The Biblical Recorder.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1888.

THE South Yadkin Association held its annual session with the church at New Bethany, Iredell county, last week. New Bethany church is about three miles from Catawba, and is in one of the most prosperous farming sections of North Carolina. The church, however, is weak, and has suffered much for want of a good pastor. It has in it a few strong, faithful members, and these have stood all the storms of opposition and faithfully born all the inconveniences and disadvantages of the present condition. West Iredell and east Catawba, the sections nearest New Bethany, have in them a large population of very poor and very ignorant people. These are the ready prey for fanatics and designing men, and by these the cause of education, as well as religion, has been greatly hindred. Progress has been made, however, and the time is not very distant when a better day will dawn upon even the humblest dweller in this beautiful and fertile country.

The time of the meeting of the Association was most unpropitious. The continued rains kept many away, and greatly interfered with the happiness and comfort of those who were present. On Tuesday only a small congregation was present. Dr. John Mitchell preached the introductory sermon, both the appointed preacher and his alternate having moved to South Carolina. The Association has lost by removal at least one-third of its pastors within a year. Many of the churches are pastorless. Yet, under all these disadvantages, the churches contributed quite liberally to all the objects of the Convention last year, and renewed the promises to do as well for the next.

We were glad to meet again Rev. W. J. Euiford, of Cool Spring, Rev. J. B. Marsh, of Catawba, and Rev. M. L. Keeler, of Mocksville. Brethren Gower, of Mocksville, Hopkins of Statesville, and other pastors, failed to reach the Association during our brief stay.

It is always a pleasure to meet such laymen as E. Frost, S. J. Tatum, W. B. Clement, Jesse Green, J. C. Turner and H. L. S. Lollar. These are the brethren who for years made the South Yadkin the banner Association of North Carolina.

Among the visitors, the Association gladly welcomed Hon. J. C. Scarborough, of the Thomasville Female College, Rev. W. G. Brown, of the Yadkin Association, Rev. J. D. Newton, of Concord, Rev. J. C. Denny, of the Pee Dee Association, Rev. Dr. John Mitchell, of Wake Forest, and Rev. C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of the Convention. All these brethren addressed the body in earnest, eloquent appeals for the departments of the work of the denomination they represented.

The session of the Association was in all respects, excepting the weather, a most successful and profitable one. The brethren and sisters of New Bethany deserve great credit for the splendid arrangements they had made for the meeting. Homes, where every comfort could be found, were in waiting for all, and an abundance of provisions had been laid in store for the hundreds expected. We found a glad welcome in the home of Bro. and Sister Lollar, and shall long remember the happy hours spent with them.

We cannot close this brief and imperfect account of our visit to the Association without a word or two about the church at New Bethany and its recent trials. Some years ago Mr. J. H. Boothe, of Wake county, then a Baptist minister, and in good standing, was called to the pastorate of this and one or two other churches in that section. Mr. Boothe was esteemed a good man, of honest intentions, but not a good speaker or very well educated. All knew him to be a weak man, but none of us were prepared for the sad changes that awaited him. Not long after setting in his pastorate a correspondence was in some way began between him and some old woman of Boston, Mass., in regard to a new system of religion, or a new church that she and some man in England had originated. This new creed or ism, as far as we can learn, is a mixture of Quakerism, Campbellism, Osbornism, Second-Adventism and O'Kellyism. It rejects all names, church organizations, has no ordained ministers, takes no collections, has no Association, Sunday-schools, &c., and gives nothing to anybody. Mr. Boothe lives in less than a mile of New Bethany church, is diligent in disseminating his new creed, and has made a convert or two. His appointments are sparsely attended. He has never ventured to publish his creed, though he read it to the church before retiring from the pastorate.

Could the vacant churches near Catawba secure the services of a consecrated preacher of the gospel, nothing would come of the defection of our misguided brother. We thank Rev. J. B. Marsh for helping New Bethany in its hour of need. There is room for at least four good preachers in Iredell and Catawba counties.

This Association, with the Yadkin, agreed to contribute to Foreign Missions enough to support Rev. E. F. Tatum in China.

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER will make a present of a splendid Cabinet photograph of Dr. M. T. Yates, taken by Mr. Wharton, of Raleigh, N. C., the best photographer in the State, to any brother or sister who will secure for this paper one new subscriber for six months; or will send two of the photographs to any one sending one new subscriber and $2.00 for one year's subscription;—so that the party who secures the subscriber, as well as the new subscriber, can each have a photograph.

"I wish to call attention to the admirable Photograph, Cabinet size, of the late Dr. Yates, which the Editor of the RECORDER offers to new subscribers. The price at the Gallery for single copies is fifty cents. Be sure to get one.

THOS. H. SKINNER."

