

## THE LARGEST CIRCULATION OF ANY NORTH CAROLINA DAILY.

### IT WILL BE WRIGHT

THE SUCCESSOR OF THE LATE DR. C. DURHAM WILL BE CHOSEN TO-DAY.

### THE BAPTIST FEMALE UNIVERSITY

Revs. Stringfield and Edwards Making Ringing Addresses Telling of the Work They Have Done—Rev. Dr. Hume Makes Reply to a Remark of Rev. J. E. White in Which the University is Pitted Against Wake Forest—No Bitterness.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Dec. 6.—(Editorial Correspondence.)—If the pious persecuted Baptists who appealed successfully to Thomas Jefferson to help them get free from religious persecution could be alive to-day and look in on the well-dressed, well-educated and progressive body of men assembled, they would see the fruits of their planting in tears and sowing amid difficulties. The opening roll-call showed the presence of 303 delegates. There were as many more visitors, and all the trains to-day, brought in large numbers until the delegates here approximate 500. It is doubtful if any previous Convention has had so large an attendance upon the opening day.

"It takes grit to invite and entertain a Baptist Convention," said Editor Oates last night. He meant by this, as he explained, that now there are three Conventions at the same time—the Convention proper, the Young People's Association, and the Woman's Missionary Society. The Baptist and all the other churches have learned to utilize woman in the church, and while she is seldom permitted to preach, she is no longer told that she must keep silence. She talks in meetings with her sisters at home and at the Convention, and her zeal and interest are applauded. If some of the old-time brethren could see these Christian women in their meetings, they would be shocked and declare that it was not according to St. Paul. But they would be mistaken. These women are carrying on a branch of Christian work for which they are peculiarly equipped, and will obtain the praise of "She hath done what she could."

In his address of welcome last night, Pastor Johnson stated to the Convention that since the roll of delegates had been made up and homes assigned to them, three of the delegates had "passed over the river." He paid a warm tribute to the late C. Durham, D. D., and to the late George W. Blount, Esq., two of the leaders, one in the pulpit and one in the pew. He also took occasion to speak of the death of Rev. C. T. Bailey, D. D., editor of the Bibli-



J. W. BAILEY, Editor Biblical Recorder.

cal Recorder, who had passed away since the last Convention. His allusion to his services to the denomination and the fitness of his mantle's falling on his son, to whose ability and worth he paid a high compliment, was among the happiest portions of a very happy address. Not less felicitous, and much more humorous, was the response of Editor Oates. This young editor graduated at Wake Forest College last year, and during his junior and senior years kept up with his course and edited his paper. Either was enough to give an ordinary man all he could accomplish.

There seems not a bit of doubt that Rev. W. L. Wright, of Richmond, Va., will be elected Corresponding Secretary to succeed Dr. Durham. He is a native of Montgomery county, North Carolina, and before going to Richmond was the successful and popular pastor of the Baptist church at Reidsville. He is said to have achieved wonderful success in Richmond, where he is held in the highest esteem. He would be willing to return to North Carolina as Corresponding Secretary because he thinks the close confinement in Richmond will ultimately tell on his health. He is here, and made a short and pleasant talk to the Convention this morning, saying that he was not a visitor, but was only coming back home on a visit. "And he has come to stay," said a prominent Baptist sitting near me. If he should not be chosen the Convention would like to have Prof. J. B. Carlisle, N. B. Broughton or Rev. W. V. Savage. The last named gentleman is unable to attend the Convention, his wife being very ill.

Yesterday afternoon, in the Young People's Meeting, there was a little passage of arms between Rev. Dr. Hume, the learned professor of English at the University, and Rev. J. E. White, of Edenton. In the course of an eloquent talk (and he is among the most eloquent of the younger men), Mr. White said that any Baptist who

sent his son or daughter to any other than a Baptist college was a traitor to the denomination—or words to that effect. When it came time for Dr. Hume to speak, he alluded with some words of compliment to Mr. White's address, commending some portions of it. Alluding to the question of whether failure to send children to a denominational college made a Baptist a traitor to his church, Dr. Hume made no answer except to deliver one of the most eloquent eulogies ever heard of the late John A. Broadhus, closing with the statement that this most gifted of divines, most pious of men, most popular of accomplished gentlemen received all the training that made him the power he was at the University of Virginia, having never attended a denominational college. This was all. There was no controversy and no bitterness—just a statement of conviction against conviction.

