

THE BAPTISTS MEET

State Convention Convened in Durham To-day.

The Graifing Work of the Past Year is Shown by Rev. Livingstone Johnson the Corresponding Ser. of the Convention.

The Baptist State Convention meets in Durham today, and Rev. Livingstone Johnson, the corresponding secretary, has furnished the following interesting account of the work of the past year:

There are in North Carolina a hundred and seventy-three thousand white Baptists, with 1,698 churches. There are fifty-seven district associations. The associations meet annually, as does the convention.

At the convention, reports of the year's work are made. The Baptists of the State look forward with great interest to the convention, in order to know what has been done through the year.

It is almost considered a joke that the schools open, every year, with the largest number in their history. In much the same way our religious gatherings are spoken of. The facts and figures, however, warrant the statement that the Baptists of the State have done a greater work this year than ever before in their history.

In the mission work there has been considerable advancement. The Board of

committee will be able to report at Durham \$50,000 with pledges enough yet unpaid to more than pay the balance. The amount raised for other objects than the ones named above last year \$28,557.50, making a grand total of \$81,447.42, including \$500 received from the Home Board. This year the grand total of receipts was \$94,043.61 when the treasurer's books closed. If to this be added what has come in since the books closed for missions and education, it makes the grand total more than \$100,000. This is for pure benevolence, and does not include amounts expended at home, such as pastor's salary and incidentals, church building, etc.

The reports from the mission fields are very gratifying. There were 2,222 conversions and 1,176 baptisms. Twenty-five new churches have been organized, fifty-three houses of worship are being built and ten have been completed this year. Total amount raised on mission field this year \$27,963.44.

The denomination was never in better condition for aggressive work.

The convention of this great body of Christian workers assemblies today in the First Baptist church in Durham.

The president of the convention is Dr. R. H. Marsh, of Oxford, and the secretaries are Mr. N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh, and Rev. H. C. Moore, of New Bern, while Rev. Livingstone Johnson, of Raleigh, is the corresponding secretary. The annual sermon will be preached by Dr. C. S. Blackwell, of Wilmington.

In the Supreme Court.

Cases were argued in the Supreme court yesterday as follows: State vs. Neely; by Attorney-General for State, Ray for defendant. Ravend vs. Ingram; submitted under

While he staked off a new woolen mill one hundred by three hundred feet. This mill will be built on the land of the Spray Water Power and Land Company and is doubtless being promoted by this strong concern. The company has lately had made some blotters which show in photographic form the wonderful industrial development of the town and section. In the center there is a group of all the mills. On the borders of the blotter are shown each of the several buildings: The Spray Cotton Mills, Leaksville Cotton Mills, Lily Mills Company office, American Warehouse Company, The Old Mill, Nantuxet Mills, The Colonnade, Spray Mercantile Company Store, residence of B. Frank Mebane. Mr. B. Frank Mebane is president and Mr. W. R. Walker secretary and treasurer of the company.—Greensboro Telegram.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 9.—Messrs. A. G. Price, D. Watkins, W. S. Green and James S. Bryan, of Kingston, New York, who are interested in the Pentress Gold Mine, situated about twelve miles distant, are here on a visit of investigation and inspection of the property, preparatory to getting out the gold, by adding twenty-five new stamp mills, and otherwise enlarging operations. These gentlemen are alive to the mineral resources of this region, and some of them being experienced miners, their declaration that there are fortunes lying around loose in North Carolina and Virginia in mineral wealth yet undeveloped, for those knowing how and having the capital to utilize it, is certainly worthy of note. The mine they own has been worked for generations for copper and they say that there is enough gold paying ore lying loose in the mine to keep them busy for years without making a single bushel.

FRATERNITIES AT A. AND M.

It is Virtually Agreed That These Will Be Allowed.