SOME of our readers have been reminded, doubtless, by the recent newspaper notices that a leading gambler of Raleigh lost, but afterwards recovered, a large amount of money in New York—one report stating the sum as high as $15,000, and another, at $7,095—that this same man was convicted and sentenced, little more than a year ago, to pay two thousand dollars and serve thirty days in jail, and that he took the insolvent debtor's oath and thus escaped the fine. He must have very diligently and successfully plied his trade since that time, and some of the feeble-minded of our city must have lost quite heavily at the gambler's den.

While we believe that the laws of the land should protect idiots and fools from such men, we wish to say a word in behalf of the learned, honest, and fearless judge who passed the sentence that was regarded so harsh and extreme by a certain class of our people. That the judge was right, and that his sentence was both moderate and just, these later developments abundantly prove. It is much to be regretted that our laws are not more strictly and honestly executed; and still more to be regretted that when our courts, trammelled and unduly influenced as they are, do attempt to execute the laws, their decisions are not more heartily endorsed by our people. To show our readers that the rulings of Judge Clark in the gambling cases referred to were not so unusual or so harsh as the friends of the gamblers would have them believe, we reproduce from the Philadelphia *Times* of September 5th the following:

COMPELLING GAMBLERS TO WORK.

A couple of Pittsburg gamblers, having by some means been captured in one of the periodical raids of the police of that city upon gambling houses, were convicted last week and sentenced by the Court to pay a fine of $1,000 each and undergo imprisonment at hard labor in the workhouse for a period of two years. It is hard to say which were the most astonished, the two gamblers who found themselves probably for the first time in their lives compelled to do some honest work for living, or the community at the unheard of conviction and punishment of two members of the gambling fraternity.

It can be taken for granted, however, that if the Pittsburg treatment of the gambling nuisance should become the rule instead of the exception, gambling in Pittsburg would soon become a lost art. And what is true of Pittsburg is quite as true of Philadelphia and every city in which the gambling fraternity spread their nets for the dollars of the foolish and unwary. Gamblers don't like prison fare and prison accommodations, and if assured that work and confinement were the inevitable outcome of the business they would soon abandon it.

The Pittsburg incident shows where the real obstacle to the suppression of gambling lies. The two gamblers who found their way into court were disposed of effectively as all other gambling house-keepers would be if the courts were given a chance to deal with them. The trouble is that when the police make an occasional raid upon the gambling houses they generally capture nothing but gambling materials and a few boys. The keepers of the dens usually escape and open their vile places within a few days. If the police in every city would capture the principal gambling house keepers and give the courts a chance to inflict the penalty of the law, gambling houses would soon be few and far between. It is to be hoped that the Pittsburg example will become infectious.

REV. J. A. LESLIE, of Tarboro, N. C., preached very acceptably to the First church, this city, on Sunday morning last. He is the very efficient pastor at Tarboro, and, in connection with his pastorate, has established a number of mission stations around Tarboro. He is an able preacher, decided in his views, wise and discreet in his plans, and the Master is gradually but surely blessing his labors. The church in Tarboro is to be congratulated on having such a minister. The brethren in that church ought at once to erect a new and suitable house of worship. They are able to do it. Neither Paul nor Spurgeon could succeed in building up the cause of Christ in the present house of worship in Tarboro. Owing to the rain, there were no services in the city churches at night.

BROTHER HERBERT BOND, of Edenton, paid us a visit last week, and greatly interested us in a full account of the changes in that section since our four years' pastorate closed in 1871. He and his family have been on a visit to Bro. and Sister VanDeventer, of Henderson, and the families of Dr. G. A. Foote and Dr. C. A. Thomas, of Warrenton, N. C.

THE continued success of *The Baptist Superintendent*, which is the only periodical of its kind published in this country or elsewhere, leads to its being made a *monthly*, beginning with January next. The price will be unchanged, 25 cents a year. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society.

Up and Doing.

The Brethren at Harrell's Store will Build a New House

Thursday, August 23d, was perhaps one of the most important days in the history of our little church. Our little band, presided over by Rev. R. C. Sandling, met in special conference and decided to proceed towards building a house of worship.

Although few in number, and poor in this world's goods, we propose (by God's help) in the near future to erect a building that will be a credit to our denomination, and an ornament to our little town. L. Jones, F. A. Fennell, D. T. and W. H. Johnson and A. J. Ward compose our building committee, and brethren J. F. Lewis and J. B. Lucas, together with the writer, and sisters Fannie G. Lucas and Rebecca E. Lewis were appointed a soliciting committee to solicit aid outside of the church. Any aid that our good brethren in the different parts of our commonwealth may give will help us, and can be forwarded to our clerk or pastor, and it will be acknowledged through the RECORDER.

We wish to acknowledge with many thanks a fine pulpit Bible, presented to our body by the Southern Baptist Publication Society, through their Philadelphia office. Fraternally,

N. F. HIGHSMITH,
Church Clerk.

Harrell's Store, Aug. 30, 1888.

Personal and Other Items.

...Rev. D. C. Calbreth, formerly of Thomasville, was ordained, Aug. 18, at Vance, Ala.

