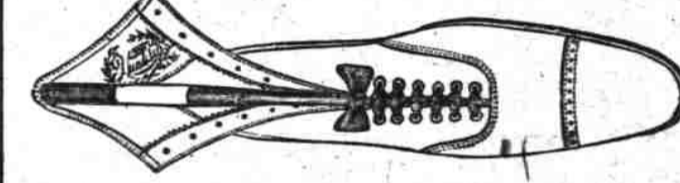
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Yours respectfully,
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Gentlemen—As your representatives, we wish to say in behalf of your guano, that among all the customers that we have sold, there is not one single complaint. Every user is an advertiser. He wants it again and wants his friends also to use it. We have tested beside all the different guanos sold here, and on each occasion, have either equalled, or surpassed. The guano is good, and we recommend it.
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Yours very truly,
M. L. DAVIS.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Nov. 13, '02 MILLER FERTILIZER Co. Handy & Winder.

Gentlemen—The fertilizer bought of you last Spring manufactured by the Miller Fertilizer Co. I found to be good and can fully recommend the same.
Yours very truly,
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Harbinger, N. C., Nov. 21, 1902. MILLER FERTILIZER Co. Baltimore, Md.

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Yours respectfully,
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Respectfully,
C. C. APPENDIX.

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The Fertilizer bought of Handy & Winder I found to be very good. The high grade potato I think is as good as and I ever used. I used it this year along side of two other kinds of fertilizer sold here, and found results in favor of your fertilizer, I also found that your fertilizer drilled much better than either of the kind which is of great importance. I had no trouble at all with my drill while using yours, I can fully recommend same.
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