Fraternities are virtually admitted into the A. and M. College. President Winston has recommended it to the faculty, the faculty will recommend it to the trustees, and the trustees will grant it. Four years ago applications for admission were made and refused; two years ago the same thing happened again. There was much disappointment and some ill-feeling. But the faculty thought the college was too young and too small for fraternities. "Let it grow awhile," they said, "and get large enough and strong enough to have fraternities without having all the faults and factions, and the like commitments of fraternities in small colleges. That time has come. The college has out of its swaddling clothes and turned out its beard, so to speak. It has nearly 600 students and ranks with the great universities and colleges of America. In athletics, in oratory, in literary and scientific attainments, in splendid manly bearing and character, the A. and M. is in the front rank; and so it is going to have fraternities." The college boys did it come about? Well, the students who were strongly opposed to fraternities two years ago and four years ago, and the girls, the dear delicious girls, who love to visit the college and see the dress parades, and who enjoy the elegant hops with the cadets, and the fraternity men in other colleges, and the fraternity men at A. and M. must have fraternities. The president and faculty said "You shall have fraternities, as soon as the college is big enough." The boys said "Look at our record in football." The girls said "Look at those handsome manly fellows in that splendid battalion." The public said "The A. and M. is big enough for fraternities or anything else." And so the president and faculty yielded and crawled into their holes.

There will be regulations and restrictions to prevent cliques and factions, to prevent fraternity zeal from interfering with literary and scientific societies. In short the fraternities will be advised, advised, assisted and regulated to a large extent by the faculty. This will not be difficult for nearly all the members of the faculty are also members of Greek letter fraternities; among them being President Winston, and Profs. W. C. Riddick, W. A. Withers, Henry M. Wilson, Charles W. Burkett, F. L. Stevens, and Lieut. T. M. Dick.

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BOTTLE BABIES

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It does for babies what it does for old folks—gives new firm flesh and strong life. You'll be pleased with the result. It takes only a little milk to make baby fat.

Pianos and Organs.

Kranich and Bach and other makes. Cash or installments. Those wanting Pianos for Xmas must place orders now to insure delivery in time. Catalogues and prices on application. Salesman will call if desired. LUDDEN & SMITH MUSIC CO., W. S. Uzzle, Manager.

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MRS. W. E. KENDRICK DEAD.

A Devoted Wife and Mother Passed Away Last Night.

It was with feeling of deep regret that the many friends of Mrs. Marion Nesbitt Kendrick, wife of Capt. W. B. Kendrick, heard of her death last night. The news will be a shock to a very large circle of friends.

Mrs. Kendrick has been sick for some time with fever which first came with a chill. Until a few days ago her condition was not considered serious, but a change came for the worse and she passed away at eleven o'clock last night in the fifty-ninth year of her age.

Mrs. Kendrick was a devoted wife and mother. She was a native of Georgia, married Captain Kendrick, then with the Confederate army, in America in 1864. Besides her husband there survive her two sons, Huch Kendrick, of this city, and Gerald Kendrick, now with the Schneetady, N. Y., General Electric Company. These were with her at her death, as was also her mother, Mrs. M. S. Kimbrough and her brother, Mr. R. H. Nesbitt, of the Southern Railway Company, of Washington.

Mrs. Kendrick was a member of the Confederate army, in America in 1864. The details of the funeral have not yet been determined, but this will not take place till Wednesday, and notice will be given.

The many friends of Captain Kendrick throughout the South will sympathize with him most deeply when they learn of his bereavement.

PEARL LUND CO. LAST NIGHT.

Gave an Enjoyable Performance and Will be Here all the Week.

A good audience saw the first play of the Pearl Lund Stock Company last night at the Monumental Theatre, and judging by the liberal applause bestowed, they were well pleased. It was "Woman against Woman" that the company produced last night, and they did it with a snap and interest that caught the attention of the audience from first to last. There was plenty of action and there were many critical moments and tragic denouements.

Miss Pearl Lund is a strikingly handsome woman, and her acting is natural and lifelike. She was well supported by a good, strong company.

Between the acts, a well selected series of specialties prevented the tiresome waits while scenes were being shifted.

SECOND TRAIN BUTTED IN.

Two Freights got Tangled up at Method on the Seaboard.

There was a rear end collision of two Seaboard Air Line freight trains at six o'clock yesterday morning at Method, two miles west of Raleigh.

Both of the trains were coming towards Raleigh. The first stopped at Method before taking the siding, when the second came on and crashed into it. No one was injured, but the engine of the second train lost its smoke stack and was battered, while two cars were wrecked.