...Dr. A. P. Graves, the noted evangelist, is to spend the fall and winter in Texas holding revivals.

...Bro. H. M. Ingram, of Beverly, wishes to hear from Rev. P. H. Pernell, through the RECORDER.

...Rev. C. A. Woodson, of Beaufort, will reply to Rev. J. W. Perry's sermon in the RECORDER of July 11th.

...Rev. M. D. Early, State Mission Secretary of Arkansas, has received a call to the Baptist church at Talladega, Ala.

...Rev. J. D. Anderson, former President of Brownsville Female College, becomes manager of *The Baptist*, Memphis, Tenn.

...Kentucky loses two of her good men. Rev. E. Mullins goes to Lee St., Baltimore, and Rev. F. T. Hale to Birmingham, Ala.

...Bro. R. B. Morgan, of Williamsboro, Vance county, was in Raleigh on the 4th inst., on his way to see Rev. J. M. White, of Apex.

...Rev. W. C. Bledsoe, has been appointed Vice-President of the Foreign Mission Board for Alabama, succeeding the late Dr. Renfroe.

...Rev. G. J. Dowell, of Hamilton, N. C., went up to Taylorsville last week, and is now engaged in a series of meetings with the Taylorsville church.

...Rev. C. Durham and Dr. John Mitchell went from the South Yadkin to the Three Forks Association which met at Boone on yesterday, the 11th inst.

...Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the laying of the corner-stone of the new Baptist church, which was to have taken place last Friday, was postponed.—*Hendersonville News.*

...Bro. R. D. Graham, of Washington City, in a note of Sept. 7th, says: "Dr. John A. Broadus preached here the last four Sundays—a full house for every sermon, and every sermon a full one."

...Wake Forest College opened on Monday, Sept. 3rd, with 170 students present. There are now 180 students on the roll. The largest number present thus early in the session in the history of the College.

...Yale College sends Prof. W. R. Harper to Babylon in search of ancient inscriptions. Prof. Harper is a Baptist minister, and was formerly connected with the Baptist Theological Seminary at Morgan Park, Ill.

...We are going ahead on the parsonage; will soon have it covered and weather-boarded. If nothing prevents, I shall baptize fourteen or fifteen persons at Shiloh next Sunday.—*J. E. Jones, Milton, N. C., Sept. 4th.*

...The Baptists have opened a mission school right in the heart of Chinatown, San Francisco, Cal. The lot and building cost $20,000. The mission includes one hundred Chinese, twenty-five of whom are church members.

...In addition to the sums mentioned on the first page, the following additional sums are reported as contributed to Kernersville church: Rev. W. W. Willis, Rev. J. P. Tuttle, Rev. Geo. W. Sanderlin and Rev. J. A. Stradley, each $1.00. Total, $4.00.

...Rev. E. F. Tatum, our new missionary to China from the South Yadkin Association, was with us at New Bethany. He has very much improved in health and strength during his travels west, and is now well prepared for his long trip around the world.

...The next session of the Chowan Baptist Female Institute begins on Wednesday, Sept. 19, with flattering prospects for an increase in attendance. On the Tuesday before Prof. Scanborough will be in Weldon to meet any young ladies who may be going to the Institute.

...Rev. L. N. Chapell, of Fuquay Springs, was in Raleigh on Saturday and called to see us. He is arranging to visit as many of the associations and churches as possible before leaving for China. He is now in Graham, N. C., aiding Rev. R. A. Moore in a series of meetings.

...Bro. G. W. Sanderlin visited the Orphanage when he was in Thomasville last week. *Charity and Children* says of him: "He came down Sunday afternoon and spoke to the orphans. His talk was highly interesting, and was listened to by the children with rapt attention throughout."

...William Jewell College never helps a ministerial student the first year of his connection with the College. If at the end of that time he shows himself worthy, then he is afforded such assistance as is practicable. If he is a man he is encouraged to go on—if not, he is advised to desist."—*Central Baptist.*

...Rev. J. B. Harrell, of Mt. Olive, in a note received on the 4th inst., says: "Bro. J. S. Dill, of Goldsboro, is preaching here; began last Sunday night. He is preaching with great force and clearness. There have already been several conversions, and the interest seems to be on the increase. Immediately after the meeting I shall resign to go to the Seminary. I regret to leave a field so pleasant."

...A student of Wake Forest College writes us of his astonishment on the morning of Sept. 4th, to find in Leigh Hall nine of the eleven Professors present at morning prayers. He thinks this was due to the zeal of the new members of the Faculty, and asks, "If they have done this much in so short a time, what will they accomplish in a lifetime?" It seems that only three or four of the Faculty have heretofore been in the habit of attending morning prayers.

...I see you treated our Association with *profound* silence, not a line in the RECORDER has as yet occurred relative to it. We had the best meeting ever held, and our churches not only paid as much as pledged, but went a good deal beyond. As for the next year, we just simply got on a boom and went about two hundred beyond last years record.—*S. F. Conrad, Lewisville, N. C., Sept. 4.* [The report of that meeting reached us last week and was promptly printed.—EDITOR.]