This Convention is notable for the number of distinguished visitors present. Among them were Rev. T. P. Bell, of Nashville, Tenn., Secretary Sunday School Board; Dr. E. C. Dargan, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Rev. L. N. Chappell, a native of Wake county, who is a missionary to China; Dr. C. C. Bitting, of Philadelphia, Secretary American Baptist Publication Society; Dr. A. E. Dickinson, of Richmond, editor of the Religious Herald; Rev. T. C. Britton, missionary from China, who is at home on a visit; Rev. E. Y. Mullens, of Richmond, Assistant Secretary of Foreign Mission Board; Rev. I. E. Tichenor, of Atlanta, Secretary Home Mission Board; Dr. H. M. Moorhouse, of New York, representing the Home Mission Board, who is here to talk about the education and evangelization of the negro; Rev. A. T. S. Thomas, editor Baptist Courier, of Greenville, S. C.; Rev. J. W. Booth, and Rev. A. McPittman, South Carolina; Mr. J. K. Hunter, professor of Chemistry in Richmond College, and others. In all this is a goodly company of big brained men. I may write to-morrow something of the big North Carolinians here.

### TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Saturday's session was opened with religious exercises, conducted by Rev. Junius Millard, of Henderson. He is one of the most talented of the younger men of the denomination—eloquent, studious, popular, consecrated. Rev. W. B. Oliver, of Wilmington, pastor of the chief city of the State, who is accounted worthy to stand among the foremost; Rev. J. H. Vernon, one of the strong county preachers; Dr. E. C. Dargan, of the Theological Seminary; Rev. M. A. Adams, of Asheville, recently called from Reidsville; Rev. C. W. Scarborough, Rev. T. J. Taylor, Rev. Dr. Carter, assisted in prayer and short talks.

Editor Thomas, of the Baptist Courier came to bring greetings and read the resolutions adopted by the South Carolina convention in honor of Dr. Durham, and gave a glowing tribute to his memory. Dr. Felix, of Asheville, spoke most pleasantly; pleasing and entertaining the convention, bringing greetings from the Western convention. Dr. Tichenor, of the Home Mission Board; Dr. Moorhouse, of the Baptist Publication Society; Dr. Dickinson, of the Richmond Religious Herald, who in the course of his remarks, brought a message from Dr. Broughton; Dr. Bitting, of the Baptist Publication Society; Dr. Meserve, of the Shaw University; Rev. W. L. Wright, of Richmond, Va., formerly pastor at Reidsville; Prof. Hunter, an alumnus of Wake Forest College, now professor of Richmond College; Rev. Gibson and Layman J. Williams, of Hendersonville; Rev. J. M. Booth, of South Carolina, and others made short talks.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE.

Rev. J. P. Bell, of Nashville, Tenn., representing the Sunday School Board, pressed the value of all the Sunday schools using the literature authorized by the convention. He gave four reasons why it should be used: 1st. It is ours. We should foster what we are trying to build up. North Carolinians ought to advance what is theirs. Every Baptist ought to send to Wake Forest and the preachers ought to go to our Theological Seminary. 2nd. The work in these periodicals is done by our own men, and therefore become a reflection of the orthodoxy of the Southern Baptists. 3rd. It has been a well managed business for the Southern Baptist convention, and last year had an actual income of \$53,000, and has expended fifteen thousand dollars in the State, starting without capital. I suggested to the Baptists in the mountains we would pay half of the expenses for a Sunday school organizer and it succeeded well. 4th. The Sunday School Board has not only helped Sunday schools but has helped along in all other church work. It has been a missionary to stir up interest in missions. There are men who would spend \$40 to entertain preachers from whom you couldn't squeeze \$3 for missions by a cotton compress. There is as much obligation to give the gospel as to receive it.

### DR. DURHAM'S SUCCESSOR.

On motion of Rev. R. T. Vann the matter of electing a Corresponding Secretary, which was tabled Thursday night, was taken from the table. Rev. Dr. Simms made an earnest plea for voluntary prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Short prayer by Dr. Simms, Dr. Pritchard, Dr. Skinner, Rev. C. A. G. Thomas and others were offered for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in selecting a successor to Dr. Durham. There was much discussion. Rev. C. A. G. Thomas moved to go into an election at once. Dr. Carter favored an informal ballot for information. Finally the motion of Rev. J. B. Richardson, to refer the matter to a committee composed of Dr. Chas. E. Tay-

lor and one from each association, was adopted.

On motion of Prof. J. W. Gore, the president was authorized to appoint all committees, including one on obituaries.

On motion of J. C. Scarborough, a committee was appointed to consider the work of education and evangelistic work among the negroes.

Rev. J. E. White read the report of the State Board of Missions, recommending that \$18,000 be raised next year.

Mr. J. D. Boushall, treasurer, reported that \$11,000 was raised for missions this year, and believed that the stakes ought not to be put too high. We have never yet raised \$15,000. We are out of debt. Let us appropriate and raise \$15,000, and not say we will raise \$18,000 and then come up with a debt.