The locomotive of the first train had gone back, and reports state that either the distance in which warning was given was not great enough, or that the brakes of the second train refused to act. A wrecking train straightened up the damage and the trains were brought into Raleigh about midday.

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TABERNACLE REVIVAL.

In the Great Meeting of Mr. Vines Over 80 Conversions are Reported.

Sunday was a lovely day and with it came a very large congregation to the Tabernacle where a revival has been in progress for several days, conducted by Rev. W. M. Vines, the able young minister from Asheville, N. C.

In fact it was the largest congregation which ever assembled in the great church, taken all in all, in its history of great meetings. The sermons, both morning and evening, were models of clearness of thought as well as religious fervor. As a result of such faithful expositions of scripture more than sixty persons made profession of faith.

The meetings have grown in interest and deepened, seemingly at each service, till, including the accessions last night, more than eighty people have come forward and taken their stand as being out and out for a more consecrated living.

Again last night there was a splendid meeting held, with increasing interest shown. Mr. Vines portrays the truths of the gospel in burning words, and arouses deep interest in his hearers.

The meetings have been announced to continue till Wednesday night, when the last service will be held, as both Mr. Vines and the pastor, along with numbers of people from the city will leave for the State Convention in Durham.

Mr. Vines has made himself felt here, and suffice it to say that no man has been in the city for a long time who has more deeply impressed the people.

LOOKING AT THE BOOKS.

The General Assembly Committee Egnin its Work Here Yesterday.

Yesterday the members of the Examining Committee, appointed by the last General Assembly to examine the books of the State officers, reached the city and began their work.

The committee is composed of Congressman E. Y. Webb, of Shelby, who was a member of the State Senate when appointed; Senator Allen K. Smith, of Smithfield; Representatives A. D. Watts, of Statesville; Harry Stubbs, of Williamston, and Edward O. Masten, of Wilkesboro.

The committee yesterday began its work on the books of the State Treasurer. When this is completed the books of the Auditor will be examined, and then the committee, by Legislative instruction, will examine into the cost of the sessions of the Legislature and report on the amount appropriated by that body. The examination is to be full and complete, and it is likely that the committee will be at work the entire week.

For Baptist Missions.

Rev. Livingstone Johnson, secretary of the Baptist State Board of Missions, announced in his sermon before the First Baptist church on Sunday that about \$2,000 more had been raised for foreign missions this year than last. The contributions for home and State missions have been several hundreds larger, but the board, on account of conducting the work on a much larger scale this year, is not quite out of debt. He is anxious to raise enough by Wednesday, when the convention meets in Durham, to clear off this debt.

Two Strong Sermons.

The congregations at the First Presbyterian church yesterday were delighted with the sermon preached morning and night by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, of Wilmington. He is among the ablest of Presbyterians divines and the members of the church feel gratified at having had him to conduct services here.

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REV. LIVINGSTONE JOHNSON.

Missions has under its charge State, Home and Foreign Missions.

The year was begun with a debt of three hundred dollars on State Missions. In order to meet this indebtedness, and to provide for the needs of the mission field, it was necessary to raise over \$25,000. The treasurer's books closed Thursday night, at which time he had received for State Missions \$23,674.35. The Home Mission Board of Atlanta, Ga., will be due the State Board \$1,599 December 15th. This is the same as cash, as it can be drawn any time after December 15th. This added to the \$23,674.35 makes \$25,174.35, an advance of \$428.75 over the amount reported by the treasurer when his books closed last year. This left, when the books closed, a debt of \$236.47. Since then the treasurer has received \$559, which reduces the indebtedness to \$457.47. It is confidently believed that enough will have come in by the time the report to the board is made to cancel this small indebtedness. This is the best report on State Missions that has ever been submitted.

There has been more increase to Foreign Missions than to any other object. Last year North Carolina gave \$11,838.42 to Foreign Missions, while this year the receipts were \$13,798.67, an increase over last year of \$2,160.25.

To Home Missions the contributions were \$6,212.50 last year and this year \$6,216.89. It will be seen by this that the three departments of missions show an increase in the aggregate of \$2,630.69 over last year.