...Rev. Dr. Robert Ryland, after spending the summer here ministering to the wants of the East First Baptist church and other fields, left last night for his home in Kentucky. Dr. Ryland, who for many years president of Richmond College and pastor of the old African church and other churches in this city, He has been for some years a resident of Kentucky, and is the father of Rev. Dr. Charles H. Ryland and Mr. Josiah Ryland. Sunday morning he preached to a large congregation at Pine Street Baptist church.—*Richmond Dispatch, of Sept. 4th.*

...The *Journal and Messenger*, speaking of Prof. Purinton, of Wake Forest, says: "We have known him well; have been most intimately and pleasantly associated with him in Christian work and in business, and in all such relations we have found him to be a true and faithful man. As treasurer of our General Association his work was carefully and well done. He had been for three years in this relation, our right hand man. Never before did we find it so hard to say good bye. Wake Forest College has now a prize from the Mountain State. God be with you till we meet again."

...The Oxford Female Seminary opened its session to-day with a larger number of students than ever before on the first day. They are there from all sections of North Carolina, and some are from Virginia, Georgia and South Carolina. The probabilities are that the number in attendance during the year will reach 150.

...Bro. S. W. Huff, known throughout this State, as the representative of the Inter State Life Association, has been elected to teach mathematics in the Miller School of Virginia. Having decided to become a mechanical engineer, Bro. Huff accepts this position in order to secure the privilege of instruction and practice in the large machine shop connected with the school.

...A Baptist preacher in Southwest Virginia, said: "I was taking the *Herald*, but I saw that I could get the *Baptist Pilot*, of Norfolk, at fifty cents, and I stopped the *Herald* and took that." Now that the *Pilot* is dead, he wants the *Herald* at fifty cents, and is unwilling to give more. It is easy enough to educate people *downwards* in this matter of taking papers. There are many who wish a decent excuse for not taking a weekly Baptist paper; and when you send them a little monthly at fifty or twenty-five cents a year, they too often dismiss the weekly.—*Religious Herald, of Sept. 6th.*

Anson Union.

The Anson Union will convene with the Polkton Baptist church on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in September at 11 a. m.

QUERIES.

For Friday.—1. Do professing Christians keep the *Sabbath day holy?* Speakers—Rev. J. P. Boyd, Edgar Brooks and E. B. Barrett. 2. Are Christians doing their duty in the dissemination of good literature?—Rev. J. K. Fant, J. M. Flake and N. G. Thomas.

Friday night.—3. Introductory sermon by Rev. T. S. Wright.

Saturday.—4. Can a church prosper if brotherly love is lacking?—R. B. Gaddy, E. V. Dabbs and Jesse Gaddy. 5. Should the pastor's salary be raised, and, if so, how?—J. A. Gathings, Rev. J. B. Pruett and E. W. Flake. 6. Report of Executive Board and its work—Dr. H. A. Covington and A. B. Huntley and Rev. T. S. Wright.

Saturday night.—7. Ordination of Rev. John P. Boyd.

Sunday.—8. Nine a. m., S. S. mass meeting. 9. Eleven a. m., missionary sermon, by Rev. C. H. Martin. 10. Two p. m., denominational sermon, by Rev. J. K. Fant.

G. O. WILSON,
For the Committee.

Union Meeting of the Central Association.

First Section.

Frankinton Baptist church, Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th of September.

Introductory sermon, W. B. Royall; alternate, G. W. Manly.

1. The inspiration of the Bible. A. L. Purinton and G. W. Manly.

2. Methods of Bible study. M. L. Rickman and N. Y. Gulley.

3. Do the churches exert their fullest influence in behalf of temperance? P. Johnson and M. R. Pernell.

4. Can a church prosper without a Sunday school? P. M. Harrison, W. A. Barrett.

5. What relation do we sustain to the work of missions? John Mitchell, B. Cade.

6. Our religious periodicals. J. H. Watkins and R. J. Conyers.

J. S. PURRIOY,
A. W. L. POTEAT,
Committee.

Appointments.

Rev. E. F. Tatum, who has been accepted as a missionary to China, will preach at the following churches in the county of Surry.

At 11 a. m. on the days named: Bean Shoals, Thursday, Sept. 13; Hollow Springs, Friday, Sept. 14; White Plains, Saturday, Sept. 15; Antioch, Sunday, Sept. 16; New Hope, Monday, Sept. 17; Dobson, Tuesday, Sept. 18; Cross Roads, Wednesday, Sept. 19; Rocky Ford, Thursday, Sept. 20; Little Richmond, Friday, Sept. 21; Rockford, Saturday, Sept. 22; Enon, (Yadkin county), Sunday, Sept. 23. He would be glad to see the brethren, sisters and Sunday-school children of these churches.