Dr. Hufham quoted Dr. Durham in saying that it would be well to leave the matter of assessment to the board.

Mr. White withdrew his resolution, and upon Rev. C. S. Blackwell's suggestion it was declared "that we make no backward but forward movement," and the figure for next year for State Missions was placed at \$15,000.

Discussing the State Mission report, there was very great interest. Mr. Jno. C. Scarborough, who had finished Dr. Durham's report, spoke briefly. A unique speech by Rev. F. M. Jordan, of the Western convention, was full of interest and anecdote. He told of a sister who had been baptized by sprinkling and who became dissatisfied with her baptism, and thought of being immersed. She was deterred by her antagonism to turn coats. "I told her that I didn't like turn-coats. But if you find that you have got your coat on wrong-side out, are you going to keep wearing it with the lining showing, or are you going to take it off and put it on right? That night she dreamed about wearing a coat with the lining out, and saw her duty."

Rev. A. G. Wilcox, of Halifax county, told of his experience in building a church. He had borrowed \$750, and appealed for help. He spoke of the need of providing a church for operatives in a knitting mill.

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"At the annual meeting of the Board in June existing vacancies were filled by the election of N. B. Broughton, J. B. Boone, and W. C. Dowd.

"The number of students enrolled during the whole of the last session was 221. The registration for the present session up to date is 243. Of these 64 are preparing to preach the gospel. There is reason to hope that others will enter the college within the next sixty days.

"At no time in the history of the College has the health of the faculty and student body been better than during the last twelve months.

"All the chairs in the institution are now filled and regular work is carried on in every department. At the annual meeting of the Trustees in June, J. H. Gorrell, Ph. D., was made full professor and placed in charge of the school of Modern Languages. A. A. Gully, M. A. was made a full professor and placed in charge of the school of Law and Political Science. R. W. Haywood, M. A., was made assistant professor and work in the schools of Latin and Greek was assigned him.

"The success of the school of Law has been very marked and has even succeeded the expectations of its most sanguine friends. And there is good reason to believe that this is but the earnest of larger things in the near future.

The great majority of the students are working with assiduity and success, and are conducting themselves with perfect decorum. The number of those who are neglecting their opportunities and are disposed to be mischievous is small and will probably soon be smaller.

Many of the friends of the College have heartily endorsed the action of the faculty in prohibiting all games of foot ball, except on the athletic grounds of the institution.

In the absence of a regular instructor in Bible studies, Prof. W. L. Poter has done a most valuable and faithful work in organizing and guiding a voluntary movement among the students in this direction. Prof. W. B. Royal is expected to do some special and regular work during the spring term with the large number of young ministers.

A careful comparison, recently made, reveals the very gratifying fact that a larger proportion of students than for many years past are regular attendants on Sunday school instruction. And it may be doubted whether there is in any college a more steady glow of missionary zeal than is found at Wake Forest.

The President of the college was at work in the field at large last session. This session he has been almost constantly at the college. Since last July all the agency work has devolved upon Rev. C. S. Blanchard who has been seeking to complete the endowment of the Royal Chair. Hopeful progress has been made, at which remains to be accomplished. Then the completion of this special endowment no more important work is before the Baptists of North Carolina. If our people only knew the difficulties and financial embarrassments under which the Trustees and Faculty are seeking to do the great work committed to them and if they could realize the opportunities now before the college, they would speedily put at the disposal of the Trustees such means that the latter would be unhampered in the administration of this great trust."

W. R. GWALTNEY, J. D. HUFHAM, C. E. TAYLOR, Committee.

MR. EDWARDS' ADDRESS.

Rev. J. Hartwell Edwards, who has been devoting all his time to travelling in the interest of the Female University, said: "Surely the Lord has given us a goodly heritage in this fair land of North Carolina. From the broad sweep of the Atlantic on the east to the towering mountain barriers of the west, our fertile fields respond to the toil of the husbandman, and our many mills transform our raw material into the fabrics of trade. There is a wealth of timber on our shores and a wealth of mineral deposits in the depths of our mountains. An equable climate adds its charm to this goodly land. "Here among a people, ninety-eight per cent. of whom are native Americans, our lot is cast; a homogeneous people, whose fresh life contains the element of greatness. Our people are awaking like a giant from his sleep to the noble possibilities of the future. "Education is no more to be neglected within our borders. I have been specially impressed in a canvass of several months in the northeastern part of the State with the number of handsome and well-appointed academy buildings that have sprung up like magic in town and hamlet and country. "Now, in all this goodly land it has pleased the Lord to multiply the Baptists of late years into a mighty host. The fathers made no mistake when they entrenched themselves strongly in the country; that fresh and bounding life is now pouring itself into our towns. "Now let us couple with rapid numerical growth of the Baptists another fact, that a new condition of things is developing. This is a day of marvellous material and intellectual growth. "The growth of the denomination, to be permanent, must be not only extensive, but intensive. We must increase not only in numbers, but also in spiritual and intellectual power. I rejoice in the sinewy intellectual strength, sturdy manhood and simple piety of many Wake Forest graduates whom I have met. To attain its highest value, this mental growth must be encouraged in our young women as well as our young men, and carries with it the promise of generations yet unborn. "A necessity is laid upon us as a denomination to provide for the mental training of our girls in an institution

