

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION meets in Greenville, S. C., the day this issue of the RECORDER is mailed to our readers.

We do not expect any changes in the Boards of the Convention or the work now being done by the Baptists of the South.

A REMARKABLE DEPARTURE.

On May 2d the following telegram and headline appeared among the dispatches published by the secular press: 'A BAPTIST MINISTER'S NEW DEPARTURE—HE ANNOUNCES HIS DETERMINATION TO LEAVE THE BAPTIST MINISTRY AND THE CHURCH OF GOD.'

Mr. LEAVELL, pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city, severed his connection with the Baptist denomination this morning, because, as he claims, it does not allow sufficient liberty of thought.

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Yet there are such men in the churches: men who preach themselves and not the Gospel of CHRIST. How such got into the ministry, and what the churches are to do with them, are questions deserving our careful attention.

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What we have said is not against learning—for this is indispensably necessary. We only desired to draw the attention of all concerned to the importance of the three points above mentioned.

EVERYBODY'S BOOK; OR, SOME POINTS IN LAW, OF INTEREST AND TO NORTH CAROLINA GENERALLY.

PERSONAL & OTHER ITEMS.

Read Bro. COLLIS' letter and send him some money. Our baptisms continue.—Rev. F. W. EASON, New Bern.

Rev. J. H. CURRY, of Dallas, Texas, has accepted a call to the Garrison Avenue Church, St. Louis.

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move the State Capital from Frankfort to Louisville, having recently voted \$1,000,000 for the purpose, and then we can watch legislation more carefully.

Dr. PARSONS, in the last Examiner, gives several reasons why the Baptist Faculty of the Seminary, (including the Faculty of the Seminary) do not agree in co-operation with the American Board.

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upon him. For right royal presence, for nobility of mind, for wide dominion, for riches of reverence, for royal appointments and surroundings who like Solomon? He was also the Prince of Sacred Singers.

There are but two singers. The one voice we recognize the royal tones of the King himself. The other is the voice of his bride.

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becomes to us "more than our necessary food." Let us more and more delight our host by feeding freely upon his celestial bread.

Not sensational in the hair-lifting modus operandi; for it was a church conference meeting, and the people were weary, and it was night.

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