Sunday School Work.

Sunday school Work Seeking a Pastor.

Last Saturday, Sept. 1st, at Shiloh, we had what we will style a Sunday-school day. Speeches on school work were made by Revs. T. J. Taylor, L. C. Perkinson and W. R. Cullum. Dinner and a bountiful dinner it was, too—was announced by Bro. Perkinson.

Brother Taylor stated that though he had enjoyed the exercises of the morning, and was pleased to hear the announcement that dinner was ready, he would be more than pleased to receive a goodly list of subscribers to the BIBLICAL RECORDER, one of the best religious papers of the South, and one that every Baptist in North Carolina should read.

Bro. Cullum filled the appointment of Pastor Morton, who had been away sometime for his health, in the evening and preached a fine sermon on "Walking with God." Brother Cullum has been called to the pastorate of Warren Plains church for an unlimited time.

T. R. WALKER.

Acknowledgments.

State Mission.—Union ch, $4.00; Olive's Chapel ch, 2.25; Central Asso, 6.05; Liberty Asso, 25.34; Reedy ch, Liberty Asso, 2.75; Rev Thos Carrick, 3.65; South Yadkin Asso, 14.60; Bethel ch, Eastern Asso, 1.00; Reynolds ch, West Chowan Asso, 1.00; Mine Creek Sheiloh, Liberty Asso, 1.00; Bethlehem ch, West Chowan Asso, 7.52; Yadkinville ch, Yadkin Asso, 2.50; Yadkin S. S. Convention, 7.00; Deep Gr ch, Yadkin Asso, 4.50; Pilot Mt. Asso, 19.85; Shiloh ch, Pilot Mt Asso, 1.12; Yadkin Asso, 11.68; East Bend S S Missionary Society, 3.00; Dr Nelson's ch, Asheville, N. C., 15.50; Dr. Carroll's ch, Asheville, N. C., 6.82; ch at Old Fort, 1.79; ch at Newton, 2.72; ch at Hickory, 6.76; ch at Statesville, 1.42. Total, 127.48.

Foreign Missions.—Weldon ch, Tar River Asso, 23.75; L M S, Raleigh Baptist Tabernacle, Raleigh Asso, 12.30; Chappell's Hill S S, Chowan Asso, 2.00; Brassfield ch, Central Asso, 21.40; Sandy Run ch, West Chowan Asso, 4.00; Bethel ch, Eastern Asso, 2.00; Cypressnite ch, West Chowan Asso, 3.00; Central Asso, 15.00; Olive's Chapel ch, Mt Zion Asso, 4.00. Total, 96.65.

Education.—Olive's Chapel ch, Mt Zion Asso, 30; Central Asso, 19.70; Bethlehem ch, West Chowan Asso, 1.84; L M S, Greensboro ch, Beulah Asso, 3.00; Antioch Asso, 10.00. Total, 64.54.

Sunday School.—Weldon ch, Tar River Asso, $2.25; Mars Hill ch, West Chowan Asso, 5.00; Central Asso, 1.60; Olive's Chapel ch, Mt Zion Asso, 35c; Weldon ch, Tar River Asso, 5.00. Total, 13.20.

Baptist Orphanage.—Olive's Chapel ch, 70; Central Asso, 25.00; Central Asso, per Rev H W Battle, 25.79; Franklinton ch, per Rev H W Battle, 16.75; Bethel ch, Eastern Asso, 1.80; Rockingham S S, Pee Dee Asso, 1.45; Bethlehem ch, Raleigh Asso, 1.20; Weldon ch, Tar River Asso, 2.82. Total, $73.51.

Offering.—Mt Zion ch, Flat River Asso, $2.75.

F. H. BRIGGS,
Treas. Bap. State Con.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 5th, 1888.

WESTERN DEPARTMENT.

JOSEPH E. CARTER, - - - - EDITOR.
HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.

That our brethren may all know just what the State Convention said to the Western Convention in their overtures for union, we publish preambles and resolutions in full as they appear in the minutes of the State Convention:

Whereas, The Baptists in the entire State are one in aim and in work; and whereas, we desire the best understanding and closest union possible with our brethren of the Western North Carolina Baptist Convention; and, since Elder S. M. Collis, one of the oldest and most favorably known men in that body, has, in a recent number of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, indicated that the time has come for the union of the two Conventions; therefore,

Resolved 1. That the number of our correspondents to that Convention be increased to nine, as follows: J. M. Heck, W. R. Gwaltney, A. G. McManaway, C. B. Justice, W. A. Pool, G. W. Gardner.

Resolved 2. That these correspondents bear to the Western Convention our fraternal greetings and expressions of our sincere interests in every department of their work, and say to them that, if in their judgment, at any time, the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ and the work of this denomination in the State can be best served by a union of the two Conventions, we are ready to consider such a proposition.

Buncombe County Association.