similar in character and endowment to Wake Forest College.

"This necessity confronts us when we pause to consider the intellectual movement of our times in the direction of female education. This movement is indicated—

"1. In the establishment of endowed institutions like Vassar College, the first great endowed college for girls, now only thirty-four years old. Also in the provision which various States are making in their normal schools for the more thorough intellectual equipment of girls. These things admonish us of the general awakening of our times on the subject of female education.

"2. This movement is indicated, again, in the unusual activity of various Christian denominations in our State at this time, in the training of girls. They are offering inducements to our girls, and we cannot afford to turn over their education to these institutions any more than we can afford to turn over to others the education of our boys.

"The sooner we do this, the better, for this is an epoch-making time and girls are now at school who will make a mighty impress on our times.

"3. This movement is indicated again in the awakening of our own Baptist people on this subject.

"The Baptist Female University is a necessity for us. The walls are going up. Our people long for its completion; our girls are waiting and longing for it. Let us, as a Convention, give now a practical endorsement in a form that will send a thrill to the hearts of all our people and prove to every friend disposed to help us that he can, with utmost wisdom, do so, because we intend, with divine help, to carry it on to its high destiny."

THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

The action of the Baptist State Convention this afternoon marked an era in the history of missions to the negroes. The plans for the co-operation with Northern Baptists in this work were ratified without a dissenting voice. Hereafter the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the Southern Home Mission Board, the Colored State Baptist Convention and the White State Convention will cooperate. The first speaker was Dr. I. T. Tichenor, the veteran Baptist of Atlanta; then Secretary Moorehouse, of New York; President Crosby, of the Colored A. and M. College; Prof. J. W. Gore, of Chapel Hill; Dr. J. S. Felix, President Chas. E. Taylor, of Wake Forest College; Dr. W. B. Gwaltney, President Meserve, of Shaw University, and Rev. N. B. Cobb, of Raleigh.

The Home Mission Board will raise \$100,000 this year, \$5,000 in North Carolina.

The committee to nominate a successor to Dr. Durham will report to-morrow.

The subject to-night was the Baptist Female University at Raleigh. Dr. J. W. Carter, Rev. O. L. Stringfield, Rev. J. H. Edwards spoke, and \$1,225 in subscriptions were raised. The report on the University is the most hopeful in the history of the enterprise. Every effort will be made to keep the work going on.

The committee appointed to entertain the matter of recompensing the family of Dr. Durham for money he spent and the life insurance policy he sacrificed in printing and distributing the pamphlet against State aid, reported.

The ministerial relief work occupied the rest of the session. No action was taken by the committee to nominate a successor of Dr. Durham.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer Boushall's report showed that a total of \$139,000.22 has been collected in the State during the year by the Baptists for the various purposes, as follows:

State Missions, \$11,402.58; Foreign Missions, \$8,207.06; Home Missions, \$4,776.89; Education, \$13,331.24; Orphanage, \$10,584.57; Ministerial Relief Fund, \$590.47; Sunday Schools and Colportage, \$5,399.47; Church Extension, \$5,000; Students' Aid Fund (Louisville), \$107.94.

Number of Associations in the Convention the past year has been forty-five.

The number of missionaries in the State, 106; sermons preached, 20,934; addresses delivered, 21,303; missions churches supplied, 335; out stations supplied, 1,246; baptisms, 1,768; added by letter, 1,263; new churches constituted, 56; new Sunday-schools organized, 187; pages of tracts and religious literature distributed by Corresponding Secretary, 25,000.

The above figures make a very good showing of work done by the missionaries of the Convention.

The Women's Missionary Union has pressed forward with the work during the past year with gratifying results. Their report shows nearly \$25,000 raised for Foreign Missions. Miss Fannie E. Beck, of Raleigh, is its president.

There are in the Baptist State Convention 1,380 churches, 848 Sunday-schools, with 52,871 scholars.