To the century fund (educational) last year about \$10,000 was contributed. Pledges were made in Winston at the last convention amounting to \$29,000 for educational institutions. The larger part of this was to be applied to paying off the debt on the Female University. The

GLASS OF WATER

Upset Her.

People that don't know about food should never be allowed to feed persons with weak stomachs.

A little over a year ago a young woman who lives in Mercer, Mo., had an attack of scarlet fever, and when convalescent was permitted to eat anything she wanted. Indiscriminate feeding soon put her back in bed with severe stomach trouble and inflammation of the kidneys.

"There I stayed," she says, "three months, with my stomach in such condition that I could take only a few teaspoonsful of milk or beef juice at a time. Finally Grape-Nuts was brought to my attention and I asked my doctor if I might eat it. He said, 'yes,' and I commenced at once.

The food did me good from the start and I was soon out of bed and entirely recovered from the stomach trouble. I have gained ten pounds since my recovery and am able to do all household duties, some days sitting down only long enough to eat my meals. I can eat anything that one ought to eat, but I still continue to eat Grape-Nuts at breakfast and supper and like it better every day.

Considering that a year ago I could stand only a short time and that a glass of water seemed 'so heavy,' I am fully satisfied that Grape-Nuts has been every-thing to me and my return to good health is due solely to it.

I have told several friends having nervous or stomach trouble what Grape-Nuts did for me and in every case they speak highly of the food." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Rule 12, by Robertson for plaintiff, Johnson for defendant; by Walter E. Moore for plaintiff, Ferguson & Son for defendant.

Watkins vs. M'G Co.; by Shepherd and Walter E. Moore for plaintiff, C. C. Cowan for defendant.

Nelson vs. Blanton; submitted under Rule 12, by Fisher for plaintiff, Bryson & Black for defendant.

Thomas vs. Railroad; by R. D. Gilmer and Crawford & Hannah for plaintiff, Basom for defendant.

Third vs. Brauburn; by Walter E. Moore for plaintiff, C. C. Cowan for defendant.

Talp vs. Early; by E. B. Nowell (by brief) for defendant.

Smythe vs. Ayers; by Dillard & Bell for plaintiff.

State cases at end of docket to be called tomorrow as follows:

State vs. Austin.

State vs. Fez.

State vs. Lackey.

State vs. Crook.

Opinions were handed down as follows: Fleming vs. Railroad, from Ireddell; Rhein vs. Rawls, from Buncombe; affirmed.

Brown vs. Railroad, from Mecklenburg; no error.

McCall vs. Zachary, from Madison; error.

State vs. Hagan, from Madison; affirmed.

Smith vs. Parker, from Buncombe; no error.

Thomas vs. Gwyn, from Buncombe; affirmed.

Brown vs. Railroad, from Tyrrell; error.

State vs. Stanton, from Madison; per curiam, affirmed.

Duckworth vs. Dawnport, from Transylvania; per curiam, affirmed.

Miles vs. Railroad (2 cases), from Madison; per curiam, affirmed.

Benedict vs. Jones, from Buncombe; motion to dismiss denied.

Industrial News.

The Cronly Ceramic Company was incorporated yesterday. The headquarters are to be at Cronly, N. C. The corporation is to manufacture and deal in all kinds of ceramics, bricks, terra cotta pipes, earthenware, pottery, lime, cement, carry on a general mercantile business, deal in merchandise, real estate, operate steamboats and sailing craft, do a towage business, operate flats and barges, haul freight on the Cape Fear and its branches. The capital stock is put at \$50,000, shares \$100 each. The company to commence business with \$7,500. The incorporators are William Ghrist and G. H. Smith, of Wilmington; W. V. B. Van Dyck and E. H. Rapalje, of Cronly.

The W. O. Burgin Company of Thomasville, Davidson county, was incorporated yesterday, the capital stock being \$3,000, with a privilege to increase to \$20,000, shares of \$100 each. The company is to do a general mercantile business, deal in lumber, agricultural implements, wagons, wood, coal, lands, real estate, etc. The incorporators are W. O. Burgin, of Thomasville; J. B. Stroud, of Greensboro, and J. C. Smith, of Newton.

Mr. W. B. Trogon returned last night from Spray and brought with him some decidedly interesting industrial news.