White Rock is the name of quite a sightly country church in the South Hominy valley. Great Pisgah, 5,757 feet in the sky, looks down upon it from the southwest two or three miles away, and a valley of some picturesqueness furnishes a beautiful level road—way for four miles from the Murphey Branch of the Western N. C. Railroad. Elder E. J. Morgan is the pastor, who resides near by, in a comfortable mountain home. On Tuesday morning, August 28th, the Buncombe County Association met at this place.

Rev. S. C. Owen preached an instructive and comforting introductory at 11 a. m. from Matt. 6: 19—21, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth," &c. The reading of church letters discovered that ten of the churches reported $845.00 for pastors' salary. This was exclusive of the sum of over $1,500 given for this purpose by the First church, Asheville. Twelve churches reported 220 baptized. This included the 94 which had been baptized in the First church, Asheville.

Most of the country churches reported fair amounts contributed to various mission purposes, especially the churches under the charge of Rev. J. M. Hilliard.

Pastor W. A. Nelson's church, Asheville, reported a number of mission Sunday-schools under charge of their city missionary, Rev. W. P. Southern, and quite an aggregate of amounts contributed by these schools for their own support.

Deacon John P. Morgan was elected Moderator; E. M. Williams, Clerk; J. A. Porter, Treasurer, and John W. Starnes, Auditor (!). The word written here, by our reporter is "Moderator," probably a slip of the pen; so we substitute "Auditor" in its stead.

Wednesday.—Report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. W. A. Nelson.

Bro. N. said that the 28 churches in this Association gave $268.00 for this purpose. This is far below what such a body as this people of Buncombe County ought to do. One reason he felt, why so more money was raised in our churches was the custom of "annual calls." The pastor thinks of the annual election day; he wants to be called again; he is afraid to mention the subject of giving money for the Lord's cause, &c.

After remarks by other brethren, a collection was taken up.

Report on Home Missions was read by J. A. Porter. In this quite a discussion arose upon the subject of county board work, as contradistinguishable from Western Convention work. Some of the brethren preferred to do all their county work through their Board, distinct from the work of the Convention. The ground was taken that such would cripple and destroy the work of the Board of the Convention.

Afternoon.—The Report on Sunday-schools was read by Rev. W. P. Southern. Rev. A. E. Brown sprang the thought of having Normal Sunday-school Institutes. Rev. J. L. Carroll favored the proposition, and suggested the name of a brother to superintend such a work. The suggestion met with favor at the hands of the speakers generally.

Report on Periodicals was read by Rev. A. I. Justice. The report spoke kindly of the Recorder, and stated that the Board of Missions of the Western Baptist Convention were endeavoring to form a joint-stock company for the purpose of publishing a Baptist paper in Asheville, and recommended the endorsement of the enterprise.

Bro. Justice said that it was difficult to get the Baptists of this country to subscribe for any paper, especially for a paper which was not published in Western North Carolina. The reporter begs leave to differ, as he has had such fine success with the BIBLICAL RECORDER. For this reason he felt that the starting of a new paper should be encouraged. He felt that a joint-stock company, with the stock taken over the country, would increase the *interest* in the paper and also distribute the *burdens of running it.*

Rev. J. M. Hilliard (a member of the Board) said that the Board decided not to take *any part* in starting a new paper. Some of them would *vote* first. They had disguised it in Board meeting, hence the report was incorrect in that particular. This produced a little tangle, and the report was amended so as to correct it. Bro. Hilliard continued his address, opposing the report, as it referred to the new paper. He objected to the stock-company feature, and it would have trouble and fail, that when the money was called for, much of it would not be paid, and hence a trouble. Secondly, he opposed the starting of the paper, because, when it *died*, we would be worse off than we are now. A paper, he said, could not live here. Of about 160,000 Baptists in the other part of North Carolina, only about 5,000 subscribers could be obtained. Here where we have about 12,000, on the same ratio, only about 1,000 could be secured, and that would not be enough to run a paper. Seven hundred annual *paying* subscribers *to all the Western N. C. Baptists* averaged for three years.—WESTERN EDITOR. He said the new enterprise proposed to have an office editor and a field editor. Our late paper could not support one editor, how could the new one support *two?* he asked. He did not think that two members out of any one of churches could be induced to take the new paper. Some of the members had said that the BIBLICAL RECORDER is better than any three of the papers we ever had in Western North Carolina, and they preferred the RECORDER. He challenged the statement made by a brother that our people would not appreciate the RECORDER; he knew they would, and it was a reflection on their intelligence to say to the contrary.

Rev. S. C. Owen said they expected opposition to the new paper, but they had *faith in God.* They proposed to take stock in shares of ten dollars each, and that a stock company was the successful way to run a paper. We had all made a mistake in the past trying to run a paper by individual enterprise. A stock company, he believed, was the very thing to make the paper a success.

The reporter took the floor and explained, at some length, the circumstances connected with the suspension of the *Western N. C. Baptist.*

Bro. J. A. Porter would answer the several objections of Bro. Hilliard, and thought he saw no force in any of them. He put questions to Brother H., and they mutually addressed each other for sometime, instead of addressing the Moderator.

Dr. Hargan said that he could not see why brethren opposed the starting of a new paper, when a *few liberal Baptists in Asheville wanted to publish a paper, and give it* to the people. This was a revelation to most of the Association. These brethren, he said, would publish the paper and give it to those who did not wish to pay for it.

Rev. J. L. Carroll said he was glad the statement was corrected about the Board starting this enterprise. It was not the work of a Board of Missions to go into the publication business. When he was called on to *endorse* a movement like this, he must say yea or no. He was compelled to vote against the report, and, in doing this, he and no one else, stood dazzling stones. If brethren wished to start a paper, let them do it, he said, but let them not come to this body and ask them to endorse it—it should be left to the Convention. As a business transaction, he must say that his judgment was against it. The experience of his business life for 25 years had been that as it pertains to success, a *joint-stock* company is a most dangerous thing; but if such a company wishes to start a paper that is *their* business. He would subscribe for the paper after they started it, and would induce others to take it if he could; but he was compelled to vote no as to his endorsing the starting of that which his judgment was against. When Bro. Carter's paper was in its dying throes, he was the only one who spoke for it at the last meeting of this body. He had said if the *Western N. C. Baptist* failed, he would never encourage the starting of another—and he should stand *to it.*

The motion was adopted with several votes "No!"

Report on Temperance was read by Rev. W. Haynes, who was making his speech as we left the house. Called away to attend another Association, we left the body at the close of the session of Wednesday afternoon.

Our home was with our friend L. W. Morgan, to whom and his wife we return thanks for kindness to the weary editor.

[The editor learns that reports on Education, Orphan's Home, and other things were considered on Thursday, when the body adjourned, and that they took no action on the question of the union of the Conventions.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Bro. J. L. Brookshire.

Dear Bro. Carter:—Elder G. W. Mace and I commenced a protracted meeting at Liberty church, Henderson county, on Sunday, July 29th. We found all greatly distracted because teachers of false doctrine had been working too successfully in that section, and so we had hard work on hand. Notwithstanding we continued to hold crowded meetings for two weeks, when some 14 received baptism at our hands.

I went over alone to Hooper's Creek church, Henderson county, on Saturday, July 11, and continued to work daily until July 26. The house would not nearly contain those who came to witness the outpouring of the Spirit, which is beyond all I have experienced since I was privileged to work for the blessed Master. The increase consequent will be 42 members, of which 37 are approved for baptism, and five by letter and recantation. The whole of the Hooper's Creek section is moved because of the revival. Men who were rowdy and drinking for years, are now rejoicing through Christ, we hope, of the glory of God. Fraternally,

J. L. BROOKSHIRE.

Fruitland, Henderson Co., Aug. 27.

Bro. Ammons' Reply to Bro. Brevard.

Bro. Carter:—I have just read Bro. J. D. Brevard's article on union of the Conventions.

Bro. B.'s first argument, if argument it may be called, is that a great many of the brethren favoring the union seldom attend the Convention, and some of them never did attend. Well, if this were so, is it a valid reason why they should not give their opinion on a question like this? And has it come to pass that one must attend the Western Convention and take out a license before he is entitled to speak or write on matters connected with its work? Many of our liberal contributors never did attend the sessions of the Convention; they gave for Christ's sake, and not for a seat in the Convention. I am tired, sad nauseam, of such arguments for giving to the Lord's work, and if such principles are to regulate our conduct in our missionary contributions, then away with the whole thing.

But I take it that these brethren have not only given to the work, but have urged others to give, and I apprehend that the books of the treasurer of the Western Convention does not contain the history of the Baptists of Western Carolina; and to say the least, it savors of bad taste to try to place these brethren and their views at a discount because they have not uniformly attended the Convention, and because their names are not on the treasurer's books; and more, these brethren have attended the Convention as statedly as some who are referred to as opposed to the union.

Why not discuss this question on its merits, if it has any, and if not, let it die for want of breath?

I am content to let the denomination explore the question fairly, and shall then be content with its decision. Bro. B. goes out of his way to try to make the proposition look absurd.

Now if a large body is what lies so near the heart of these brethren, let us take in Virginia and Tennessee.

Bro. B. probably did not so mean it, but it is the trick of the sophist. Virginia and Tennessee are not out in the cold. They are already in. But Tennessee did need taking in all about three years ago. Up to that time it was divided into three Conventions, and with each of these it was a struggle for existence. Now the Baptists of the whole State are united in one Convention, having one paper, and are moving forward continually. The missionary secretary told me a week ago that the union had strengthened them in every department of their work, and leading brethren say it was just what they needed.

Take Texas as another example; there are stubborn things. But we are discussing the question of uniting the two Conventions in North Carolina, and do not propose to take in Tennessee and Virginia, only as their course and acts may aid us in the solution of the question.

Bro. B. says, "I have yet to read from a single brother why good reason for the union." That is so say, Bro. B. being judge. I published a list of reasons which I thought were good. I suppose the brother did not see them, or seeing them, thought them too contemptible to notice. Wise men will differ, and here is an example, at least, where one of a very discerning turn of mind failed to see what one of more obtuse perception plainly discovered.

He thinks Bro. Mills's "five reasons" the best he has seen. Well, this may be because, like Bro. Mills, he wishes to "ball-dose" the advocates of the union are turning it into ridicule, which certainly was Bro. Mill's object in publishing his "five reasons."

Bro. B. says "he must get our people together that they may be trained." Is the brother in earnest, or did he think what he was saying? If he means that our people are to be gotten together in the Western Convention, or any other Convention, he is certainly wide of the mark.

Our people are to be trained in the churches. The Western Convention is about thirty years old, and more than three-fourths of our membership never attended its sessions, and the same will be true thirty years hence. The truth is, the Convention is a kind of committee to whom the churches have assigned the duty of gathering up and presenting in a condensed form the work already done, and an outline of what ought to be done. The churches are the working force.

Those who oppose the amalgamation of the Conventions seem to think that the existence of the Convention depend the members that attend its sessions.

Now, is this so? Then how it is that the Home Mission Society, New York, has maintained its existence? And what about the Foreign Board at Boston and the Southern Baptist Convention?

Contributions for missions is the life-blood that runs these societies, and so of our own boards, and probably not one in a hundred who contribute to the work ever attend the Convention, or ever think of attending.

JOHN AMMONS.

The Tennessee River Association.

This body met in its twenty-seventh annual session with the church at Stecoah, Graham county, N. C., Aug. 26, and was organized by electing Elder J. A. Ammons moderator, and L. M. Medlin, clerk.

Friday morning.—The first report of any importance was the report of the Trustees of the Cold Spring High School, founded last year by this body. The report was discussed by Elder J. S. Smiley, Prof. Caler, Principal of the school, and Elder G. H. Church and others. Pledges were then taken to the amount of $400, for an academy building.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This report came up in the afternoon and was discussed by several brethren. At the close of the discussion, Elder G. H. Church asked permission to take a collection and $12.92 was contributed for the cause.

The report on Sunday-schools was then read and considered by the body.

PERIODICALS.

The report on periodicals was read by Rev. G. H. Church, chairman of committee. In this report the BIBLICAL RECORDER was recommended to the body with its Western Department, as being one of the best religious papers published in the South; was discussed by Elder G. H. Church, J. S. Smiley, A. A. Justice, L. M. Medlin and others, at the close of which the messengers were called upon to pay for the RECORDER for their pastors, and the paper was paid for, for eight of the pastors of this Association.

EDUCATION.

Saturday morning.—The report on education was a special order for 10 o'clock; was read by Rev. J. S. Smiley, and was discussed by him, G. H. Church, A. A. Justice, Prof. Caler and others. At the close of the discussion pledges were taken from the churches to the amount of $90 for ministerial education.

Afternoon.—G. H. Church read the report on temperance, which was discussed with a great deal of enthusiasm. The report recommending National Prohibition, was unanimously adopted.

FOR THE UNION OF THE CONVENTIONS.

This was the first time that the writer has attended the meeting of this Association. I found it to be a very zealous and harmonious body, and the brethren all say that this was the most prosperous session in its history. We transacted all the business at the stand, adjourned each day at 11 o'clock for a sermon, and I never saw better order in any assembly out of doors.

This Association employed a missionary last year to labor in its bounds. Bro. J. A. Ammons did the work; he reported about 123 days' labor and about that many dollars collected on the field.

We elected a Sunday school missionary and colporteur and recommended him to the Mission Board of the Western N. C. Baptist Convention.

A resolution was offered by Elder L. M. Medlin, recommending the union of the Western Convention with the State Convention, and instructing the messengers from this body to vote for said union. The resolution carried by more than three-fourths of the delegation.

After sermon Sunday, over seven dollars were raised for ministerial education.

G. H. CHURCH.

Charleston, N. C.

Pilot Mt. Union.

The Union Meeting of the Pilot Mt. Association meets in its twelfth session with Mt. Tabor church, Stokes county, on Friday, Sept. 28.

Elder P. Oliver to preach the sermon, J. N. Mathews alternate, at 11 a. m., Friday.

PROGRAMME.

First subject for discussion: The necessity of colportage. Led by J. B. Richardson.

2. Our duty in reference to education. C. C. Haymore and T. M. Baker.

3. What the Baptists have done for the world. S. F. Conrad and D. F. King.

4. How may the spirit of missions be diffused among all our people? R. A. Brown and W. H. Wilson.

5. How can we make our Sunday-schools a greater power for good? R. W. Crews and E. W. Culler.

W. H. WILSON,
R. A. BROWN,
J. GUTHRIE,
Committee.